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# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EAST BURWOOD



*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

## Welcome to Church

### Sentence for Today

Thus says the Lord, ‘Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.’ Isaiah 56.1



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Entrance hymn: TiS 141** *“Praise to the Holiest in the height”*

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came

O wisest love! That flesh and blood  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against blood refine,  
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grave  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self  
And Essence all divine.

O generous love! that he who smote  
In man for man the foe,  
The double agony in man  
For the man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman 1801-90 alt.*

### **Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Welcome**

### **Prayer of Preparation:**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known**

and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***The Two Great Commandments:***

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

***Kyries:***      *Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**, Lord have mercy.*

### ***The Gloria:***

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
    we worship you, we give you thanks,  
    we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
    Lord God, Lamb of God,  
    you take away the sin of the world:  
        have mercy on us;  
    you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
        receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### ***The Prayer of the Day:***

God of freedom,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We join together in the following prayer in time of pandemic disease:*

**Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend,  
come and care for all of us  
through the danger and uncertainty**

of the coronavirus pandemic.  
To people who are sick, bring healing.  
To people who are displaced, isolated,  
or cut off from family, friends or work,  
bring comfort and companionship.  
Work with medical staff as they care for the sick,  
and protect them from harm.  
Give skill and fruitful research to scientists  
as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure.  
To public health authorities, give wisdom  
to decide the best ways to manage  
both this crisis and our anxieties.  
When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit,  
and kindness to neighbours and strangers.  
Through this testing time,  
and through all the risks we face together,  
teach us once again how we can love one  
another as you have loved us.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

### ***Godzone talk and Blessing***

#### ***The ministry of the Word:***

#### ***The first reading: Genesis 45.1-15***

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 133**

**Behold how good and how lovely it is:  
when families live together in unity.  
It is fragrant as oil upon the head,  
that runs down over the beard:  
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,  
that ran down over the collar of his robe.  
It is like a dew of Hermon:  
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:  
which is life for evermore.**

## ***The second reading: Romans 11.13-32***

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you.

You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.'

That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe.

For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you.

Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;  
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'

'And this is my covenant with them,  
when I take away their sins.'

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors;

for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.  
Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,  
so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.  
For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn: TiS 207** *“Jesus shall reign where'er the sun”*

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**For him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice;**

**people and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest;  
and all who suffer want are blessed.**

**Where he displays his healing power  
death and the curse are known no more;  
in him the tribes of Adam boast  
more blessings than their father lost.**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honours to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the long amen.**

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt.*

***The Gospel reading:***

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

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew, chapter 15 beginning at verse 21

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and

started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ***The Sermon***

### ***The Creed:***

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven;  
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.**



**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life for the world to come. Amen.**

***The Prayers of the People:***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

***At the conclusion***

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Preparation***

Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. John 13.34

***Prayer of Approach:***

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

***Invitation to Confession:***

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

***Confession:***

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



***Absolution:***

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Greeting of Peace:***

We are the body of Christ.  
**His spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

***Offertory hymn: TiS 224 “All hail the power of Jesus’ name”***

**All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, you martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**As heirs of Israel's chosen race  
and ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love cannot forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your treasures at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue  
responsive to his call,  
now shout in universal song  
and crown him Lord of all.**

*Edward Perrone 1726-92 alt.*

***Prayer over the gifts:***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## ***The Great Thanksgiving:***

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Through him,  
you have revealed to us your glory in the community of your love,  
three persons,  
one God,  
ever to be worshipped and adored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

***The breaking of the bread:***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

### ***Agnus Dei:***

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

### ***Invitation to communion:***

The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### ***The Communion***

***Post communion hymn: TiS 254    “O changeless Christ, for ever new”***

O changeless Christ, for ever new,  
who walked our earthly ways,  
still draw our hearts as once you drew  
the hearts of other days.

As once you spoke by plain and hill  
or taught by shore and sea,  
so be today our teacher still,  
O Christ of Galilee.

As wind and storm their master heard  
and his command fulfilled,  
may troubled hearts receive your word,  
the tempest-tossed be stilled.

And as of old who prayed  
your healing hand was shown,  
so be your touch upon us laid,  
unseen but not unknown.

In broken bread, in wine outpoured,  
your new and living way  
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,  
O Christ of this our day.

O changeless Christ, till life is past  
your blessing still be given;  
then bring us home, to taste at last  
the timeless joys of heaven.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-*

### ***Prayer after Communion:***

Father of all  
we give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped:  
so we and all your people will be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

### ***Notices***

#### ***The Blessing:***

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Final Hymn: TiS 431 "Thanks to God whose word was spoken"***

**Thanks to God whose Word was spoken  
In the deed that made the earth.  
His the voice that called a nation;  
His the fires that tried her worth.  
God has spoken; God has spoken;  
Praise him for his open Word.**

**Thanks to God whose Word incarnate  
Glorified the flesh of man.  
Deeds and words and death and rising  
Tell the grace in heaven's plan.  
God has spoken; God has spoken;  
Praise him for his open Word.**

**Thanks to God whose Word is answered  
By the Spirit's voice within.  
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,  
Life redeemed from death and sin.  
God is speaking; God is speaking;  
Praise him for his open Word.**

*Reginald Thomas Brooks 1918-85 alt.*

### ***Dismissal***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## **NOTICES**

### **COVID-19:**

Due to current health safety restrictions, we are unable to gather in our church space for the time being. We continue to BE the church by praying for one another, seeking God, serving with love, and sharing hope.

