

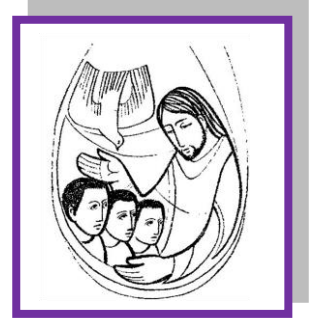
WORSHIP SHEET

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. YR A

17 MAY 2020

SING

[\(Click\) On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand](#)



SENTENCE: 'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' John 14.23

(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.)

COLLECT: O God,
you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises
that exceed all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS

Acts 17.19-31

¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm 66:7-19

- 7 O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8 Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you have proved us, O God:
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the net:
you laid sharp torment on our loins.**
- 11 You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water:
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
- 12 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:
and I will pay you my vows,**
- 13 The vows that opened my lips:
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
- 14 I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts, with the sweet smoke of rams:
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.**
- 15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God:
and I will tell what he has done for me.
- 16 I called to him with my mouth:
and his praise was on my tongue.**
- 17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:
the Lord would not have heard me.
- 18 But God has heard me:
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**
- 19 Praise be to God:
who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

1 Peter 3.8-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For “Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” ¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

SING:

[Here is Love](#)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 14 beginning at verse 15

Jesus said: ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

KIDS' SONG:

[Love One Another](#)

REFLECTION

[The Hope That is in You](#)

SING:

[Come Down O Love Divine](#)

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, Woolloongabba
- Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea: †Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon
- The Diocese of the Northern Territory: †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Bramble Bay: Howard Smith
- Men's Sheds
- The Southport School, Southport: Headmaster – Greg Wain; Chaplain – Jonathan Whereat; Chair of School Council – Fraser Perrin; members of School 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

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 your 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.

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

SING:

[Make Me a Chanel of Your Peace](#)

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 Moring Tea](#)

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