

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

14 June 2020

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sx1eMwIDFb8>

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Widely yet his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps. 27.7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also with you.**

Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Silence

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

The presider says:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison. Christ eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Hymn of Praise

**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.**

Collect

Let us pray.

All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
and defeat into victory:
increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over evil,
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 18.1-15; 21.1-7

A reading from the **book of Genesis**.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116.1-2

**℟. To God the LORD raise hymns of praise,
and with your lips proclaim his name.**

I will love the LORD, who heard my prayer,
Who inclined his ear to my supplication:
For he delivered my soul from the grave,
And wiped away my tears. **℟.**

The LORD preserves the meek of heart;
I was brought low, but he saved me.
Return to your rest O my soul,
For the LORD has blest you with his grace. **℟.**

Second Reading

Romans 5.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10.27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 9.35-38, 10.16-23

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pause to reflect on the Word.

Reflection

Fr Graeme Kaines

I have been a priest for fifty years so I am hardly in a position to write this reflection from a lay point of view. My memories of being a lay person in the Church stretch back to the 1960s, although that era is relevant to the question.

Pretend that an agency is hiring people to work in the priesthood. What would they look for? Who would be successful? Are the candidates for ordination suitable?

In the Gospel today Jesus is sending out his chosen few “like sheep into the midst of wolves” so they need to be “wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” I recall a St Columba’s Church parishioner exclaiming to me after we had been chatting for a while, “Oh! You poor darling!” That had been my first parish. Jesus went on here to describe what might happen to them when they went out. “They will hand you over . . . flog you in their synagogues and you will be dragged before governors and kings.” For Jesus, then, to send us all out in ministry is hardly enticing!

The world and our society have both changed immensely since the 1960s and earlier. For one, small thing, the popular music of 1960s is to today ancient history and the 1950s or earlier is primeval. On commercial radio and increasingly on the Local ABC the music of the 1980s is old. More important things have changed. Most, though not all, people who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s were determined to rebel against parents, the Church, - everything which seemed traditional and confining. It is of interest that Friday 12th June was an Anniversary of the arrival of the Beatles in Adelaide. What an immense and exuberant crowd greeted them!. It truly marked a huge turning point in our social change.

Another of many changes has been the privatisation of religion. It is extraordinary how it has simply happened over a couple of decades. Whereas the Christian religion had a certain authority in Australia it is now just another voice among many. As teenagers debunked Christianity in the 1960s and called into question its sense of right and wrong the point made was that all these subjects are matters of opinion and everyone is entitled to their own view.

Two things need to be said. One is that many changes through the years have been wonderfully good. Another is that the Church has shot itself in the foot very often over abusive behaviour and other controversies. We have not helped.

Who can be sent helpfully by Jesus into the world? It is really important not to underestimate your own merits and we have to remember that Jesus knows what he is doing and will be with us all the way. If in a heated family discussion we can just think of a pertinent question to throw in to help guide the drift of the talk. If we can behave well under all circumstances this can help others, too. To be generous, attentive, selfless and faithful to your convictions is helpful to others, as well.

Social change tends to run in cycles and is subject to human fads as well as wisdom. The present season will not persist indefinitely. Further great change will occur.

Jesus brings change and justice out of very small things we can do. It can never be right just to give up.

Profession of Faith

Let us together 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.**

Prayers of the People

Pray for the world and for the church.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

When all is prepared, the Priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Living God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit,
we may share in your divine life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.

You are truly worthy of all glory and praise,
O holy God, eternal and mighty,
whom we worship as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
You we praise, great Trinity of power and love,
our God, forever and ever.

In the darkness of time's beginning,
your word brought order out of chaos,
spread out the universe in space,
and gave birth to every living thing.
Your breath gave life to dust.
You called us to love and serve you,
but we turned from you to our own ways.
In your mercy, you did not turn from us,
and sent prophets to call us to return to your way.

Then, out of your great love for us,
you came in Jesus Christ,

taking our flesh and living among us,
that we might be reconciled to you.

In your Holy Spirit you abide with us still,
breathing new life into us,
leading us into your truth,
and empowering us to be your witnesses.

Therefore, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
and with all the faithful who have served you in every age,
we proclaim the glory of your name:

**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.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
for in his coming among us,
we have seen your glory,
and by his death and resurrection
you have raised us to new life,
and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,
on the night before he died,
took bread,
and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and wine
and celebrate his death and resurrection,
offering ourselves to you,
a living and holy sacrifice in Christ our Lord.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be for us the body and blood of Christ, your Son.
Made one with Christ in his sacrifice,
grant that all who share this bread and this cup
may become one in body and spirit,
to the glory of your name.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes
|and gathers the redeemed
of every language, race and nation,
into your kingdom of peace and justice,
where we shall feast together
at the banquet you have promised.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours,
almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour against us:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the bread, saying –

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.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung –

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Music for Reflection

Who But You (Abraham & Sarah) by **Mark Hall & Megan Garrett**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImfEM6lb_jM

Communion Antiphon

Galatians 4:6

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
may we who have received this eucharist
worship you in all we do,
and proclaim the glory of your majesty.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.