

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

12 July 2020

Hymn

<https://youtu.be/IGEOlbLutmQ>



**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those on earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul,
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Silence. Then all say

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest says:

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon ✠ you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy,
and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 25.19-34

A reading from the book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil

stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119.105-112

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.
- 106 I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.
- 107 I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:
and teach me your judgements.
- 109 I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.
- 111 Your commands are my inheritance for ever:
they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.

Second Reading

Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf Luke 8.11

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
whoever finds this seed will live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A REFLECTION ON THE SOWER AND HIS SEED

Last Sunday we thought about the possibility that God can choose whether or not one becomes a believer. This is, in many ways, a difficult idea for us to accept. Today we think about the fact that people either hear and discern God’s word to them or they do not.

We live in an era when so many of our children have abandoned or not accepted the Christian Faith about which we may have encouraged them. Parents who have lost their children from the Faith often blame themselves for the loss. All kinds of thoughts race through their minds such as a failure to have taught or encouraged enough, or that they sent them to the wrong school, or possibly that the Church herself let them down. Nevertheless it is true that even the most vibrant Christian families have lost children from the Christian Faith. No matter how fertile the soil children and younger adults can be lost.

If we refer to people who have left the Church as “lost” we may well be wrong. Our children can still grow to be fine adults who contribute well to their society. Surely God is still at work within our children or partners. Most of us have neighbours, too, who are

not churchgoers but who shine as good people. It is said that no matter how small a space someone makes for God in life, God makes the most of it.

When Jesus criticises a group of people for behaviour or attitude he is not necessarily going after that particular group. He is rather addressing each one of us and referring to the tendency we all share of failing to do the good we wish to do. This is a universal tendency. It includes Pharisees, communists, right wing extremists and ordinary people. No matter how exemplary our upbringing of our children may have been, or is, the fact remains that there are so many destructive factors in our society which can undermine our influence.

The desire for security based on shopping, consumption and human status, together with individual problems such as complacency or lack of confidence are dilemmas most of us know only too well. Drug addiction is another tragic problem. One aspect of our abiding hope about life is that God is full of surprises and ready to be surprised by us!

It is a great blessing to hear the word of God and then do it in faith. Is this achievement due to our virtue or thanks to the grace of God and his mercy? We cannot know this. It is one of the mysteries of life. However, we as churchgoers are called to try to make the Christian Faith as attractive and understandable as we can. It is wise to remember that we are, quite possibly, the only tangible signs of Christianity which people may see or hear. Our aim is to grow closer to Jesus so that we become more like him in daily life. We hope to live as Good News ourselves.

Profession of 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 for the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13: 1-23

"Listen! A sower went out to sow...."

The seed of Your kingdom is forever being sown
into our lives, our world, O God.

Sometimes the seed takes root and thrives
At times the seed fails to find a place to grow.

And so we pray...

Today like every day there are people who are desperately hungry for seed of life - a slice of bread or a handful of rice or a cup of clean water.
Loving God, hear the cry of human need and give us ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts to understand.

Today like every day there are people hungry for the seed of justice and truth – the falsely accused and wrong convicted, and those imprisoned for religious and political conviction. Loving God, hear the cry of human need and give us ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts to understand.

Today like every day there are people hungry for the seed of righteousness as they live with serious systemic injustices of rejection and discrimination perpetuated in our Australian cities and rural communities and in cities and communities around the world. Loving God, hear the cry of human need and give us ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts to understand.

Today like every day there are people hungry for the seed of compassion – those who are frail and fragile, those who carry hidden frustration and sorrow, those who are lonely and fearful. Loving God, hear the cry of human need and give us ears to hear, eyes to

see and hearts to understand.

Today like every day there are many longing for the seed of comfort and solace – those who are dying, those who mourn the loss of a loved one, those whose hearts bear heavy burdens, those who are locked in and locked down. Loving God, hear the cry of human need and give us ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts to understand.

