

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

12 September 2021

## HYMNS

- 156 Morning has broken  
599 Take my life and let it be  
231 At the name of Jesus

## SENTENCE

Those who want to save their life will lose it,  
and those who lose their life for the sake of  
the gospel will save it.

## COLLECT

God of mercy,  
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to  
trust you, even when hope is failing, and to  
take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*Isaiah 50.4-9a*

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



We say the verses from Psalm 116 alternately:

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

**Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

**Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

**I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

I believed that I should perish for I was sorely troubled; and I said in my alarm, 'Everyone is a liar.'

*Psalm 116.1-9*

A reading from the letter of James:

Someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

*James 2.18-26*

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**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 went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*Mark 8.27-38*

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

## PRAYERS

**Anglican Church:** The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimo Mndolwa, Primate); The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Angliss Health Services; The Anglican Parish of Rowville and Ferntree Gully (Hilton Jordan, Luke Pedersen); Holy Trinity Lara 50th Anniversary Holy Communion Service - (Abp Philip Freier); Geelong Grammar Sunday service (Bp Kate Prowd); St Philip's Mt Waverley (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker).

**For the parish:** Give thanks for those who facilitate worship or nurture our faith: Eucharistic Assistants, musicians, St Aidan's Group, Torquay Home Group, Mainly Music Team, Group Meditation; and pray that they may be inspired by the way that Jesus nurtured the faith of 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

*12th Ruth Botting (2006)*

*13th Mabel Cashin (2016)*

*14th Arthur Reed (2013)*

*18th Raymond Hyatt (2000)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*12th Val Taylor*

*17th Phil Shaw, Terry Mervin*