We look forward to that day when we can gather once more as the body of Christ here at the Church of the Ascension.

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#### **In this week's edition:**

- Melbourne Anglicans launch 'Candles at Curfew'
- Five Riverina Anglican churches to close, prompting calls to modernise or perish
- Japanese Christians remember the end of World War Two
- The neoliberal revolution inside the church
- Statue of Christian great to replace that of white supremacist
- and much more...

## **SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK**

Thursday      Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher (d. 1153)

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Wednesday:**

Ezekiel 34.1-1

Psalms 23

Matthew 20.1-16a

### **Next Sunday: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 18-2.10

Psalms 124

Romans 12.1-8

Matthew 16.13-20

## **WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR - THE CHURCH**

*Sun 16* Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church (Bp Mark Strange); Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); St Michael's Grammar School (Terrie Jones, Principal; Kenyon McKie, Chaplain); St Mark's Dromana (Paul Woodcock); St John the Baptist Church Lilydale – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Christ Church Melton – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

*Mon 17* Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); Benetas (Sandra Hills, CEO); St Margaret's Eltham (Keren Terpstra, Chris Garcia);

*Tue 18* Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rick Lewers, Clergy & People); Brotherhood of St Laurence (Conny Lenneberg, CEO, Michelle Trebilcock, Debra Saffrey-Collins, chaplains); St Mark's Emerald (Andrew Bowles, Jerome Dias, Vivianne Dias);

*Wed 19* Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Chaplaincy (Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain & Chaplains); St Matthew's Endeavour Hills (Kim Wellard); Metropolitan Meeting (Abp Philip Freier);

*Thu 20* Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Peninsula Grammar (Stuart Johnston, Principal; Mark Sweeney, Chaplain); Parish of St John the Evangelist Epping (Raffaella Pilz);

*Fri 21* Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); Bush Church Aid Society (Adrian Lane, Regional Officer); Christ Church Essendon (John Mathes, David Thompson, Catherine Turnbull);

*Sat 22* Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Stonnington (Howard Langmead); Parish of Ferntree Gully and Rowville (Hilton Jordan, Luke Pedersen);

Church congregations as they stay connected without regular services of public worship during the coronavirus pandemic.

## **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

All who have lost their livelihood due to the Coronavirus. Families, healthcare workers, emergency workers in these uncertain times. Those still recovering from the fires.

## **THE WORLD**

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff.

A peaceful solution to the tensions in Hong Kong, the Gulf Region and in particular Syria.

A compassionate outcome for Asylum Seekers on Manus Island, Christmas Island, and Nauru.

Comfort and peace for the people of Beirut following the tragic explosion there.

## **THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY**

Each other and God's presence in the events of the week

Those in special need of prayer: *Muriel Paterson, Helen Daniels, Peggy Horman, Estelle Carman, Jean (& Alan) Close, Carole, Joanne, Nelson, Pauline Le Riche, Paul Maharaj, Graeme Floage (& Lisa), Glenys and Brian Howell, Ethel Lloyd, Elizabeth O'Shannessy, Barbara Stark, Rosemary Roach, Graeme Munday, Brittany Lee, Cath Ortlieb, Liang, Lyle (& Jan) Mansfield, Dave (& Joy) Richie, and others known to us*  
*We give thanks for Fr Trevor's successful surgery.*

Those working in healthcare and aged care:

*Lyndall Slaney - Disabilities Carer*

*Lois Ritchie - Aged Care Worker*

*Angeline Thiagarajah - Doctor, Monash Hospital*

*Janet Hemphill - Aged Care Nurse*

*Sandy Blease - Aged Care Nurse*

*Kym Le Riche - Personal Aged Care Assistant*

*Christine Youings - Medical Scientist Pathology*

*Darren Mansfield - Intensive Care Respiratory Specialist, Monash Health*

*Chloe Bedlow - National Manager, Seniors Living at Mercy Health*

*Cathryn Youings - Intern at St Vincents Hospital*

*Frances Harrison - Aged Care Nurse*

The residents and staff at Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

**Ourselves - as we stay connected through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer**

**Get alone with God.**

**Seek some secluded spot.**

**Close the inner door to the inner room  
of your inner spirit.**

**Be still. Be silent. Be serene.**

**(From "Walking with God" by W. Philip Keller)**





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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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**Pew sheet:** Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening ([r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au](mailto:r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au).)

*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

**Weekly services & activities**

Due to our current circumstances we conduct our weekly services in our own homes.

**Monday - Sunday**

9:30am    Morning Prayer

5:00pm    Evening Prayer

**Commitment to Child Safety:** At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life.

In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive. This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.