

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

19 July 2020

Hymn



**You are before me, God, you are behind,
and over me you have spread out your hand;
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too high to grasp, too great to understand.**

**Then where, Lord, from your presence shall I go,
and from your Spirit, Lord, where shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven you are there,
and still are with me if in hell I lie;**

**and I should take my flight into the dawn
or if I dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me evermore.**

**Search me, O God, search me and know my ways,
try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
keep me from any path that gives you pain,
and lead me in the everlasting way.**

Ian Robertson Pitt-Wilson 1923-95

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 53.6, 8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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.

Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 28.10-19a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 139 1-11, 23-24

℟. You, Lord, created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways. **℟.**
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it. **℟.**
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also. **℟.**
- 8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me. **℟.**
- 10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',
- 11 The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike. **℟.**
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.
- 24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting. **℟.**

Second Reading

Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set

free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Cf Matthew 11.25

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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 put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Possibly one of our most common mistakes and sins is our strong tendency to judge other people. The parable before us this week is about the Weeds (darnel) and the Wheat. One of Jesus' purposes in telling this parable is to encourage us to be more inclusive in our thinking and in our attitudes to others.

The weeds begin to appear among the wheat in field. The advice given is to let the weeds be in the field – allow them to flourish along with the wheat then at harvest time the two will be sorted out. As Jesus explains the parable is about good and evil co-existing in the world. It is not always easy to tell the difference between darnel and wheat because their roots may be intertwined beneath the surface of the soil.

Possibly this is a parable about the power of the Kingdom of God. In other parables Jesus explains how yeast transforms dough to make a loaf of scrumptious bread. So all people will have it in them to be changed by God. This is remarkably inclusive talk by Jesus. We are so inclined to judge people of whom we disapprove and we consign them to wherever for good. – get them out of the way or throw the key away.

Jesus tells that it is much more important for us to get on with our mission in life than to waste time and energy judging other people. It is appallingly daunting to think of the damage which has been done by Christian people over the years. They have succumbed to the temptation to be judgemental.

Most people throughout the world long for the same things, many of which we are blessed in Australia. Before we judge people who try to migrate to Australia, for example, we can try to imagine being in their shoes, facing their dire problems and underneath it all longing to live peaceably with opportunity – say, in Australia. It must be an enormous challenge to leave one's home and friends to live elsewhere. Just as children and parents can be tearful when children leave home to live elsewhere – be it suburb, another state or another country. These tears are shed as people leave their homes and friends in other countries too. We share with them immense difficulties and challenges in life.

This parable counsels patience when dealing with other people we dislike. Be tolerant and patient as the owner is with the weeds and wheat in his field. In time wonderful change and development can happen.

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

*Called together as a family of faith from every time and place, we are bidden to pray.
That we might share our mutual concerns, and offer the secrets of our hearts, let us pray.
That your will may be done here and throughout the world, let us pray, saying **most
loving God, hear our prayer.***

We pray for the church. That she may bring your word of life to all those who are overwhelmed, despairing or lonely, we pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation, and our sister parish of St Andrew's Kiyosato. That we might grow into the mystery of your life among and within us, and tend to each other with patience and mercy, we pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. That nations will come to co-operate for the betterment of all, and leaders choose that which brings life, we pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community and for all in the healing professions, that those who search for cures and those who attend the sick may be strengthened for their tasks, we pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needy. That we may lighten their load, and, with all institutions of relief, be insistent in our care for them, we pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and the dying. That all who have asked for our prayers may know your healing power and that those who die today may not die alone, we pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all mourners, that those who grieve the coming of death may come to know your eternal life, we pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the Saints in glory, especially Mary Magdalene, Andrew, and all those whom we have known and loved, who though dead, are alive in Christ. We pray saying: **most loving God, hear our prayer.**

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.

Theme I
1. The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.
2.

Theme II
1.
2.

The themes may be sung separately or together, in unison or in canon.

Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

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

O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through 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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

You sent him from heaven to take our flesh:
born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
he was revealed as your Son.

He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might break the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim 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.

Holy and gracious God,
accept our sacrifice of praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
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.'

In remembrance of his death and resurrection,
with this bread and this cup,
we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon the celebration of your Church:
gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries,
filling them with your Spirit and confirming them in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory
through Jesus your servant.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit, in the holy Church,
now and for ever. **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

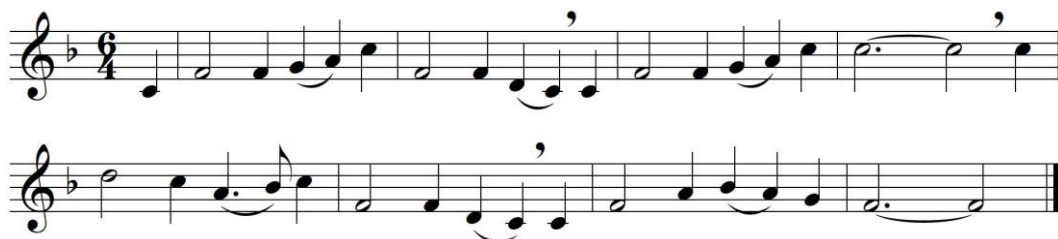
Ps 110.4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion

O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn



**The reign of God, like farmer's field,
bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined
till harvest is complete.**

**Like mustard tree, the reign of God
from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of every feather come
to nest, and there be fed.**

**Though hidden now, the reign of God
may, yet unnoticed, grow;
from deep within it rises up,
like yeast in swelling dough.**

**The reign of God is come in Christ;
the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts,
the reign of God is near.**

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.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest, Shop 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000
BSB 305 122, account no 0324654. Reference: Your name

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, 26 July, at 10 am – The Patronal Festival

Readings: Song of Solomon 3.1-4a • 2 Corinthians 5.14-21 • John 20.1-2, 10-18

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.