

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hymns (NEH) at 8:00 a.m.: 76 (vv.1, 2, 4, 6); 292; 413

Hymns (NEH) and Setting at 10:00 a.m.: 232; 456; 285; 235
Missa Gratia Calvin Bowman

Introit (at 10:00 a.m.)

Thank God. At last! Spring is coming.
I can hear the bees inside me humming.
The mind becomes a flower bed.
A nest is being built upon my head.
The spirit rises from its tomb.
The weary soul is coming into bloom.
We've made it through. We will survive.
The soil is sweet and love is still alive.
The bell of happiness is ringing.
A little bird inside your heart is singing.

Words: Michael Leunig (b. 1945)

Music: Elizabeth-Anne Nixon (for St George's choir, lockdown 2020)

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book (APBA – the green book)

Collect

God of the ages,
you call the Church to keep watch in the world
and to discern the signs of the times:
grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,
so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word,
and complete the work you have set before us;
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah:

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

‘Come, go down to the potter’s house,
and there I will let you hear my words.’

So I went down to the potter’s house,
and there he was working at his wheel.

The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand,
and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me:

‘Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?’
says the LORD.

‘Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand,
O house of Israel.

At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom,
that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation,
concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil,

I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom
that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight,

not listening to my voice,

then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

‘Thus says the LORD:

“Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you.

Turn now, all of you from your evil way,

and amend your ways and your doings.” ’

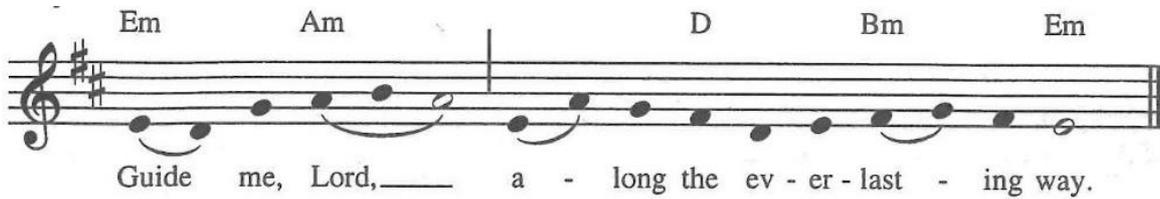
For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Response (at 8:00 a.m.): You, O Lord, created my inward parts.

Response (at 10:00 a.m.):



1. Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
2. You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways. **R.**
3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4. You press upon me behind and before;
and lay your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **R.**
12. For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
13. I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful and I know it well. **R.**
14. My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
15. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them. **R.**
16. How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!
17. If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philemon 1–25

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus
our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear
of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all
the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you
to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—
and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become
during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed
useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart,
back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me
in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;

but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good
deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you
might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave,
a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you,
both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to
my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it.

I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord!

Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you,
knowing that you will do even more than I say.

One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your
prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus,
sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke,
my fellow-workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus;
and he turned and said to them,

‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down
and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish,
all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying,

“This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.”

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king,
will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand
to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away,
he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple
if you do not give up all your possessions.

‘Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away.

Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Anglican Church of Australia; Ministry with Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia; St Michael & St Luke's Dandenong; St George's East Ivanhoe; St Eanswythe's, Altona; St John's Croydon; Anglican Early Childhood Services.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially: Richard, Roger, Fray, Wendy, Ann, Coral, Keith, Erica, Peter, John, Margaret, Joan, Ray, Kaye, Gwyn, +George, +John, Jackie, Judy, Elsbeth and those who have been bereaved recently, especially the family of Patricia Permezel.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Patricia Permezel, and those whose anniversary of death occur this week: Richard Robinson Belshaw, Margaret Ann Findlay-Hughes, Lillie Gillanders, Charles Gregory, Alan Hain, May Hardy, William Jarvie, Leslie Lyons, John (Jock) Mackenzie, Timothy Malloch, Ruth Olver, Helen Pepperell, Violet Smith, Frederick Stanes, Lorna Tickner, Doreen Wagstaff.

