



Community News 4 June 2023 Trinity Sunday



Church Services

Sunday:

- 8am** Holy Communion
9.25am 2 EAR FM (**NOT TODAY**)
10am Holy Communion
6.30pm Healing

Readings:

- Exodus 34:1-8 (page 70)
Song of 3YM
2 Corinthians 13:1-13 (page 944)
Matthew 28:16-20 (page 812)

Readings

- Monday:** Psalm 112:1-6; Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday: Psalm 112; Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday: Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 12:18-27
Thursday: Psalm 128; Mark 12:28-34
Friday: Psalm 146; Mark 12:35-37
Saturday: Psalm 103:1-5; Mark 12:38-44
Sunday: Psalm 98 ; Acts 11:22-30; 13:1-3;
Matthew 10:7-13

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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CHURCH: The church office is open Thursday mornings 9am-12pm and Fridays 9am-3pm.

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ANGLICAN NEWS:

2023: A year to Stand! Please extend this newsletter to someone to encourage them.

HOUSEKEEPING: Books are available for worship – to avoid multiple people handling them they will remain in the back of the pews. The Common Cup is available for our Communion Worship. **Intinction is not allowed** and we continue to offer individual cups for those who do not wish to use the Common Cup.

Masks: There is no requirement to wear a mask to attend church but you are invited to wear a mask to reduce community risk.

Hand Sanitizing: COVID and Flu remain active – please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other's space.

PENTECOST RETREAT PODCAST: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/anglican-renewal>

U3A PERFORMANCES: You are invited to hear U3A Singers performing 45 minute concerts on the following dates: Saturday 3 June 7:30pm in the Yuin Theatre; Sunday 4 June 11:00am in the Foyer Area outside the Theatre. There is no charge. There will be food and drinks available for sale on the Saturday evening from 6:00pm

BBECET PRAYER MEETING: Monday 5th June at 5pm in the hall.

AGEING CONFERENCE: Pray for Rev Liz MacKinlay as she travels to Canada to speak at a conference on Ageing and Spirituality 4-6 June in Toronto. God has strongly gifted Liz in this field, pray for his blessings to flow through this gathering.

PASTORAL PRAYER WORKSHOP: A workshop on praying pastorally for people during church services, pastoral visits e.g. hospitals and Nursing Homes and in home groups or other social settings will be held on Saturday 24 June from 1-4pm at church. This is intended to encourage, equip and to release attendees in this important ministry. Bishop Ian and Jill Lambert will be teaching. The workshop will include practical hands-on experience in praying for others. All are welcome. Please register with Gayleane in the office so that we know how much material to copy.

YOUNG FELLA'S REMOVALISTS: Anyone needing a removalist job or tip run, Jason S (who was in Hope House) has offered his services free to people of the Church. Still need to pay the company but will be cheaper. When calling mention Jason S so you get him and not someone else. Contact number is 0412003774.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE:

- Big thanks and praise to the Creative team for the beautiful spirit filled display that was created for Pentecost. All involved did an amazing job. Blessings and prayers to all.
- Continued prayers for those who are unwell or going through personal situations. We give thanks for answered prayers with health and personal situations.

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER: For support ring Elizabeth Dean 44724330.

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS: Please take time to read our prayer list and ask God for one or two people on it to pray for, not necessarily people you know: Phillipa Shepherd, Veronica Newson, Judy Charman, Dora Coma, Michael Kovacs, Harry Lewis, Ian Oliver, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Keith Sutherland, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Noreen Ralston-Birchall, Ian Overy, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Rachel Harding, Tony Hughes, Jason King, Annette Stewart, Jess Hughes, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Jonathon and Leticia, Bronwyn Lithgow, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson, Susan Bateman, Rev Mary Clarke.

Bible Study Answers: Psalm 42. What verse/s most speak to you today? Why?

Normally I would answer verse 1 with its wonderful image of our hunger for God's living water and yes I always want more of that. I remember singing this hymn every week for two years at Growth Group when I was a new Christian - it symbolized my desire to know and grow in the things of God. I learned all the basics of faith in those two years. However, when I set this verse 8 spoke to me – day by day the Lord is with me directing my life - and in the good times and the times of struggle I need to remember the depths of God and his faithfulness that I like the psalmist may say that regardless of circumstance or place yet I will still praise him, my Saviour and my Lord.

