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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase our faith, hope, and love,
and, that we may receive all you promise,
make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Proverbs, *Chapter 22 beginning at Verse 1*

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

[NRSV Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 125

- ¹ Those who put their trust in the Lord
shall be as Mount Zion:
which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.
- ² As the mountains stand about Jerusalem,
so stands the Lord about his people:
from this time forward for evermore.
- ³ For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous:
lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.
- ⁴ Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:
to those that are upright in heart.
- ⁵ As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers:
and in Israel let there be peace.

A reading from the letter of James

Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 1

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a

brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

[NRSV James 2:1-10, 14-17]

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Gradual: Tis 699

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark,**
Chapter 7 beginning at verse 24

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,

‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

[NRSV Mark 7:24-37]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory: Tis 517 v1, 3 & 4

Post Communion: Sing Praise O125 v 1 & 3

Final: Tis 531

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 of the Week

O God,
you know us to be set in the midst
of so many and so great dangers
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For those with an ongoing need:

Darren & Rachel, Arthur R, Joyce H, Brooke, Bob, Ryan, David R, Donna, Joyce, Kelly, Jan, Helen and Kimberly.

Remembering those who have joined God in the eternal life:

Grace Hage, Richard Doudle, Sandra Tu, Yvonne Long

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Pray for the Northern Territory Diocese Mission Partners Conference (12–14 September) as we seek to build God's kingdom together in the NT. Give thanks for all who pray.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost [OS 23]
– Sunday 9 September 2018

- Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125
James 2.1-10, 14-17; Mark 7.24-37

Today the Psalmist describes those who have faith in in God as being as stable as a mountain. Those who trust in God, who listen attentively for his voice have firmly grounded lives. But that isn't enough: as the Epistle writer warns us, 'faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead'.

- Pray that you might not only believe but prove that belief by doing something concrete in Christ's name.
- Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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Discipleship

Lord, you were born in an overcrowded city; come to our overcrowded lives. Lord, you fill the universe; fill the inner world of our minds that we may know your forgiving love, and lay our lives at your feet. Amen

This Week's Events

Wednesday: 12-30pm - Prayers for the Community

Thursday: 10.30 am - MU Office and APBA Thanksgiving

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

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 16th September 2018,
9 am St Thomas
6pm Evensong at Poonindie

The Link

Submissions for the link accepted until 12:00

Wednesday.

Thank you

Notices

The Reverend Gael Johannsen will be conducting the final Germinate Workshop and a Parish Consultation to begin the process of finding a new Parish Priest on Saturday 15th September in the Parish Centre from 10am to 2pm. Please bring a shared lunch.

Times when Martin will be in Port Lincoln:

Aug 19 – Sep 2 2018

Sep 16 – Sep 30

Oct 21 – Nov 4

Nov 18 – Dec 2

Dec 16 – Dec 25

Jan 6 – Jan 13 2019

Coming up:

Blessing of the Fleece - September 30th 2018

And

EP Christian Women's Camp (Ecumenical)

26-28th October, 2018

Trinity Haven

Theme: Things that Matter.

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Registration forms NOW available in the parish office.