Anthem (at 10:00 a.m.):

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

*My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?*

Words: Psalm 42 v.1–3

Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Postlude: *Master Tallis' Testament* Herbert Howells

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28
1 Timothy 1:1–2, 12–19a

Psalm 14
Luke 15:1–10

Elizabeth-Anne Nixon

Today is ea's last Sunday with us. Please join us for the special morning tea after the 10:00 a.m. service to thank ea for her years of service to the parish.

NOTICES

Covid-19

Victorians, more than anywhere else in Australia, have endured two years of restrictions in order to keep everyone safe. The State Government no longer mandates the wearing of face masks. Nevertheless, health advice remains that wearing face masks in confined spaces (our Church is one of those, given we can't provide full ventilation in these colder winter months) where social distancing is difficult is highly advisable. Neither the Wardens, the Parish Council nor the Vicar intend to impose a mandate on masks. But this note is to inform parishioners and visitors that it remains advisable to wear a mask; and assure you that you are more than welcome to do so. This is one way we can help to keep one another safe and show Christian care and concern for all.

N.B. A reminder: Intinction ('dipping' the host in the chalice) remains forbidden – the health risks (to say nothing of theological concerns) of this are too great.

Fr Gregory and the Wardens

Thank you to Leigh Mackay for her splendid organization of last Tuesday's Spiritual Café. It was marvellous to hear Bishop Andrew St John speak movingly of the things he has learned during the past few years of pandemic and illness. It is also wonderful to welcome Bishop Andrew and his brother Richard back to the parish of their dear sister Jenifer at 10:00 a.m. this morning.

The Vicar will be away from Wednesday afternoon until Thursday afternoon of this week, leading a retreat for the Principals and Office Holders of the Anglican Schools Commission. There will, therefore, be **no Reflections on the Lections** this week.

Book Group

The Book Group will meet on Monday, 12 September at 2:00 p.m. in the North Room.

Mecwa Eucharist

This service will take place at Mecwacare Malvern on Thursday, 8 September at 3:00 p.m.

Keble Mass (at new date)

The ACU is very pleased to invite you to the Annual Keble Mass.

Venue: St James the Great, 435 Inkerman Street, East St Kilda

Date: Friday, 9 September at 7:30 p.m.

Preacher: The Revd Dr Michael Bowie, Vicar, St Peter's Eastern Hill

Topic: The 'gift' of Priesthood

(Followed by supper)

Invitation to the Annual Archbishop's Dinner 2022

Given this 'annual dinner' has not taken place for the last three years, it would be good for a number from our parish to attend this year. (Not least because one of the keynote speakers is 'our own, our very own' Malcolm Tadgell!).

Date: Wednesday, 14 September 2022

Time: Evensong from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. / Dinner from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Trinity College Dining Hall - 100 Royal Parade, Parkville, VIC 3052

Dress: Lounge suit / Cost: \$110 per person

RSVP: By COB Wednesday 7 September 2022 - **[Click here to RSVP](#)**

Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran - 9348 7536 / events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u>	<u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u>
Monday, 5 September	Psalms 15; 16 Zephaniah 3:11–20 1 John 4:1–12	Psalms 17:1–16 Judith 10:14–11.6, 20–23 Acts 26:19–32
Tuesday, 6 September	Psalms 18:1–31 Obadiah 1–14 1 John 4:13–21	Psalms 18:32–52 Judith 12:16–13.16 Acts 27:1–12
Wednesday, 7 September	Psalms 19 Obadiah 15–21 1 John 5:1–12	Psalms 119:1–16 Judith 14 Acts 27:13–32
Thursday, 8 September <i>Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord</i>	Psalms 20; 21:1–13 2 Chronicles 36:1–14 1 John 5:13–21	Psalms 24; 26 Judith 15 Acts 27:33–44
Eucharist at 10.15a.m.	1 Corinthians 8:1–13	Psalms 139:13–18; Luke 6:27–38
Friday, 9 September	Psalms 22:1–22 2 Chronicles 36: 15–23 2 John	Psalms 22:23–32; 23 Judith 16:1–12 Acts 28:1–16
Saturday, 10 September	Psalms 25 Isaiah 34 3 John	Psalms 27 Judith 16:13–25 Acts 28:27–31
Next Sunday, 11 September Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

NO Reflections on the Lections this week



Icon of Ss Philemon, Apphia and Onesimus

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners 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.