

WORSHIP SHEET

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. YR A

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SENTENCE: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord.
'No one comes to the Father except through me.'
John 14.6



(In this time of isolation, take time before you say the Collect to remember with loving kindness your fellow members of St Paul's at Ashgrove and to collect yourself spiritually with them in this time, when we as followers of Christ need to be as loving and caring as we can.)

SING

As we make tentative steps into an unknown future, let's remind ourselves that our God has always been faithful:

O God our Help in Ages Past <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-hN740J6qA>

COLLECT: Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS

Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 **O deliver me in your righteousness:
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
- 4 **Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:
bring me out of the net that they have secretly**

laid for me, for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commit my spirit:
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

17 All my days are in your hand:

**O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.**

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

A Reading from 1 Peter 2.11-25

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹²Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

¹³For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. ¹⁸Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. ¹⁹For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

SING

Blessed Assurance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDeiy9-t2GE>

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 10 beginning at verse 1

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

KIDS' SONG:

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ug1OrL57Yhl>

REFLECTION

A Place for You: Beyond the Portal <https://youtu.be/Wsu3CIW1ff4>

SING

In the midst of complexity, we stand on one foundation – one way, one truth, one life!

The Church's One Foundation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96k3IbT-N-Y>

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for: our church family and community, for our Bishops, Margaret, Wardens, Parish Council and all who help in the mission of the church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Coronavirus pandemic:

Ever present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness,
be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen
we may, with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities
and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake. Amen.

(source unknown)

- Parishes seeking new incumbents: Algester, Bardon, Bulimba, Carindale, Gayndah, Goonaneman, Lutwyche, Kingaroy, Mt Gravatt, Noosa, Sunnybank, Tamborine Mountain, Woollongabba

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya: †Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya
- Ministry to the Defence Force: †Grant Dibden; Chaplains & Members of the Defence Force
- The Parish of Clayfield St Mark's: Nicole Colledge, Allan Shephard, Jacqui Lake, Peter Daugaard, Derek Allton, Roslyn Clifton
- St Lawrence's Parish Care Program, Caboolture
- St Andrew's Anglican College, Peregrine Springs: Principal – Chris Ivey; Chaplain – Gary McClellan; Chair of College Council – Rosalyn Cheales; members of College Council; staff & students

For health and healing: Thomas Moore, Beryl and Tom Wakefield, Anthony Bugden, Saloni Paul, Fred Morrison, Romola Squire, Sue Jordan, Gillian, Andrew, Angela Bridges, David and Dianne

At home or nursing home: Jean Ward and Noela Burdett

Prayers of the people

A Prayer for Mothers' Day

(From Paddington Anglican - paddington.church/a-prayer-for-mothers/)

God from whom we have all received life,
Thank you for mothers: for the women who gave each of us birth, and for the women who preceded us in the faith.

Thank you for Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus.
You love her and all those like her who receive your grace, obey your command, wait for your promise, and heed your Son. May your church follow her example and walk in his true and living way. Give us here in this place humility and patience as we listen to one another and reach out to our neighbours with the message and love of Christ.

Amen

As people of the living God, let us join together in our prayers as we say...

Holy God, breathe your life into the universe,
 Into this world and its people,
Breathe responsible caring, honesty and compassion,
 In this time of uncertainty & fear of the unknown,
Breathe right values and good stewardship, generosity,
 Peace, forgiveness, vision and hope.
Breathe into us **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into the Church;
 Breathe holiness and deepening faith.
Breathe energy, inspired teaching and fervent praise;
 Make us more receptive to your presence
 In our lives.
Breathe into us **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life
 Into our homes and work places,
Breathe increased patience and understanding,
 And the courage to live our faith in you.
When the unknown dangers of this world fill us with fear.
 Give us courage to face the months ahead.
Breathe into us **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into those who suffer;
 Especially those throughout the world
 Suffering because of COVID-19 virus.
Breathe comfort and wholeness,
 Forgiveness and new confidence and hope,
Breathe peace of mind and the knowledge of your love
Breathe into us **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into the dead and dying;
 Breathe courage for the journey
And the realization that you can be trusted.
Breathe life that lasts for ever.
Breathe into us **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into us now
 As we offer you our thanks and praise
 For your life laid down out of love for us!

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is 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 forever, Amen.

SING

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74kyfROS4q8>

OFFERTORY

It is important that we remember that when we give at the offertory or raise money through Fundraising, we are doing it for coming of God's kingdom. Our giving is a covenant between God and ourselves. Whether it be to maintain a Priest in the Parish or to maintain God's building or most importantly - to give to those who need it. Our giving is something personal between God and ourselves. The same is when we give of our time, and our labour- it is for God and the coming of God's Kingdom. We do not do it for self-aggrandizement or for the promoting of one's ego. We do not do it for the Priest or for someone to like us or to be one of the crowd. We give willingly and unconditionally, because IT IS FOR GOD. We give to the Church because it is the Body of Christ & our giving helps further Christ's mission to bring about his kingdom.

So in these uncertain times, if you wish to continue giving for the work the Body of Christ, please consider Direct Debiting. St Paul's bank details are BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420

BLESSING & SENDING OUT.

God be in my head and in my thinking, (touch head)
God be in my hands and in my doing, (hold out hands)
God be in my heart and in my loving. (hold heart) Amen.

Let me go out in peace to love
And serve the Lord. Amen.

Join us for Zoom Morning Tea <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95630300965>

ⁱ Prayers & Blessing resourced from Susan Sayers, "living Stones; The All-age resource for the Common Worship