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SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



TODAY'S READINGS **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 29. 15-28

Ps 105. 1-11

Romans 8. 26-39

Matthew 13. 44-58

Preacher: Canon Kevin Stone

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 32. 22-31

Ps 17. 1-7, 16

Romans 9. 1-8

Matthew 14. 13-21



Having tricked his older brother out of his birthright, Jacob is himself tricked. Having served Laban for seven years on the understanding that he would be allowed to marry Laban's younger daughter, Rachel, Jacob finds that the veiled woman he went to bed with was in fact Leah, the older sister, not nearly as pretty in Jacob's eyes.

Complaining, Jacob is forced to hear Laban saying that giving the younger daughter in marriage before the first is not the done thing. Jacob then works for another seven years in order to enter into a (polygamous) marriage with Rachel.

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HOW DO I CONTINUE MY FINANCIAL SUPPORT to the Cathedral during this time of CRISIS?

The easiest and best way is by setting up your giving ELECTRONICALLY. It is easier than you may think and releases you from REMEMBERING each week/fortnight to 'GIVE'. If you need assistance please contact Pamela Shaw (our Treasurer), her details are on the back of the pew sheet. She will assist you.



A Prayer for St. George's Cathedral, our sister church in Jerusalem

Our God, as you nurture the Body of Christ in different places, we ask your blessing for our sister church, St. George's. In difficult times, may your Spirit sustain, guide and protect your people there. Bring joy to them as they witness to your presence. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

TREASURER'S UPDATE...

I am pleased that more of you are giving by direct banking.

It is very important I keep you mindful of the importance of regular giving, as your contribution to our Parish enables our Clergy and Creditors to be paid and keeps us on track to be a vital resource of Christian presence in our community.

Although our giving is still below the pre-closedown figure, by depositing online you are assisting a great deal.

For those who are more comfortable giving via envelopes I am happy to collect them so please contact me, my details on the back page.

Just keep giving by whatever means suits you, weekly OR fortnightly helps enormously.

Like you, I am looking forward to the time when we can worship together again, hopefully not too far away.

Pamela Shaw

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

COLLECT

O God, the fount of wisdom,
 you have revealed to us in Christ
 the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
 grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
 that, in the midst of the things of this world,
 we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
 and be ready to renounce all else
 for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis Chapter 29 beginning at 15th Verse

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?'

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.'

So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD

PSALM 105 Verses 1-11

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.

Exult in his holy name:
and let those that week the Lord be joyful in heart.

Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.

Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.

For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.

He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,

The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance',

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans Chapter 8 beginning at 26th Verse

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
 we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ST.MATTHEW
Chapter 13 beginning at 44th Verse

GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

INTERCESSIONS

Prepared by Helen Rainger

Our God, we acknowledge your presence in our lives and in our world. We hold before you a world in need, a need not imagined just a short time ago. Our hearts reach out to the people behind the statistics. We also pray for those in places where violence may be close at hand at this time, in homes, in political situations. May light shine where there is "darkness".

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Here we are, our God, your people living out the good news that you are our God and that you care for us. You have led us to search for and find, the riches of your kingdom. We think of congregations around the world taking first steps to come together in "the old way". Give us wisdom at this time. May we continue to be the Body of Christ showing your love to a world in need. And as you nurture your Church in different places, we ask for blessing for our sister church St.George's in Jerusalem. In difficult times, may your Spirit sustain, guide and protect your people there.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Our God, we know that people suffer in so many ways. We call upon your strength; that your Spirit may give nurture and guide people and governments towards the right strategies in this COVID world.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Our God, we join with those throughout the ages who have worshipped you. We know, as others have known before, that nothing can separate us from your love. May we seek your presence continually.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Accept these our 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 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



We're all in this together!

At our last Wardens' Meeting, we decided on a *tentative* schedule for the gradual reopening of the Cathedral.

In accordance with State Government and the Diocese any plan needs to include assurances about the following:

- All types of gatherings need to have a written Covid Plan prepared in advance.
- All attendees at any meeting or service will need to record their contact details before entering. These details are kept confidential for a period of time.
- *Social distancing* will need to be observed while entering/leaving the buildings, as well as outside. A plan of the Cathedral with appropriately distanced seating has been prepared and each seat will be marked with one or two people per pew, alternatively.
- Hygiene - Participants are encouraged to use hand sanitiser or wipes as they enter and all surfaces will need to be sanitised after each service or meeting.
- Appropriate signage needs to be displayed.

