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FEAST OF ST LUKE, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR

18th October 2020

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 19th 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 20th 11.00am Outdoor Service St Augustine's (ONLY 10)
2.00pm Parish Council via Zoom
WED 21st 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
7.30pm Southern Region Synod Briefing via Zoom
THURS 22nd 5.00pm Next week's worship material available
FRI 23rd 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
SAT 24th 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
Rev'd Jo's Day Off
SUN 25th Outdoor Services (ONLY 10 per service)
St Philip's 10am; 12pm; 2pm Prayer Praise Proclamation - PEACE
St Paul's 4pm
Worship at Home - www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT the REGIONAL ROADMAP for REOPENING

Regional Victoria is now in Step 3 toward COVID Normal we are able to worship outdoors in groups of 10. Bishop Richard advises that outdoor services can include Holy Communion.

St Philip's - Held outside the Emmaus Room book with Michaela 0400 134 449 or 5956 8174

St Paul's - book with Sandy 0449 594 737

St Augustine's - book with Ida 0468 374 356

Worship resources are also available at www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org; from your Care Group Leader or from the table at St Philip's, Cowes.



We meet for worship on the lands of the Bunurong people and wish to acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Let's Worship Together This Week

GREETING – The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Sentence – Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Prayer of the Day – Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (please use your own Bible or www.biblegateway.com)

Reading 1 Jeremiah 8:22-9:3

²² Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

9 O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

² O that I had in the desert a traveller's lodging place, that I might leave my people and go away from them!

For they are all adulterers, a band of traitors.

³ They bend their tongues like bows; they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, says the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-18

All creation praises you, O Lord:

And your faithful servants bless your name.

They speak of the glory of your kingdom:

And tell of your great might,

That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:

And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:

And your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord upholds all those who stumble:

And raises up those that are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you in hope:

And you give them their food in due season;

You open wide your hand:

And fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

The Lord is just in all his ways:

And faithful in all his dealings.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him:

To all who call upon him in truth.

Reading 2 2 Timothy 4:9-17a

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹² I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵ You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gospel Luke 10: 1-9

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 10 beginning at verse 1; **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

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

SERMON (Available at www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org Click Play on the picture to start)

When I turned up the lectionary this week I was delighted to find that on Sunday 18th October the church celebrates the Feast of St Luke, Evangelist and Martyr. As with many of these great festivals of the church there are a number of symbols attached. The wearing of red is just one. We wear red for a saint because of its association with the fire and passion of the Holy Spirit who came upon the disciples at Pentecost. Red has also developed an association with martyrs to express their ardour for Christ and the shedding of their own blood at their martyrdom often in very cruel circumstance; some early writers have said that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.



St Luke's emblem is the winged ox. Each of the four Evangelists has such an emblem. A lion for St Mark, an angel for St Matthew, an eagle for St John and in the case of St Luke a winged ox this is because his gospel commences with the account of Zachariah executing the priest's office before God (Luke 1: 8 KJV) a reference to making the traditional temple sacrifice of an ox.

Luke is also known as St Luke the physician. His careful and precise description of diseases is reflected in his gospel. In Colossians 4:14 St Paul calls Luke the beloved physician. No doubt Paul referred to Luke as 'beloved' for a great many reasons including his faithfulness to him on his missionary journeys and for Luke's caring and inclusive attitude toward the sick and helpless, to men and women, to the poor and the outcast, the Jew and the Gentile alike. For this reason St Luke is the patron saint of doctors and surgeons.

