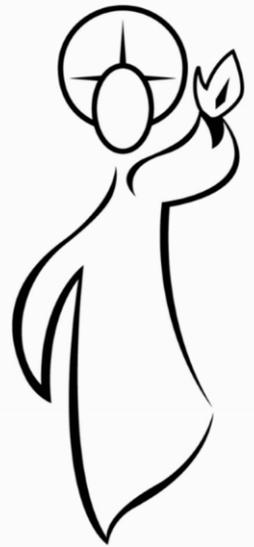

ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION



14th July 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EAST BURWOOD

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Luke 6.31, 35



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. Children from pre-school age may leave for 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Hymn: TiS 158 “God has spoken by his prophets”

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.**

Kyries:

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

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

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:

Eternal God,
you have taught us through Christ
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
help us to love you with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind,
and with all our strength,
and our neighbour as ourself;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer at the time of choosing an Incumbent:

**Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and administer your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

Godzone talk and blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Amos 7.7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said,

'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’
Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying,
‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the
land is not able to bear all his words.
For thus Amos has said,
“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”’
And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn
your bread there, and prophesy there;
but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a
temple of the kingdom.’
Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I
am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go,
prophesy to my people Israel.”
‘Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.
You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.”
Therefore, thus says the Lord:
“Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”’
For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

**God has stood up in the council of heaven:
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.
‘How long will you judge unjustly:
and favour the cause of the wicked?
‘Judge for the poor and fatherless:
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.
‘Rescue the poor and needy:
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
‘They do not know, they do not understand,
they walk about in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
‘Therefore I say, “Though you are gods:
and all of you children of the Most High,
“Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:
and fall like one of the princes.”’
Arise, O God, and judge the earth:
for you shall take all nations as your possession.**

The second reading: Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our
brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we
always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of

your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 129 *"Amazing grace"*

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke, chapter 10, beginning at verse 25

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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.

Response: Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.**

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.

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 629 “When I needed a neighbour were you there”

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.

... **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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

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

The Lord's Prayer:

**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:

**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: "As the deer pants for the water"

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.**

Refrain

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.**

**I want You more than gold or silver;
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver,
and the apple of my eye.**

Refrain

**You're my friend and you're my brother,
even though you are a King.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.**

Refrain

Prayer after Communion:

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for our pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.
**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Notices

The Blessing

Final Hymn: TiS 636 *“God has spoken to his people, hallelujah”*

Dismissal:

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

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WELCOME TO CHURCH. . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today, please take Communion, whatever your denomination and come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Walter or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

NOTICES

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make sure the Christmas in July Dinner last night was a great success; 73 people were seated and fed. **A big, big thank you to Christy & Saku for generously donating the catered meal.** Also, to those who helped with setting up the hall and cleaning up afterwards.

SCRABBLE this Wednesday, 12 Noon at Pat Eadon’s. Bring your lunch and word skills!

NOT HOME ALONE lunch this Friday, 12 noon at the Mountain View Hotel. Please let Judithe know if you are coming or just turn up, all very welcome!

THANK YOU: Many Thanks for everyone who saved earn and Learn stickers for Burwood East Primary. Alma.

JULY TMA is available in the Narthex today, please take a copy home

WANT TO HELP OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT?

See Cath about collecting plastic bottle tops towards helping provide prosthetic hands for children throughout Cambodia and other similar countries; Also collecting the little, square bread tags to fund raise.

FOOTY TIPPING. Round 16 managed to befuddle our tipsters with the average being just 4.9. Ron McKenzie swam against the tide by getting 8 correct, Christine Youings got 7, Cameron Godwin got 6 and most got 5. Neil Ludwick (25) still leads the second half season competition, just a point ahead of Russell Mills (24), and in turn, a point ahead of Judithe Atkinson, Barrie Harding, Ron McKenzie and Christine Youings (23). Just six points separate first and last, so it is still anyone's (particularly with the way this season is playing out!)

TMA ONLINE News and views on faith from Australia and around the world

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In this week's edition:

- More than 1000 bishops and their spouses book for the Lambeth Conference 2020
- Australia's moral legitimacy depends on recognising Indigenous sovereignty
- Working for a shared Australian identity
- Tim Costello joins Centre for Public Christianity
- Drowned children point to larger migrant stories
- US poll: Americans rarely seek guidance from clergy
- Archbishop of Canterbury on Church of England members are called to be 'wounded healers in a wounded country'

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Exodus 3.1-6, 9-12
Psalm 103. 1-7
Matthew 11.25-27

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 8.1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1.15-29
Luke 10.38-42

AS WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR -

The Church

The Church in Philippines
Melbourne Girls' Grammar and Melbourne Grammar Schools, heads and chaplains
Defence Force Chaplains

Australia

As we start the planning for Indigenous recognition

The World

A peaceful outcome to the tensions in the Gulf regions
Those suffering in Yemen refugee crisis
A humanitarian solution to the Nauru refugee problem

The Ascension community

Each other (*refer to prayer list for each day*).

God's presence in the events of the week (*see pewslip*)

Those who have special needs and those at the Peter James Centre, Burwood Lodge and the Arthur Preston Centre.

Ourselves as we accept the power of God's Spirit in our lives



14th July, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical colour – Green

8:00am**9:30 a.m.****Welcomers:** Don Lambourne

Ros Smith & Yolanda Chan

Liturgical assistant:

Christine Youngs

Scripture reader: Sue Tregear

Joanne Waite

Godzone:

Holiday programs

Intercessions: Fr. Walter

Fr. Walter

Servers Sue Tregear

Andreas Luo, Natalie Ortlieb

Ron McKenzie

Eucharistic assistant: Sue Tregear

Keith Hall & Christine Youngs

Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Cheryl & Keith Hall

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Flowers: Judithe Atkinson**Sacristan:** Sue Tregear**Music:** Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite**Printer:** Barrie Harding**Counting:** Natalie Ortlieb & Sue Tregear**Cleaning:** Sue Tregear**21st July, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Liturgical colour – Green

8:00am**9:30 a.m.****Welcomers:** Jan Wheeler

Elizabeth Waite & Augustus Luo

Liturgical assistant:

Joanne Waite

Scripture reader: Sue Tregear

Elizabeth Waite

Godzone:

Holiday programs

Intercessions: Fr. Walter

Joy Ritchie

Eucharistic assistant: Sue Tregear

David Wood & Joanne Waite

Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Ros Smith & Bev Bates

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Flowers: Cheryl Hall**Sacristan:** Sue Tregear**Music:** Peter Bedlow**Printer:** David Wood**Counting:** Joanne Waite & Joan Zhang**Garden:** Sue Tregear

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

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services & activities

- Sunday** 8:00am Eucharist
9:30am Eucharist with hymns.
'Godzone' children's program during 9:30am service
- Wednesday** 10:00am Eucharist followed by morning tea and discussion
- Friday** 9:30 – 11:30am. Playgroup in hall (During school terms)
10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat, front meeting room.
- 3rd Friday** 12 noon. "Not home alone" meets for lunch at the
Mountain View Hotel, all welcome!

WHO WE ARE AT ASCENSION

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 to all comers. Here we worship God in Eucharistic-centred worship, with all the rich liturgy and symbolism that the tradition of the Anglican Church offers. (See our website for more information)