

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25 July 2021

HYMNS

SENTENCE

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'



COLLECT

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth: grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and the food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the second book of Kings:

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." ' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

2 Kings 4.42-44

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses from Psalm 145 alternately:

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power,
To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour
of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.**

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are
bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due
season.

You open wide your hand and fill all things living with plenty.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

Psalm 145.10-18

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches
of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being
with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you
may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth
and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that
surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish
abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the
church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3.14-21

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of
Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that
he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there
with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.
When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said
to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this
to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered

him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

John 6.1-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: The Scoosh Episcopal Church (Primus Mark Strange); The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); ACCESS ministries (Dawn Penney, CEO); St Andrew's Brighton (Ian Morrison, Michelle Wang); Coming of the Light - St John's Anglican Church Malvern (Abp Philip Freier); St Lukes, Cockatoo - Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St James Drysdale - Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd).

For the parish: Give thanks for those who support our parish life: the Op Shop team, Maintenance committee, the Parish Treasurer and Bookkeeper and office support, and those who contribute through rostered help at each centre; and pray that they do this all in the name of Jesus, who called people to serve others.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Keiran & Paul, Gail L, Fiona T, Sally N, Joan B, John & Barbara B, Alec & Deirdre B, Jenny S, Jane M, Boris Z, Judy B, Pauline R, Elizabeth N, Norma M, Tina M, Rosalind B, Terry M, Lorraine D, Ian B, Ray W and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

25th Sally Lowe, May Winter (1994)

26th Peter Taylor (2007)

27th Joan Davis (1999), Lawrence Shears (2016)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

20th Jenny Stewart

25th David Tunley

27th Russell Hannan, Annette Elliott

31st Bryony Hunter