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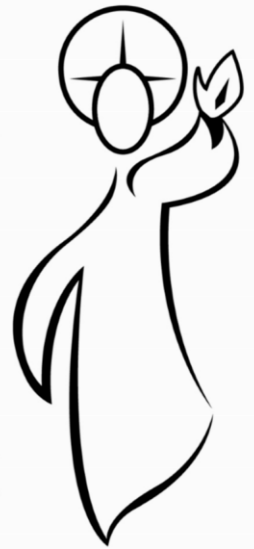
# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

EAST BURWOOD

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

## Welcome to Church

### Sentence for Today

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11.9



**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 368** *"This is the day the Lord has made"*

### **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:***

Provident Father,  
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips,  
we ask, we seek, we knock at your door:  
help us so to seek that we may truly find,  
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,  
and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us;  
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: Hosea 1.2-10***

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord .' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for

you are not my people and I am not your God.’ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people’, it shall be said to them, ‘Children of the living God.’ For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 85***

**O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.  
You put aside all your wrath:  
and turned away from your fierce indignation.  
Return to us again, O God our saviour:  
and let your anger cease from us.  
Will you be displeased with us for ever:  
will you stretch out your wrath  
from one generation to another?  
Will you not give us life again:  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
and grant us your salvation.  
I will hear what the Lord God will speak:  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.  
Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.  
Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;  
Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The Lord will also give us all that is good:  
and our land shall yield its plenty.  
For righteousness shall go before him:  
and tread the path before his feet.**

### ***The second reading: Colossians 2.6-15***

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood

against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn: TiS 223** *“How sweet the name of Jesus sounds”*

**The Gospel reading:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke, chapter 11, beginning at verse 1

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’

He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.”

And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.”

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?

Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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 580*** “Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us”

***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 513 “Bread of heaven, on thee we feed”***

***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 153 “God is love, let heav’n adore him”***

***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**

### **NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

- At the 18<sup>th</sup> August soup lunch, Ros Smith will talk about her recent trip to the Holy Land.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> is the start of a parish spring music festival. Peter Bedlow is coordinating a “Community Hymn Sing” afternoon. We then have a piano concert on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a return of the “Clasax” group on November 30<sup>th</sup>. These three events are part of our fundraising activities for work within and outside the parish, please put these dates in your diaries and let your friends know to reserve the dates.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> we are having a book sale, please start putting aside your well-read books for this sale, “no text books please” Aggie is coordinating this event and has boxes for your use to store books at your place until the book sale.

**FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE:** Once again, Chellam is seeking donations for the Father’s Day Raffle (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**FOOTY TIPPING:** Round 18 continued the run of upsets and the average was 5.2. It was Ron McKenzie's turn to shine, with 8 tips correct, just one ahead of (his normally better half) Heather McKenzie, and Lyle Mansfield who both got 7, and Cameron Godwin with 6 correct. Ron McKenzie has grabbed the second-half season leadership (37), ahead of Neil Ludwick and Russell Mills (35), and then Cameron Godwin (34) and another ten tipsters either one or two more points back. It's still close!

### **WANT TO HELP OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT?**

Cath has placed a box in the narthex for plastic bottle tops and bread tags, have a chat to her about these projects.

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

Use the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>

#### **In this week’s edition**

- Bishop Grant remembered as a gift to church, city and family
- An Inside Job: True Confessions of a Prison Chaplain
- Incense in doubt as loss of Boswellia trees leads to global shortage of frankincense
- As the Moon landing unfolded, Buzz Aldrin took communion. Here’s why
- Archbishop of Canterbury goes aboard with the Mission to Seafarers in Hong Kong
- UK Government adopts persecution report after Commons debate
- Eating more peaceably: the Christian ethics of eating animals
- Bark paintings from the golden period return, half a century later
- How Christians Against Poverty is encouraging churches to help alleviate financial woes, and build community connections
- The art of spirituality

## **SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday	Mary and Martha of Bethany
Tuesday	William Wilberforce, social reformer (d. 1833)
Wednesday	Joseph of Arimathea Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus (d. 1556)
Thursday	Holy men and women of the Old Testament

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Wednesday:**

Exodus 34.29-35  
Psalm 95. 5-9  
Matthew 13.44-46

### **Next Sunday: Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**

Hosea 11.1-11  
Psalm 107. 1-9,43  
Colossians 3.1-11  
Luke 12.13-21

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

### **THE CHURCH**

The Church in Rwanda  
The Scottish Episcopal church  
Overnewton Anglican Community College and Ridley College; their heads and chaplains  
Those preparing for confirmation next Sunday at St Jude's Carlton and St Jude's Parkville

### **AUSTRALIA**

Those suffering following the 'flu outbreak  
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**

**28<sup>th</sup> July, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Liturgical colour – Green

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

Alma &amp; Brian Brand

**Liturgical assistant:**

Aaron King

**Scripture reader:** Sue Tregear

Dawn Joseph

**Godzone:**

Joanne Waite

**Intercessions:** Fr. Walter

Russell Mills

**Servers** Sue Tregear

Andreas Luo, Sue Tregear

Ron McKenzie

**Eucharistic assistant:** Sue Tregear

Aaron King &amp; Joanne Waite

**Morning Tea:** Don Lambourne

Jenny &amp; Russell Mills

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**Flowers:** Aggie Canterbury**Sacristan:** Sue Tregear**Music:** Samantha King**Printer:** Lyle Mansfield**Counting:** Lyle & Jan Mansfield**Cleaning:** Ron McKenzie**4<sup>th</sup> August, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Liturgical colour – Green

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

Colin Darvell &amp; Elizabeth Waite

**Liturgical assistant:**

Ron McKenzie

**Scripture reader:** Sue Tregear

Ros Smith

**Godzone:**

Natalie Ortlieb

**Intercessions:** Fr. Walter

Fr Walter

**Eucharistic assistant:** Sue Tregear

Keith Hall &amp; Jan Mansfield

**Morning Tea:** Don Lambourne

Cheryl &amp; Keith Hall

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**Flowers:** Robin Jellis**Sacristan:** Sue Tregear**Printer:** Barrie Harding**Counting:** Lyle & Jan Mansfield**Garden:** Peter Wharton



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the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation*

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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](mailto: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.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)