Perhaps many you are sick of hearing about COVID 19 and who could blame you. So many are sick, so many struggling with their mental health, so many are suffering abuse, hardship, pain, loneliness, and grief not least of all those who are suffering the loss of a loved one to this dreadful virus. Into this sickness and suffering comes St Luke the physician bringing a message of hope. As an evangelist his first task is as one sent out to labour in the kingdom of God and to announce the good news of our Saviour Jesus Christ; as a physician by profession Luke writes about the mission of those sent out by the Lord (Luke 10:1-9) including in his account Jesus' instruction to

...cure the sick who are there, and say to them,
'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

But perhaps more importantly are Jesus' instructions to say:
'Peace be to this house.' (Luke 10:5 KJV)

We can find ourselves feeling like there is little peace in the world at this time but, we can find peace when our hearts are turned toward God. We can know peace even in the midst of struggle and heartache and sickness, be that of the mind or the body. As you sit in your house today why not imagine St Luke coming to visit you with these words – Peace be to this house.

Our reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy describes Luke staying with Paul in Rome. Paul is very low physically and emotionally. Paul, in this last letter to Timothy is well aware that his time on earth is nearly spent. He is lonely ('all have deserted me.' he says), imploring Timothy and others to come to him soon but only Luke is with him. We might understand Paul's mental state to be a kind of depression. One thing is sure he understands what it means to feel alone, to feel empty, powerless and abandoned.

What helped Paul most in those days was the companionship of Luke and the knowledge that the Lord stood by him to strengthen him.

We might feel lonely and abandoned especially when we cannot see people we love because of 'lock-down' but, we can draw strength from the Lord who is never absent, who is never lock-out of our lives even by COVID 19. Psalm 145 reminds us that God is faithful and just

and that God's kingdom is ever present particularly in the midst of our suffering. The Lord upholds us in our struggle.

As the psalms says;

The Lord is near to all who call upon him in truth.

(Psalm 145:18)

Some may feel that God has deserted the people of earth and left us alone to suffer this year of COVID 19. The psalms are full of references to God's faithfulness particularly in times of trouble. The work of Jesus on the cross is the ultimate expression of God's enduring faithfulness to us and to the earth. The prophet Jeremiah speaking for God, as prophets do, reminds us that even in suffering, God cries out for health and healing for his people.

Is there no balm in Gilead? He asks.

Gilead - a fertile region was famous for its balm which people believed had healing properties and which they used extensively in the making of medicines. Is there no balm well clearly there was plenty of balm but God is frustrated and deeply concerned that his people are sick and impoverished with nothing, not even the balm of Gilead to relieve their suffering.

Is there no physician? God cries.

Again there are plenty of doctors and yet the malaise remains.

This sounds a bit too familiar in our context. We are searching for answers and longing for a vaccine even so the pandemic continues to harm us in so many ways not least that people are gravely ill and some die. God's response is to cry; to weep with a flood of tears described in the chapter 8 of Jeremiah as a spring of water and a fountain, weeping day and night. Far from leaving us to fend for ourselves God is in this with us, weeping for us day and night; crying out for a vaccine, crying out for physicians.

Given our present situation of suffering and illness; an illness that does affect the whole person - physically, mentally and spiritually it is St Luke the evangelist and martyr who can remind us that God's kingdom is always breaking into this world as we pray 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

St Luke reminds us that now more than ever God is with us, crying with us, and reminding us to seek peace in the midst of our sufferings.

The example of St Luke reminds us to be kind and compassionate to all who are sick and helpless, to men and women, to the poor, the outcast and the lonely.

He reminds us to pray for our medical professionals, who are working so hard; who put themselves at great risk and who see into the faces of those who are sick and dying from Corona Virus.

He reminds us to pray for medical scientists who are seeking a vaccine.

And perhaps most importantly he reminds us that we are strengthened by the God who cries out in pain with us and for us.

Let us pray

Compassionate God, we cry with you for all those who are sick, lonely, helpless, poor, we cry with you for those who are sick with Corona Virus.

Compassionate God, we pray for our medical professional asking for your protection and your strength for them.

Loving and compassionate God, we thank you for the example of

St Luke. Help us to care for all sorts of people and play our part in restoring health and wholeness.

