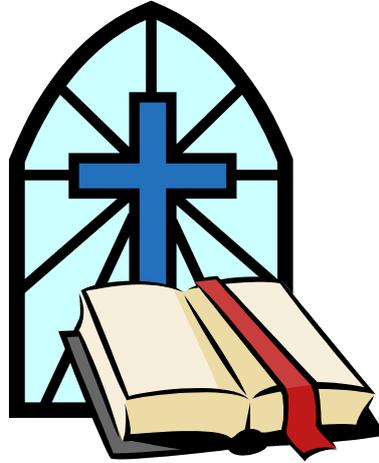


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Prayer of the Day

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

Chapter 11 beginning at Verse 1

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

[NRSV Acts 11:1-18]

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.

6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
**of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.
Praise the Lord.**

**A reading from the Revelation to John,
Chapter 21 beginning at Verse 1**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

[NRSV Revelation 21:1-6]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gradual: Tis 699

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
Chapter 13 beginning at verse 31**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself

and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

[NRSV John 13:31-35]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory: Tis 534 v 1, 2, 3 & 7

Post Communion: Sing Praise O125

Final: Tis 96

A Prayer for the Parish of Port Lincoln

Father help us to be a Church that is a welcoming, caring, and meaningful community.

A community which enjoys the celebration of the sacraments and has a passion to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

A community which reaches out to others, sharing the love of God with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Prayer for the Appointment of a Parish Priest

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister 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**

Prayer of the Week

Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

From "A Worship and Prayer Book for MU Australia" © 2009:

Easter

At Easter love and resurrection become the perfect whole. The tomb is empty; Christ has risen glorious from the dead. Lord, help me to cherish the revelation of your new beginning. Love and resurrection have made me whole. **Amen**

The Link - Submissions for the link accepted until 12:00
Wednesday.

This Week's Events

Wednesday: 12-30 pm - Prayers for the Community

Thursday: 10.30 am - Australian Prayer Book

Friday: 4pm – 5pm - Meditation in the Church

NEXT SUNDAY **26th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9am St Thomas Port Lincoln

For those with an ongoing need:

Peter Linn, Bishop David McCall, Terry Krieg, Darren & Rachel, Arthur & Joyce R, Joyce H, Brian L, Brooke, Ryan, Donna, Kelly, Helen and Kimberly, Danielle.

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Pray for wisdom and perseverance in establishing structures and frameworks for Salt. Pray that opportunities for natural sharing of the gospel will arise.

Profile

The Duffs are based in northern Hobart. They work as a pioneer ministers and have planted a new Anglican Church in Brighton: Salt – Jordan Valley Anglican. They focus on growing disciples of Jesus who will grow other disciples for Jesus.

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- Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21.1-16; John 13.31-35

Love: Today we find Jesus giving us the commandment to love one another just as he has loved us: without any conditions, without any boundaries. As the English poet, Edmund Spenser reminds us: 'Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught'.

- Pray that each of us today might begin to love a little more in our lives, banishing all hate, prejudice and lethargy and replacing them with love.
- Give thanks for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns, giving thanks for the educational programs provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Text: Robert McLean

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Notices:

The Reverend Michael Hillier will be in the Parish on the following Sundays and some weekdays in between:

- Sunday 19th, 26th May
- Sunday 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th June

Due to the election, the Parish Hall will be unavailable to anyone excepting electoral staff until Tuesday 21st May.

****Please Note – a different alarm code will apply at this time!**

Parish Council meeting in the Parish Centre 21st May at 5pm.

Parish Office will be closed 22nd and 23rd May reopening on 29th May 2019.

**Study Group:
Tuning to the Heartbeat of God: the Stages of our Spiritual
Development**

This Course will use power point presentations in order to explore the stages of our spiritual development. What normally happens when we begin to take our journey with God seriously?

We will look at the traditional three-fold path that builds on the first step which is the 'Awakening' that follows on from our 'Conversion', that moment when we realise that God is very real and we need to take Him seriously.

These steps are the Stage of Integration, the Stage of Illumination and the Stage of Union. And what do these words mean anyway?

Then, what indications and clues do we find in our life that might suggest one of these Stages? What about 'darkness'? What role does this play?

So what then do I need to do? Lots of questions and more!
There will be handouts for each of the four Sessions.

Where: The Parish Centre

When: Continuing 7.30 pm on Wednesday May 22nd, 29th;
June 19th

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA

The Ministry of Spirituality is establishing a new base in the Diocese of Willochra this year.

Based at Crystal Brook, retreats and quiet days will be organised using the St Silas Church Hall as a venue with accommodation available nearby.

An advantage of this site is its central location and easy access from the main highway by either car or bus.

This programme allows participants to be led into a deeper connection with God.

Following the Lenten retreat a further two retreats are being planned for this year.

June 28th - 30th: Icons- Sr. Sue Nirta

Dec 6th - 8th: Advent Retreat with our Bishop John Stead

Further details to follow shortly on the Diocesan website.

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