
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

23rd June 2019
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10.38



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 561 “Who would true valour see”

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:

Pour out upon us, O God,
the power and wisdom of your Spirit,
so that we, who have been baptised into Christ
and made your children through faith,
may know your Son's power to heal, and,
being made one in him,
may overcome all barriers that divide us;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer at the time of choosing an Incumbent:

God our Father,
you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be his body in this place.
Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change
to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer
that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community;
and guide with your heavenly wisdom
those who are to choose a new priest for this parish,
so that the one whom we receive
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy,
to build us up in faith
and to lead us by example
in loving obedience to your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Godzone talk and blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: 1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my

ancestors.’ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

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

Psalms 42; 43

**As a deer longs for the running brooks:
so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is thirsty for God, thirsty for the living God:
when shall I come and see his face?
My tears have been my food day and night:
while they ask me all day long ‘Where now is your God?’
As I pour out my soul by myself, I remember this:
how I went to the house of the Mighty One, into the temple of God,
To the shouts and songs of thanksgiving:
a multitude keeping high festival.
Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?
O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.
My soul is heavy within me:
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.
Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waters:
all your waves and breakers have gone over me.
Surely the Lord will grant his loving mercy in the day-time:
and in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
I will say to God, my rock, ‘Why have you forgotten me:
why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?’
Like a sword through my bones, my enemies have mocked me:
while they ask me all day long ‘Where now is your God?’
Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?**

**O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**

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**Give judgement for me, O God,
take up my cause against an ungodly people:
deliver me from the deceitful and unjust.
For you are God my refuge—
why have you turned me away:
why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?
O send out your light and your truth, and let them lead me:
let them guide me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Then I shall go to the altar of God, to God my joy and my delight:
and to the harp I shall sing your praises, O God, my God.
Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?
O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**

The second reading: Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.' Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.' But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, 'Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.' Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'—in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

Gradual hymn: TiS 598 "Dear Father, Lord of humankind"

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke, chapter 8, beginning at verse 26

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted

at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' — for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 457 "The church's one foundation"

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 25 "As pants the hart for cooling streams"

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 276 “There’s a light upon the mountains”

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

SOUP LUNCH thank you to Peter Bedlow for coordinating this; we enjoyed six soups, a big thank you to all who made the culinary delights, and all who help set up and clean up!

FILM NIGHT thank you to Peter Wharton for organising this night.

BLANKET FUNDRAISER thank you to the parish from Andreas Luo; he raised \$195 from the sale of “Freddo Frogs”. The funds will go to providing blankets for the homeless.

SYNOD: Our Synod representatives for the next Three-year period are Christine Youings & Ron McKenzie. The Alternative Lay Representative is Russell Mills.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER: Saturday 13th July at 6:00pm, all welcome, bring a friend! A wonderful Christmas meal has been organised so please come and enjoy fun and fellowship, and a good feed! BYO drinks and remember a generous donation will be appreciated. Add your name to the sheet in the narthex to ensure Santa has a meal for you!

PARISH COUNCIL meets on Wednesday 26th June at 7:15pm. See a member if you have something you would like discussed.

SHOP FOR GROCERIES? Burwood East Primary School would appreciate any “**earn and learn**” stickers you could collect. Alma would be pleased to take them to the school.

FOOTY TIPPING. Some more assured tipping in Round 13 with four contestants (Judith Atkinson, Neil Ludwick, Barrie Harding and Russell Mills) getting all six tips correct and nine tipsters getting 5. Judith Atkinson and Neil Ludwick (10) lead the second half season competition from the trio Barrie Harding, Heather McKenzie and Russell Mills (9). Thursday night game again this week for the last of the bye rounds (only 6 matches to guess!) so please get your tips in on time.

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SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
Thursday	Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher (d. 444)
Friday	Irenaeus of Lyons, bishop and teacher (d.c. 200)
Saturday	PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES & MARTYRS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

2 Corinthians. 9.6-11
Psalm 112
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 19.1-4, (5-7) 8-15a
Psalm 42:43
Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29
Luke 8.26-39

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

The Church

The Church in North India
Hume Anglican Grammar School and Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School
their heads and chaplains
Those preparing for confirmation next Sunday at St Thomas's
Moonee Ponds

Australia

Those suffering following the 'flu outbreak

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



23rd June, Second Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical colour – Green

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

Yolanda Chan & Augustus Luo

Liturgical assistant:

Christine Youings

Scripture reader: Sue Tregear

Elizabeth Waite

Godzone:

Joanne Waite

Intercessions: Fr. Walter

Cath Ortlieb

Servers Sue TregearJoy Ritchie, Natalie Ortlieb,
Ron McKenzie**Eucharistic assistant:** Sue Tregear

Jan Mansfield & Christine Y

Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Barrie Harding & Jan Mansfield

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Flowers: Cheryl Hall**Sacristan:** Sue Tregear**Music:** Peter Bedlow**Printer:** Barrie Harding**Counting:** Joanne Waite & Joan Zhang**Garden:** Peter Wharton**30th June, Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Liturgical colour – Green

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

Jo Condie & Joanne Waite

Liturgical assistant:

Aaron King

Scripture reader: Ron McKenzie

Ron McKenzie

Godzone:

Holiday programs

Intercessions: Fr. Walter

Joy Ritchie

Eucharistic assistant: Ron McKenzie

Lyle Mansfield & Aaron King

Morning Tea: Don Lambourne

Joan Zhang & Andreas Luo

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Flowers: Jan Mansfield**Sacristan:** Judithe Atkinson**Music:** Dawn Joseph**Printer:** David Wood**Counting:** Lyle & Jan Mansfield**Cleaning:** Peter Wharton



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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!