



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION)

May 29, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

*The service continues on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (“The Green Book”)*

In this Ascensiontide, we use the seasonal material (on pp. 155–6)

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one:
grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit,
that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING:

Acts 16: 16–34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, ‘These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.’ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, ‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.’ The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe

flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Response: The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him:

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. **R**

His lightnings light the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory. **R**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad and the cities of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you are the Lord: most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

R

The Lord loves those that hate evil;
He preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name.

R

SECOND READING:

Revelation 22: 12–22

A reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice saying to me:
‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me,
to repay according to everyone’s work.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they will have the right to the tree of life
and may enter the city by the gates.

Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers
and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches.
I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone
adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if
anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take
away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are
described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 17: 20–26

Alleluia, alleluia!

‘Let them see my glory’ says the Lord;
‘so the world may know the Father sent me.’

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

‘Holy Father,

‘I ask not only on behalf of these,

but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one.

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,

so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one,
as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even
as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me,

may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these
know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make
it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I
in them.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for the Church of South India; The Diocese of Grafton; Archdeaconry of Kew; St Aidan's Parkdale; St John's Bentleigh.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially: Ann, Cecily, John, Coral, Keith, Erica, Peter, Helen, Claire, John, Margaret, Joan, Thea, John, Ray, Kaye, Clive, Judy and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

Those who have died recently: Alma Dimond, Yvonne Spicer
As well as those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Robina Bisset, Angela Carlisle, Isabel Doreen Jager-Glover, Auther Mansell, John Lockwood Morrison, Jocelyn Margaret Ray, Herbert William Satchell, Dorothy Valentine, Isabel Hope Wallace, Noel Willsmore.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1–21
Romans 8:14–17

Psalm 104:26–36
John 14:8–17

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 30 May	Psalm 72 Numbers 22:41–23.12 I Corinthians 11:17–34	Psalm 73 Deuteronomy 31:1–15 John 16.12–24
Tuesday, 31 May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>	Psalm 84 Ruth 4:11–17 Acts 9:36–41	Psalms 127; 128 Song of Songs 2:8–14 John 3:25–30
Wednesday, 1 June <i>Justin, Martyr at Rome</i>	Psalm 74 Numbers 24:1–11 I Corinthians 12:14–31	Psalms 75; 76 Deuteronomy 32:10–22 John 17.6–19
Reflections on the Lections	Via Zoom: see details below	
Thursday, 2 June	Psalm 77 Numbers 24:12–25 I Corinthians 13	Psalm 78.1–15 Deuteronomy 32:23–38 John 17:20–26
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Acts 22:30 & 23:6–11;	Ps. 68:28–35; John 17:20–26
Friday, 3 June <i>Martyrs of Uganda (incl. Janani Luwum)</i>	Psalm 78:16–38 Numbers 27 I Corinthians 14:1–12	Psalm 78:39–70 Deuteronomy 32:39–52 Acts 1:1–14
Saturday, 4 June	Psalm 81 Numbers 36 Acts 1:15–26	Psalm 48 Numbers 11:16–17, 24–30 I Corinthians 14:13–25
Next Sunday, 5 June Day of Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism Festal Evensong

Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on the Lections

Meeting ID: 926 3986 2120; Passcode: 551393

<https://zoom.us/j/92639862120?pwd=dkpiSXdMa0VvZnVUYm5hUWFzWGcydz09>

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 1 June

NOTICES

Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome the families, sponsors and friends of Frédéric Nicholas Rivet Baring and Lily Florence Kirkby who are to be baptized this morning. Please pray for them all.

Readers/Servers/Eucharistic Assistants Refresher Course

A reminder that there will be a refresher course for all those involved in these important ministries after the 10:00 a.m. eucharist (and morning tea) today.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)

There will be a collection of items for BASP today at both services.

The End of an Era! - Final Knitting Group Gathering

The Knitting Group coordinated by Lynette Swan was to have a Morning Tea celebration which has been cancelled due to a covid case. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

Advance Notice

Sunday, June 5 will see a Festal Evensong (BCP) for Pentecost at 6:30 p.m., followed by refreshments in the Hall. Make a note of this important day in the Church's calendar.

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present,
acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country,
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*