135TH ANNIVERSARY

OF ST PETER'S SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME) 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024





ST PETER'S BOX HILL 博士山聖公會聖彼得堂 ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Preparing for Today's Eucharist

Gospel: Peter's Declaration of Faith and Jesus' Reply (Mark 8:27–35)

This passage is a key moment in Mark's gospel. Up until this point, we've seen stories that highlight people's growing awe at Jesus' character, goodness, and authority. Yet, even his closest disciples haven't fully understood what this means. Then, Peter suddenly realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One sent by God, whom everyone has been waiting for. However, Peter still doesn't grasp what this truly implies. Jesus isn't a political leader who will crush all opposition and make everything easy. Instead, he begins to teach his disciples that the path to true fulfillment involves suffering. Jesus repeats this message three times, but each time, the disciples fail to understand: first Peter, then the disciples arguing over who is the greatest, and finally, the two sons of Zebedee, who ask for special honours. Each time, Jesus emphasizes that following him means being ready to take up the cross. We, like those early disciples, are often slow to learn this lesson, reacting with shock and resistance when we face suffering.

Ouestions for Discussion and Reflection:

- 1. Consider who you believe Jesus is. How complete is your understanding? Can we, like Peter, sometimes be guilty of thinking we know better than Jesus?
- 2. Consider why you follow Jesus. Does it help to remember these reasons when following him involves sacrifice or suffering in some way?
- 3. Jesus speaks of 'carrying your cross daily' and 'losing your life for Jesus and the gospel'. What does this mean for you? Remember Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to help us live the Christian life.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN 611 TUNE 142

SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

GREETING

The Lord be with you. And also with you!

SENTENCE

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.

Mark 8.35

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

"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."

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (THE 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT

Let us pray.

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer for St Peter's Parish

Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

This passage talks about the sufferings of the just man whose task it is to teach people the ways of God. He is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-9.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 116:1-9 NRSV

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

The snares of death encompassed me;

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple;

when I was brought low, he saved me.

I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling.

I will walk before the Lord:

in the land of the living.

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SECOND READING

St James tells us a very important message: faith without good works is dead.

A reading from the letter of St James 2:18-26.

But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 583 verses 1-3 before the Gospel

GOSPEL (Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. (*Gal* 6:14)

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark 8: 27-38.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN 583 verses 4 & 5

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, each in our preferred language.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION please kneel/sit

Almighty and everlasting God, on this joyous celebration of the occasion of our 135th anniversary of St Peter's Box Hill, we pray to you.

For the group of parishioners who began Anglican services in a small brick church on the corner of Frankcom Street and Whitehorse Road in Box Hill in 1883.

We give you thanks and praise.

For Bishop Field Flowers Goe, who laid the foundation stone on this site on 18 September 1889, and for the transportation of the little church to this location that same year. **We give you thanks and praise.**

For all the parishioners who worked tirelessly to raise funds, generously shared their time and talents, and organised the building and upkeep of the church and vicarage, for the rebuilding, extension, and renovation of this church in years past.

We give you thanks and praise.

For all the clergy who have led and pastorally cared for the people of this parish over the 135 years.

We give you thanks and praise.

For the continued offering of traditional Anglican liturgical worship and the gift of beautiful liturgical music in this community.

We give you thanks and praise.

For the welcome, and pastoral care and fellowship that people have received when they have entered this place and joined this worshipping community.

We give you thanks and praise.

For the offering and receiving of the sacraments and rites, including the Eucharist, baptism, confirmation, weddings, and funerals.

We give you thanks and praise.

For the preaching, teaching and learning of Holy Scripture.

We give you thanks and praise.

For the encouragement and opportunities to develop a daily prayer life and personal growth in faith. **We give you thanks and praise.**

As we continue to enrich our worship so that all may experience the joy of praising You. We pray for your guidance O Lord.

As we continue to build an intergenerational, inclusive and multicultural community. **We pray for your guidance O Lord.**

As we seek new ways to love and serve within our diverse community and beyond, **We pray for your guidance, O Lord**.

As we continue to find ways to bring people to Jesus.

We pray for your guidance O Lord.

We remember with affection and gratitude those past parishioners.

May they rest in Peace.

Let us join together in praying St. Peter's Parish Prayer together:

Almighty and Everlasting God, who has gathered us at St. Peter's to worship you in the beauty of Anglican liturgy, grant that we may nurture faith in our diverse community and share your love with all people.

May we serve with compassion and grace, reflecting your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

[Let us pray.]

We do not presume

to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We are all very much influenced about us, by what others think and say about us. We all like to be well-thought of by others. There is a danger here. We might make popularity the goal of our lives. And we might forget the only thing that matters - the reality of who and what I am. (Pause).