What does the psalmist rely on to help in his current circumstances? Hope, his hope is in the unchangeable faithfulness of God and he prays to him. He remembers what God has done in his life and he draws strength from his testimony of the goodness of God. He looks to God not his circumstances to define his inner state of mind.

How does Jesus offer of Living Water in John 7: 37-38 help you to understand this psalm (if at all). The link is perhaps tenuous but the water we are to thirst for in verse 1 is the living God – and that could be understood by us to mean the Holy Spirit – the living water of John 7. We are to thirst for God’s spiritual presence as much as we thirst for cool water on a hot and dry day in the desert when we are chased by predators. Both are essential to our life.

A reflection: on the importance of unity and praying together (10 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZoU8DuDFcl>

Sunday 4 June – Trinity

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory! Hear O Israel; the Lord our God; the Lord is one: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. Jesus said: This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Traditional: Glory Be To God The Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikH8DfDADxc>

Contemporary: Agnus Dei - King of Kings

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ3w6wGaStk&ab_channel=LightoftheWorld

Read. Matthew Chapter 28 verses 16-20. Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Thoughts: Here Jesus describes God in the language of Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It would take the church several hundred years of wrestling to reconcile and understand how one God could be understood as three persons and still be a unity. So, if you still wonder how you are in good company. They answered the question by formulating the creeds, Apostles, Nicæan and Athanasian and we use the Nicæan Creed most Sundays to affirm our faith. Let us together affirm the faith of the Church. **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Song: In Christ Alone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZYpjBeM0To>

Prayers: Almighty and everlasting God, Father; Son and Holy Spirit you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory. Look with mercy upon all who cry out you in sorrow and fear from places of conflict and persecution, especially your faithful in Ukraine, Russia and Sudan. Lead into sanctuary those in need of safe shelter, cause the hungry to be fed, bind up the broken-hearted and console the bereaved. Grant your peace to your church and your children that we may with one heart and one voice bring our praise and thanksgiving before you, for the glory of our Lord and Saviour.

Dear Lord, we lift to You those at risk of becoming severely ill from the winter Flu and COVID. Protect them from the virus, take away all fear and give them your peace. Father, strengthen and encourage us to be a blessing and to boldly proclaim your blessing to our families and community.

Father, as we reflect on your gift of the church to us and your call for us to be in unity with other believers as a witness to your unity in diversity that is trinity we pray for those leading and pastoring the Batemans Bay Baptist, Salvation Army, City Church, Apostolic, Cross Central, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches - heal, restore, encourage and empower them for your glory.

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

Traditional: Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwuDSw-9cUQ>

Contemporary: Good and Gracious King <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnExXYToQUo>

Blessing: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, on this day and forevermore. Shalom

Bible Study: Read Matthew Chapter 28 verses 16-20. Normally when we read this passage we focus on Jesus command and commission for us to go - we read it as about us and this is a perfectly correct way of reading the passage – Jesus is telling us to go. However, today please look at this in the light of revealing God as Trinity. **Who gives us the authority i.e. their name to go? What gives us the power as we go? How is God always with us?**

Matthew is writing his gospel after Pentecost and with the benefit of that experience when he chooses these words of Jesus to end/ complete his gospel account. Matthew is understood to have been written to a predominantly Jewish audience. **What in Jesus words about the Trinitarian nature of God would have been particularly challenging to a Jewish audience (i.e. one taught and rooted in the Old Testament and the Law)?** Hint – Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 and 11: 13- 21.

Why was the Old Testament singularity of God (God the Lord our God is one) important to defining the Jewish faith and what was a consequence of defining themselves over and against (i.e. as not the same) as the other ancient peoples of Canaan? Hint Deuteronomy 7

Apart from challenging the singularity of God, how might our passage challenge the strongly rooted Jewish culture and religious belief of Matthews time?

God is first defined/ titled as Trinity by Tertullian in about 200AD; the term trinity is not used in the Bible. **Apart from our passage today can you see any other passages in the New Testament that point to a trinitarian understanding of God?**



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