Amen

A TIME OF PRAYER prepared by Rev'd Dr John Wright (sit or kneel)

Jeremiah asks why there is no healing ointment in Gilead;

Why has no new skin grown to cover the wounds of the ill?

Would that my head were a spring of water,

My eyes a fountain of tears,

That I may weep day and night for the suffering and dying of my people.

Ever present God,
Be with us in our isolation, Be close to us in our distancing, Be healing in our sickness,
Be joy in our darkness, Be wisdom in our confusion.
Help us all be responsible in the things that we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus;
Bring comfort to those grieving loved ones who have died,
And peace to those worried, fearful and uncertain.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We also pray for governments and authorities who are developing strategies to contain and deal with the virus;
We pray for the scientists and medical experts attempting to develop the healing balm which to counteract this virus.
We pray for those in the health services who may be risking their own lives to care for the sick.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you inspired Luke, the physician to give an account of the life of Jesus and the beginnings of our church; to proclaim the love and the healing power of your Son; to detail the humanity of Jesus, and his compassion for all people.
Give your Church grace through his teaching to strengthen the afflicted, Heal the desolate, And bind up the broken-hearted.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Jesus, the crucified,
Let not our feet take us from suffering to the other side of the road;
Keep us, with Luke, helpers, healers and bearers of hope.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Father God,
Many people die from lack of proper medical facilities each day.
Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly from these sins against your love, and gather them to your eternal kingdom of peace.
We especially pray for those countries lacking proper facilities to cope with the pandemic, and for all medical charities which are all doing their bit.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Creator God,
At this, the end of the Week of Prayer for World Peace, we give you thanks for the way that people of many faiths have prayed together for a common aim.
We pray that the Prince of Peace may overcome the foibles, jealousies and hatreds of and within humanity, Raising before you the countless places and populations who have never enjoyed the peace that we here in Australia take for granted.
Jesus said: "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be known as the children of God".
Focus world leaders to strive for peace, be it in Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Austria or Australia.
May peace begin with us, In our homes, with our families and friends as we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Faithful God as we depart this service after hearing the Gospel and uniting through the wonders of technology, May we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Know the fire that burns in every heart touched by the risen Christ in our midst.
Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Accept 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 for ever. Amen.**

Prayer



Hymn suggestions:

Among us and Before us Lord you Stand TIS 259

God When Human Bonds are Broken TIS 683

Lord Jesus Christ lover of all John Bell

<https://youtu.be/TpTacRtQKQ8>

THE SENDING OUT

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**



PRAYER PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION – PEACE

Sunday 25thOctober

EXTRA TRADING FOR MARY TALBOT ROOM Oct. 29, 30, 31st

Help needed for plants, produce, raffle and COVID Safety.

Calling All COOKS and GARDENERS *please bring your donations to the Mary Talbot Room, San Remo from Wed. 28 through to Sat 31st Oct.*

Please contact Rev'd Jo to volunteer.

Offertory

Thank you for your weekly offering it is much needed. During this COVID-19 period and post COVID-19 your offering can be made by either:

- Placing in the offering bowl at any church service. Use plain envelope if preferred
- Regular or one-off contributions can be made by internet banking to the Parish bank account, name: Anglican Parish Bass/Philip Island, BSB: 633 000 / Account Number: 169 629 797
- Visit any Bendigo Bank branch and deposit cash or cheque to Anglican Parish Bass/Phillip Island BSB: 633 000 / Account Number: 169 629 797. Please put on deposit slip: "Offertory" or "Donation" indicating your usual congregation
- If in Cowes, drop your offering in the donation box at St Philip's, Cowes (located outside the front door of the Church)

Helpful websites

Sunday by Sunday there is a simple service online for you to follow.

This material will be available via our website www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org.au or Facebook www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes

Please pray for:

Rene Foulkes, Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, John Shields,
Rev'd George Sansom, Shirley Broad, Kath Kent, Kate
Durkacz, Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall; Sylvia Williams; Les
Ridge

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please tell Rev. Jo