

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5 September 2021

HYMNS

ONLINE - Seasons of Creation

1/9-4/10

SENTENCE

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

COLLECT

O God, whose word is life, and whose delight is to answer our cry: give us faith like that of the woman who refused to remain an outsider, so that we too may have the wit to argue and demand that our children be made whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*Isaiah 35.4-7a*

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

We say the verses of Psalm 146 alternately:

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.



**Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them.**

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.

**Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

**Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.**

The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;**

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

**The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.**

*Psalm 146*

A reading from the letter of James:

My sisters and brothers, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved sisters and brothers. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my sisters and brothers, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a sister or brother is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*James 2.1-10, 14-17*

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, & healed all who were sick.  
**Alleluia!**

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

*Mark 7.24-37*

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

## PRAYERS

**Anglican Church:**Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Abp Ezekiel Kondo); The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); St David's Doncaster East (Judy Frost); Provincial Visit - Gippsland (Abp Philip Freier); St Peter's Murrumbeena - Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell)

**For the parish:** Give thanks for our parish leadership: Ps Sharon, Fr Irwin & Fr Barry, the Church Wardens and Parish Council, and the leaders of parish groups and teams; and pray that they may be inspired by the leadership of Jesus.

**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

*11th Bill North (2003)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*5th Olivier Bonnici*

*10th Poul Hansen*