And today we pray for ourselves that
when life makes us hard and resistant like a well-trodden path
where old habits, old systems and old patterns of thinking,
keep us from seeing and hearing what might be;

when we become so immersed
in the short-lived, shallow, rock-hiding soil of the moment
where life too easily gets blown away by the wind;

when our fears, insecurities, desires and self-absorption
tangle like thorns around Your grace and choke it into silence;

we may re-live that moment
that moment we first pushed down roots and stretched out into the light,
and in remembering that moment,
may we know this time - now, this place - now, is our place to be - sown for this season
and may we wonder –
what marvels will occur.

The seed of Your kingdom is forever being sown
into our lives and our world, O God.

May your seed find good soil,
may it flourish
and may it produce a harvest of life.

Hear our prayers
In Jesus name we pray
Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.

The image shows a musical score for a chant. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Your word is a lan-tern to my feet and a light to my path. path." The word "lan-tern" is hyphenated. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with the instruction "(last time)" written above the final measure.

WGRG the Iona Community, 1995

When all is prepared, the Priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Father,
your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.
Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God,
creator and ruler of the universe.

You watch over the faithful, O Lord:
those who keep your word.
They are like trees, planted by streams of water;
they yield fruit in due season,
and prosper in all things.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

You sent Jesus Christ into the world to save us,
to sanctify us in the truth.

Still, Christ prays for us,
to guard and protect us from evil.

We belong to Christ,
and in Christ we belong to you.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
Jesus took bread and gave you thanks,
saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat:
this is my body which will be given for you.'

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.'

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, unite us with Christ
and with your church in all the world.

Keep us faithful in all that we say and do.
Fill our hearts with your truth,
so that we may testify to the good news:
that you have given us the gift of eternal life.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour against us:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the bread, saying –

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung –

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

All receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be administered in one kind only.

Communicants are asked to approach the Priest in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83.4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

or

John 6.57

Whoever eat my flesh and drink my blood
remain in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Living God,
in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn



**The Word of God is source and seed;
it comes to die and sprout and grow.
So make your dark earth welcome warm;
root deep the grain God bent to sow.**

**The Word of God is breath and life;
it comes to heal and wake and save.
So let the Spirit touch and mend
and rouse your dry bones from their grave.**

**The Word of God is flesh and grace,
who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.
So dare to be as Jesus was,
who came to live and love and die.**

Delores Dufner OSB b. 1939

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERVICE TIMES IN JULY 2020

Sunday	10 am	Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir
Tuesday	12 noon	Angelus; 12.10 Mass (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)
Thursday	12 noon	Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass <i>in the language of the BCP</i> (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am.

On Tuesday 21 July, the celebrant at the 12.10 pm Mass will be Bishop Denise Ferguson, on the 1st anniversary of her consecration as a bishop in the Church of God.

Wednesday 22 July is St Mary Magdalene's Day. There will be Sung Mass at 6.15 pm.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Graeme. Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

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The Magdalene Centre

A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's St John's Halifax Street, St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church
or delivered to the Magdalene Centre after 12 noon, Monday to Friday.

Goods for the Bargain Centre are not able to be accepted at the present time owing to Covid-19 restrictions.

Donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

The Collective of St Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene is not presently able to provide the Saturday night Drop-In meal owing to Covid-19 restrictions. Pray for all those who have received the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship elsewhere.

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In addition to being present at times when the Church is open, Fr Graeme is also available to speak by phone on Tuesday & Thursday between 2 and 3 pm; and on Wednesday & Friday between 11 am and 3 pm. Phone 8357 6799.

In an emergency, please contact Fr Graeme on 0411 693 472

Next Sunday – The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 28.10-19a • Romans 8.12-25 • Matthew 13.24-43

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the Covid-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to racist violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees and asylum seekers. Pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Paul, Valerie, David, Sim and John. Pray for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.
✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.