Here is a tentative schedule for our opening.

1. **Opening of Cathedral to visitors—**
 - a. Covid Plan - completed
 - b. Training of Guides - completed
 - c. From **Monday 13 July**, for visitors, as guides are available
2. **Reopening Sunday Services**
SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 8AM & 10am
 - a. Covid Plan - completed
 - (i) Seating Plan - organised
 - (ii) hygiene (1) hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes provided for your use (2) Cleaning of seats
 - (iii) Appointing a '*Distancing Supervisor*'

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(iv) Registration. All attendees are required to complete contact details. We will make it easier for each by providing list of "*regulars*" at both our 8am and 10am services and you simply **TICK** your attendance.

- b. Cuppa after 10am (Social distancing seating completed)
- c. Tentatively aiming for **Sunday 2nd August**

3. Office

Covid Plan - already implemented

4. Markets

a. Covid Plan

- (i) Training of volunteers
- (ii) Handling of money
- (iii) Markers for Distancing
- (iv) Signage
- (v) Appointing *Distancing Supervisor*
- (vi) Separate Entrance and Exit
- (vii) hygiene
 1. Providing hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes
 2. Cleaning of some items
 3. Customers to pack own bags

B. When? Within the next couple of months

5. Other Small Gatherings - such as:

Wardens, Cathedral Council, Mothers Union, Study Groups, etc

- (a) Covid Plan
- (b) When, available from now (book through Office)

We need to recognise:

1. Situations may change any day, including returning to "lockdown", so any decisions are provisional
2. We need to be cognisant of the fact that almost all in our congregations, in one way or another, are members of a *vulnerable group*.
3. No community singing is possible at this stage, so also no choir. One person singing at a distance is possible.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the clergy.

NB: Weekly Online Services and weekly delivery of pew sheets will continue.

May God bless you all and keep you safe. Dean Phillip



In preparation for opening on Sunday 2nd August we are having a "working bee" on **SATURDAY 1st AUGUST at 11am.**

One of the tasks we need to do before we can open for worship is to prepare the heritage pews to be disinfected.

In light of this we will gather at 11am to apply bees wax polish to the pews in the area where congregational members will sit.

Pamela Shaw is overseeing this project as she has a working life of experience in this field of restoration/preservation of "timber".

We need as many people as possible to assist in this task. Gloves will be provided. **11am SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST** Please come and assist

CATHEDRAL REOPENS

Great news, we are now open to the public everyday, subject to volunteer guides. Our aim is to open 10am-4pm so if you would like to join the small team please consider this very important ministry. Speak to Fred Rainger or phone him on 48215725

**SUNDAY SERVICES recommence on
SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020
8am and 10am**



Covid-19 Regulations will be in place. Each person attending will be required to complete "personal contact details" (albeit, for regulars simply TICK your name on the PREPARED sheet).

SOCIAL DISTANCING SEATING will be in place so please sit as directed (a sign on the pew indicates place to sit). Wardens will direct the receiving of Communion, please follow their directions.

Sadly, there will be NO CHOIR at 10am Service (as directed by NSW Govt), so NO SINGING at either Service. We will at least be worshipping together and seeing each other once again, for that we should be grateful .

REMEMBER: All these arrangements are SUBJECT TO CHANGE in this time of uncertainty.

DIARY 2020

August 1 11am: Working bee in the Cathedral

August 2 8am & 10am SERVICES RESUME in the Cathedral

At this stage there still will be NO MID-WEEK SERVICES.

August 13th: 2pm MU Mary Sumner Day service in the Cathedral.

**WE HAVE JOINED THE ELECTRONIC AGE!!
TAP & GO, TAP & STAY & PRAY !!**



TAP POINT DONATIONS: Another way of contributing to our Cathedral is by using the newly installed "Tap Point" ... positioned at the entry to the Cathedral, you simply tap your Visa/Mastercard and donate by \$10 increments. This, we are hoping will encourage visitors to our Cathedral to show their appreciation and the importance of maintaining the ministry of the Cathedral to our community. Give it a try when next you are in the Cathedral OR use it regularly.



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HOME COMMUNIONS

CELEBRANT: (N), we send you out to share Communion with those unable to come to Church.

PEOPLE: May you carry the prayers of our Cathedral community as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

CELEBRANT: May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in Christ. AMEN

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