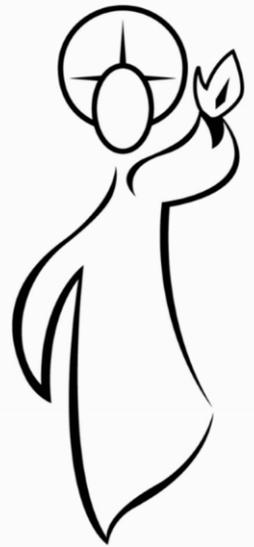

ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION



11th August 2019

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EAST BURWOOD

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day
your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42, 44



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 165 "Praise our God, the great creator"

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:

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.
When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24

**The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.
From Zion, perfect in beauty:
God has shone out in glory.
Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.
He calls to the heavens above:
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.
'Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'
The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.
'Listen my people, and I will speak:
O Israel, I am God your God,
and I will give my testimony.
'It is not for your sacrifices that I reprove you:
for your burnt-offerings are always before me.**

**'O consider this, you who forget God:
lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to save you.
'He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and to him who keeps to my way
I will show the salvation of God.'**

The second reading: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Gradual hymn: TiS 619 "Have faith in God my heart"

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was

coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 526 "Lord Jesus Christ"

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: TiS 738 "My Jesus, my Saviour"

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 569 "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer"

Dismissal:

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

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

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Once again, Chellam is seeking donations for the Father's Day Raffle (1st September) and will be seeking help to sell tickets. She will be so grateful to receive anything men would enjoy, such as chocolates, drinks, nuts & nibbles, biscuits, gardening aids and anything else you can think of. Thank you so much for your support.

SOUP LUNCH: Next Sunday, 18th August, following the 9:30am service. Soups are needed, please let Aggie & Jan know what you can bring along to feed the masses!

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS are invited to a Pastoral Care Afternoon Tea and Talk on Saturday 7th September at 3.00pm.

Our guest speaker will be Assoc Prof Darren Mansfield who will talk on *Sleep Health and The Findings of the National Parliamentary Enquiry into the Sleep Health of Australians: Sleep is the Third Pillar of a Healthy Lifestyle Alongside Diet and Exercise.*

Darren is Director of Epworth Sleep Centre; Deputy Director, Monash Lung and Sleep, Monash Health and Deputy Chair, National Sleep Health Foundation.

An afternoon tea will be served by the Pastoral Care Group.

A Donation for medical equipment & research in sleep at Monash Health would be welcomed.

FOOTY TIPPING: After each team having played 19 matches, there were still opportunities last week for upsets. Nine people got 7 correct and most others settled for 6. Very little movement at the leader's board with this round, with Ron McKenzie (52) hanging on from Cameron Godwin (51), and Aggie Canterbury and Neil Ludwick (49) two further points behind, with Russell Mills and Peter Wharton (48) just one more back. Only two rounds to go after this weekend, so remember to guess well!

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Phantom fete September 1st – 29th
- Food drive for Uniting East Burwood September 1st – 29th
- Talk on "Sleep health" September 7th
- Community Hymn singing October 5th
- Trivia night October 12th
- Piano concert November 2nd
- Food drive for St Mark's Fitzroy November 3rd – 24th
- Book sale (and DVD's, CD's) November 8th
- Clasax concert November 30th

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

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In this week's edition

- *Sole Protestant member of Vatican's Academy of Life warns against assisted suicide*
- *'Speak on behalf of those yet to be born': Archbishop Glenn Davies' appeal on eve of NSW parliamentary debate on abortion*
- *US religious leaders react to mass shootings, call for action from Trump, Congress*

- *'Violent,' 'dehumanizing,' 'dangerous': National Cathedral's sharp criticism of Trump resonates across America*
- *Why are we so soft on wage theft?*
- *The Archbishop of Canterbury wades into Westminster Holocaust memorial debate*
- *Archaeologists have searched for the Church of the Apostles for years. They say they've found it near the Sea of Galilee*
- *Archbishop Welby's India trip to be 'pastoral, not political'*

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d. 1667)
 Wednesday Twentieth century martyrs, incl Maximilien Kolbe, friar (d. 1941)
 Maria Skobtsova, abbess in Russia (d. 1945)
 Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia (d. 1918)
 Martin Luther King, worker for civil liberties (d. 1968)
 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (d. 1945)
 Janani Luwun, archbishop of Uganda (d. 1977)
 Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador (d. 1980)
 Thursday **MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Psalms 66. 1-8

Matthew 18.15-20

Next Sunday: Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalms 80.1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Luke 12.49-59

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

THE CHURCH

Churches in South India

Criminal Justice Ministry

Peninsular Grammar and Tintern Grammar Schools,
 their heads and chaplains



AUSTRALIA

The Asylum Seekers in Australia

THE WORLD

A peaceful solution to the tensions in the Gulf Region

The Uyghur people in China

The Asylum Seekers on Manus Island

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

11th August, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical colour – Green

8:00am**9:30 a.m.**

Welcomers:	Jan Wheeler	Yolanda Chan & Elizabeth Waite
Liturgical assistant:		Christine Youings
Scripture reader:	Christine Youings	Elizabeth Waite
Godzone:		Rachael Allan
Intercessions:	Fr. Walter	Joy Ritchie
Servers	Christine Youings	Joy Ritchie, Natalie Ortlieb Ron McKenzie
Eucharistic assistant:	Christine Youings	Christine Y & Lyle Mansfield
Morning Tea:	Don Lambourne	Joan Zhang & Andreas Luo

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Flowers:	Robin Jellis
Sacristan:	Judithe Atkinson
Music:	Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite
Printer:	David Wood
Counting:	Sue Tregear & Natalie Ortlieb
Cleaning:	Gavin & Ruth Ganasalingam

18th August, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical colour – Green

8:00am**9:30 a.m.**

Welcomers:	Don Lambourne	Colin Darvell & Ros Smith
Liturgical assistant:		Joanne Waite
Scripture reader:	Sue Tregear	Cath Ortlieb
Godzone:		Michael Jellis
Intercessions:	Fr. Walter	Cath Ortlieb
Eucharistic assistant:	Sue Tregear	Joanne Waite & David Wood
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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.)

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)