No matter what others may think of me, God thinks well of me, because I am his child. Each of us can say that. Therefore, let us ask his pardon for our sins, especially those of pride and vanity.

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 ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 183

The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (ORDINARY TIME)

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen. THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

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.

BREAKING THE CONSECRATED BREAD

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.

AGNUS DEI

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.

THE INVITATION

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over chest.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

DISMISSAL HYMN 242



Parish Link Notices & Information

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Years Mind

John Lines, Ted Watson, Eric Collins, Christine Miller, Madge Jamieson, Orm Johnston, Margaret Hart, and Nellie May Stuckey, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayers for the Church

The Church of Nigeria (Bp Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba); Holy Trinity Hastings (Timothy Anderson); The Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Jeremy Greaves, Asst Bps John Roundhill, Sarah Plowman, Cameron Venables); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Bruce Bickerdike); Pastoral service: Geelong Grammar School (Abp Philip Freier); All Saints' Ascot Vale (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Andrew's Corio-Norlane (Bp Brad Billings); St Luke's Frankston East (Bp Paul Barker); Confirmation and reception at St Paul's Cathedral (Bp Paul Barker).

Prayer of the Week

O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	1 Corinthians 11.17-33	Ps 40.6-11	Luke 7.1-10
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12.12-31a	Ps 100	Luke 1.11-17
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13	Ps 33.1-5	Luke 7.31-35
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Ps 118.14-19	Luke 7.36-50
Friday	1 Corinthians 15.12-20	Ps 17.6-13	Luke 8.1-3
Saturday	1 Corinthians 15.35-49	Ps 56.8-12	Luke 8.4-15
Sunday	Jeremiah 11.18-20	Ps 54	Mark 9.30-37

STEWARDSHIP

If you have not already done so, it is important to please return your **stewardship form now**. We are very grateful to all those who have already given time and thought to help our parish.

WINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Only a few more days to till our Wine Drive finishes. It is easy to order online through Prospect Wines on the online ordering website. **Box Hill Anglican Church - Prospect Wines fundraiser** See Hilary if you have any queries: Phone 9899 7553 or 0400 635 600.

TRAINING SESSION Sunday 22nd September

There will be a training/updating session run by Fr Victor on Sunday 22nd September following our 9.30 Eucharist for those currently serving in the roles of Acolytes and Crucifers and more especially for those interested in becoming servers.

2025 ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

These are now available to order via Michele Mitchell – Contact on email; themitchells01@bigpond.com or mobile: 0408 531 045. The cost this year is \$15 each. They make wonderful Christmas presents as well as one for your kitchen/study.

THANK YOU

Big thanks to Elizabeth Burton's grandson, James, who worked on the repair to the driveway last week.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Church choir notice mistakes (never our church choir!):

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."



OUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

Mission Statement

At St. Peter's, we celebrate Anglican liturgical worship, nurture Christian faith within our diverse community, share God's love across all communities, and serve with compassion and grace to all people.

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach.

ROSTER	Today 15.09.24 10.30am	Next week 22.09.24
SIDESPERSON	Barbara P	Sandra L
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Michele M, Kim C	Michele M, Elizabeth B, Kim C
READERS	Dianne A, Jeff G	Edwin C, Hena P
INTERCESSOR	Marly F	Judy J
COUNTING	Elizabeth B, Hilary B	Charles B, Garry P
MORNING TEA	Cecilia, Margaret R, Jan G, Jenny F	Barbara P, Keith W, Dianne A

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards 1800 135 246

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Week Ahead

SUNDAY 15.09.24

10.30am Eucharist
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

MONDAY 16.09.24

Ninian of Galloway, bishop (d. c.432) Vicar's day off 6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft* 6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, hall 9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

TUES 17.09.24

Hildegaard of Bingen, Abbess & spiritual writer (d.1179)
8.30am-12.30pm Office open
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, hall
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

WED 18.09.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, Kindergarten
10.30am Eucharist
10.00-11.30am Tai Chi, hall
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, Undercroft
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

THU 19.09.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall* **6.30-9.00pm** Sudanese prayer group, *church* **9.30pm** Evening Prayer on Zoom

FRI 20.09.24

8.30am-12.30pm Office open **9.00-11.00pm** Sudanese Bible study, *church* **9.30pm** Evening Prayer on Zoom

SAT 21.09.24

John Coleridge Patterson, martyr (d.1871) 10.30am-1.30pm Sat School (holidays) 9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUN 22.09.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist11.30am Mandarin service2.00pm Dinka service, *church*9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

For the Diary

September 28 MAP meeting 2.00pm

September 29

Creation Sunday Michael and All Angels

October 6

Blessing of the animals

October 27

Shoebox Sunday (Boxes available from Jan)

November 8 & 9 Parish Market, *hall*

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