

Third Sunday after Pentecost

21 June 2020 Morning Prayer, Second Order

A Prayer Book for Australia

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Gathering in God's name

the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. *1 Peter 5:10-11*

Open our lips, O Lord,

and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Minister

Friends in Christ,

we come together to meet with God,

and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,

hear from God's holy word,

and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless
goodness and mercy.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8-9

Silence may be kept

The Minister continues

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

The Minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. *1 Peter 2:24*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!
Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.
Come, let us sing to the Lord,
shout to the rock of our salvation.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
come before his face with songs of joy.

The Ministry of the Word

The Minister says

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
may we know you better, love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 5: 1-14

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹² Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³ Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-31

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sermon: Leading God's Flock

Hymn: Dear Shepherd of your people, hear

AHB 371

Text: John Newtown

Tune: Mendip or St Fulbert

Dear Shepherd of your people, hear,
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.

Within these walls let holy peace
and love and concord dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease,
the wounded spirit heal.

May we in faith receive your word,
in faith present our prayers,
and in the presence of our Lord
unbosom all our cares.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the humbled mind bestow;
and shine upon us from on high
to make our graces grow.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Ministry of Prayer

The Minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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 Minister continues

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,

let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,

that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,

for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,

you are always more ready to hear than we to pray,

and give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,

and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask,

save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ,

your Son our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

A Minister

Let your requests be made known unto God.

In everything give thanks.

From Ezekiel 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy,

son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come,

breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

Lord God, the words of Ezekiel cry out to us across the ages with its message

and its promise of renewal and restoration. Lord would you renew a work in

us, your church in Tasmania, that will not only revive and refresh your faithful

people but also the parched spiritual state of Tasmania. Lord begin with us,

your people. Draw us into ever increasing intimacy and communion with you

that reminds us afresh of the wonder of our own salvation found in Jesus

Christ.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And from 2 Chronicles 7:14 "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Lord, for we your people, who are called by your name, would you give us humble hearts, would you create in us a deep desire to pray, a desire to seek your face, a willingness to turn away from sin. Lord, we look to you to do such a work in us that we might then see the healing of our land through your mighty hand. Lord, our hearts long for that day when we see the spiritual renewal of this great land, we call Australia.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty God, we bring before you all who are suffering at this time, those who need you healing, that you would bring healing and comfort and strength to each one. May they know the consolation of your love and strength in time of strength in time of trouble.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, you who are the Prince of Peace, would you bring your peace to those who are anxious and stressed at this time as we start to emerge from COVID restrictions. Give us all the confidence to embrace the new life that will be ours into the future. Give us a firm trust in your faithfulness and goodness.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

The Sending Out of God's People

Eternal God and Father,

**by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another
and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Minister says one of the following

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all. **Amen.**

Or

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Minister says

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

Hymn: Who would true valour see

AHB 467 Text: John Bunyan Tune: Monk's Gate

Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away;
he'll not fear what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim

Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is,
No lion can him fright;
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have a right
to be a pilgrim.

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