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PARISH OF PORT LINCOLN

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Prayer of the Day

God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds
help us to be like him, through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis, *Chapter 45 beginning at Verse 3*

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God

has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

[NRSV Genesis 45:3-11,15]

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God

Psalm 37:1-11, 40-41

- 1 Do not vie with the wicked:
or envy those that do wrong;
- 2 For they will soon wither like the grass:
and fade away like the green leaf.
- 3 Trust in the Lord and do good:
**and you shall dwell in the land
and feed in safe pastures.**
- 4 Let the Lord be your delight:
and he will grant you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord:
trust him, and he will act.
- 6 He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the
light:
and your innocence as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:
do not be vexed when someone prospers,

when they put their evil purposes to work.

8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath:

let not envy move you to do evil.

9 For the wicked shall be cut down:

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

10 In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:

**you will look for them in their place,
but they will not be found.**

11 But the meek shall possess the land:

and enjoy the abundance of peace.

40 Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:

he is their strength in time of trouble.

41 The Lord will help them and deliver them:

he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to him for refuge.

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians,
*Chapter 15 beginning at Verse 35***

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and

another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

[NRSV 1 Corinthians 15:35-50]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gradual: Tis 636 v 1 & 2

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Chapter 6 beginning at Verse 27

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer

the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

[NRSV Luke 6:27-38]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory: Tis 635 Tune 129

Post Communion: Tis 632 v 1, 3 & 4

Final: Tis 626 v 1, 3, 4 & 5

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

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

From "A Worship and Prayer Book for MU Australia"

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Personal Strength

Dear Lord,

I come to you grateful for your love and understanding. Your Spirit guides my day and gives me peace at night. Stay close to me Lord, give me your strength to lean on, your hand to guide me and your love to sustain me.

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: 9 am to 3 pm - Op Shop open in the Parish Hall.

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

For those with an ongoing need:

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

Remembering those who have joined God in the eternal life:

Jan Ladyman, Kerri Harris, Brian Joseph Patrick Revell

OP SHOP IN PARISH HALL – Friday 9am to 3pm

Fresh fruit and vegetables are welcome early in the day. Clean shopping bags, clean clothes, and household utensils, knick-knacks etc welcome. For safety, please do not bring in electrical items. Offers to help in the shop on the roster, and to set out and put away, are always welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd March 2019

9am St Thomas Port Lincoln

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Pray for unity in the church and that God's children will bear much fruit. Pray for the salvation of our children and grandchildren, that they may know Jesus.

Profile

Jack and Lill Harradine lead the Living Desert Indigenous Church in Broken Hill. Their calling and passion is ministering amongst, but not exclusive to, Indigenous people. Please join them in their prayers and desire to spread God's word, everywhere.

Diocese of Riverina | The Very Revd Rob Harris (Administrator)

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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany [OS 7]

– Sunday 24 February 2019

- Genesis 45.3-11, 15; Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41;
1 Corinthians 15.35-50; Luke 6.27-38

Jesus says to us today: *If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.* As Christians we are called by Jesus to show God's love to others. But how? Jesus tells us: *Love your enemies. Do good. Lend, expecting nothing in return. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge. Do not condemn, Forgive. Give.* Today is a good day to make a start.

- Pray that each of us today might pick one of Jesus' commands and begin to incorporate it into our lives, allowing God to shine through us to others.
- Give thanks for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns, giving thanks for the educational programs provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Text: The Reverend Will Johnston

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Notices:

Annual Vestry Meetings:

Sunday February 24th St Thomas Port Lincoln following 9am service. Meeting in Parish Centre. Chair – Michael Hillier

Sunday March 17th St Matthew Poonindie following 11am service. Chair - Gael Johannsen

Please remember to sign the Vestry Roll.

World Day of Prayer will be hosted by St Thomas this year on Friday March 1st at 1-30pm. Please bring a plate to share afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on March 6th 2019 at 7pm.

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

- Sunday 10th, 17th & 24th March
- Sunday 7th, 21st, 28th April
- Sunday 5th, 19th, 26th May
- Sundays 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th June

Important Notice

We are currently updating the Parish Roll as it is very out of date. To assist in the process could anyone who has changed circumstances over the last 5 years including changing address, adding an email address or phone numbers including mobile numbers please contact the Parish Office on 8683 0036 and leave a message. Alternatively, visit the office during office hours however if Lynne is not there please leave a clear message on the desk with your name, your spouse's name with your changes and the details will be updated. **Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.**

The Port Lincoln Arts Council presents

Sartory Trio

SUNDAY BAROQUE



St Thomas Anglican Church
Sunday March 3rd
2 pm

Violin: Agnes Weinstein
Cello: Kathy Wozniczka
Recorder: Emily Taylor

Tickets from Lincoln Camera Centre and at the door

Adults \$28

Concession \$25

Students \$8

Supported by Combined Schools Quintet



Afternoon tea served in the Parish Centre after performance.