

6 SEPTEMBER 2020 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.30AM—EUCCHARIST

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST  
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

We have decided to start re-opening with the Friday Morning and Sunday Services. **The next service will be held on Friday 11th of September at 10.00am. The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 13th September**

If you wish to register (pre-registration is required at this stage) either register online at <https://stjohnsbulimba.org/what-we-do/online-worship/> or call Felicity Scott on 0431 599 662 by Wednesday 9th September at 10.00am for Friday service, or Friday 11th at 10.00 to make your booking for the Sunday service. We cannot guarantee you a seat if you have not booked, due to limitation on numbers.

### *A Prayer in the Midst of a Crisis*

*Holy God, who created us for and from love,  
in this time of social distancing, hold us close in your arms.  
Comfort those who are afraid, enliven those who are bored,  
give courage to those who are distressed,  
and warm those who feel the cold touch of loneliness.  
Breathe in, with and through us as we walk through uncertainty into a new future  
knowing that you are with us now and await us there.  
In the name of Christ the Beloved we pray.  
Amen.*

*By the Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco*

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'  
*Matthew 18.20*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: EXODUS 12. 1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord . For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord . The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord ; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## PSALM 149.

1. O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**
3. Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
- 4. For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation.**
5. Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6. Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands,**
7. To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples,
- 8. To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron,**
9. To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord.

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 13.1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18. 10-20

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

## **Reflection:**

*Today (in the middle of a lengthy discourse on the plagues of Egypt) we read of the Passover, seemingly to scholars a combination of two ancient festivals of two ancient peoples – one agrarian, the other nomadic: part seems to be from an agricultural people who when harvesting their cereal crops destroyed the previous year's yeast and began a new starter; the other seems to be from a peripatetic herder people who propitiated their gods by sacrificing a lamb from the flock as they moved from wet winter pastures to dry summer ones.*

*Pray that we give thanks to God as the seasons change, giving thanks for the beauties and joys of each. Remember with thanks the farmers who grow our food, and those who make foodstuffs out of their products.*

*Give thanks for the work of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy.*

Text: Robert McLean

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

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

- ⇒ **The Anglican Church of Southern Africa:** †Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Bendigo:** †Matt Brain; Clergy and People

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

- ⇒ **The Parish of Warwick:** Lizzie Gaitskell, Barbara Diery, Julie Simpson, Rosemary Peterson, Stephanie Frances, Valerie Graydon
- ⇒ **Anglicare SQ Services, Residential Aged Care and Retirement Villages**
- ⇒ **Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay:** Principal - Joe Wright; Chaplain - Jeff Jarvis; Chair of College Council - Kirsti Kee; members of College Council; staff & students

**LOCALLY: WE PRAY FOR REFUGEES FLEEING WAR, VIOLENCE AND POVERTY. WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN REFUGEE CAMPS AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY MEDICAL STAFF TREATING REFUGEES WITH COVID INFECTION**

**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, September 6—September 12**

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