

21 JUNE 2020 - TODAY'S SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.00AM—ZOOM SERVICE ONLINE

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**Prayer for our New Parish Priest**

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*A Prayer in the Midst of a Crisis*

*God of searching and knowing, your people Israel faced famine and wilderness, and your church has known persecution and hardship. Be close to all your children in this time of bewilderment and fear. Make this time of cessation and isolation one in which your Spirit reveals new ways to be together, fresh discoveries in worship, different gestures of care, and innovative forms of compassion. Encourage the vulnerable, comfort the impoverished, inspire the anxious and give wisdom to those who govern. Lift up our hearts that we may see the abundance of what is still beautiful and true, not be captivated by what is lost and absent, and find new gifts in ourselves and one another. In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, who knew what it meant to be alone. Amen*

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.  
*Matthew 10.39*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: We pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: GENESIS 21.8-21

DON HANN

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

### PSALM 86.1-10, 16-17

1. Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
2. ***Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;***
3. be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
4. ***Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.***
5. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

## **PSALM 86.1-10, 16-17**

**6. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.**

7. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

**8. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.**

9. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

**10. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

16. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving-maid.

**17. Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 6.1-11**

SARAH DAVIES

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10.24-39**

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

## ***Reflection:***

*Jesus shows us that God's mission is to claim the priority in our lives.*

*May we never be afraid of dying to self so that we may be born anew, taking our part in the mystery of God's mission to the world. Help us, Lord, to bring love in your name to a world crying out for it in these unusual times.*

*Pray that nothing will deter us from making love of God and love of neighbour our first priority.*

*Give thanks for those who engage in the mystery of God's mission both here and overseas.*

Text: Robert McLean Partnerships Coordinator, ABM © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020

### **THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

#### **IN THE WORLD: -**

- ⇒ **The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion):** †Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba - Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Riverina:** †Donald Kirk; Clergy and People

#### **IN THE DIOCESE:-**

- ⇒ **The Parish of Goonaneman:** Vacant
- ⇒ **Abri Residential Aged Care – Gold Coast**
- ⇒ **All Saints Anglican School, Merrimac:** Headmaster – Patrick Wallas; Chaplain – Ann McGuinness; Chair of School Council – John Fradgley; members of School Council; staff & students

**LOCALLY: PRAY FOR THOSE FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND LOOKING TO FIND TEMPORARY AND NEW PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Linda, Elizabeth, Bernie, Don, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Mac, Rosemary.

**IN MEMORY, JUNE 21—JUNE 27**

**BETTY CURTIS, 2014; JACQUELINE HANLON, 2018**