

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS (27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME)

6TH OCTOBER 2024



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Preparing for Today's Eucharist

Introduction

Today we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, who was born into wealth but chose a life of charity and simplicity. He founded the Franciscan Order, emphasizing poverty and service, and saw God's work in animals and nature, becoming the Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment. We give thanks for his life, and during this service, we bless our pets in gratitude for their love and for God's creation.

Gospel: Gospel: Trust in God's Care (Matthew 6:25–33)

In this passage, Jesus seems to be saying, "Tell me what you worry about, and I'll tell you who your master is." If you're consumed by daily concerns, they control you. Jesus makes it clear: you can serve either God or money, but not both. When guided by faith in God, everyday worries lose their grip.

Jesus also reminds us that God, the creator and sustainer of life, cares for all creation. If He provides for birds and flowers, He will certainly care for people made in His image.

Jesus refers to God as "your Father in heaven," combining the closeness of a parent-child relationship with God's perfect, all-powerful nature. God knows we need food, drink, and clothing, and while we should work to provide for ourselves and others, hunger exists because of human greed, not God's failure.

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Reread today's Gospel passage but imagine Jesus speaking directly to you. Does what Jesus is saying affect the way you feel? In what way? What do you need to do?
2. How do we know what God requires of us in practical terms? And how do we keep our priorities right?

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 100 verses 1,2 & 8

SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

ST PETER'S PARISH PRAYER

**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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY / 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

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

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even unto death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 2:24-31.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

PSALM 8 APBA

1 O Lord our Governor: how glorious is your name in all the earth!

2 **Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.**

3 You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,**

5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?

6 **Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.**

7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,

8 **All sheep and oxen: and all the creatures of the field,**

9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.

10 O Lord our Governor: how glorious is your name in all the earth!

GRADUAL HYMN 607 verse 1, refrain, verse 2, refrain

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew 6:25-33.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 607 verse 3 only (no refrain)

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *please kneel/sit*

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

We thank you, Lord.

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

We thank you, Lord.

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

We thank you, Lord.

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

We thank you, Lord.

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

We thank you, Lord.

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

We pray to you, Lord.

That we may love and honour all your works, O God;

We pray to you, Lord.

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

To the honour and glory of your name, now and for ever, we pray to you, Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF EACH PET (INDIVIDUALLY)

N., (name of animal) may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and (the name of the owner) enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

THE PEACE

With all animals around the throne, we bless the Lamb of God.

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

Let us share the peace of the Lord with one another, and our animals.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN The Butterfly Song *on sheet*

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 (Great Thanksgiving 5) ()

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 thanks and praise.**

Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight. You have given it to us to care for, so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God, **we give you our thanks and praise.**

We thank you that when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us, and bring us back to you. He showed us how to love you and set us free to love and serve one another. Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and from you. He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust. Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who believes in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, saying:

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

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, 'Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, 'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith)

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

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 own 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 擘饼

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION

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 the chest.

COMMUNION HYMN 564

<h2>THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE</h2>
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Please all stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints forever. 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!**

May the Most High glorious God, enlighten the darkness of your heart, give right faith, sure hope and perfect charity, fill you with understanding and knowledge that you may fulfil his command; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the 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 135



Parish Link Notices & Information

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Tue & Fri 8.30am – 12.30pm

St Peter's, 1038 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Vicar: Rev'd Victor Fan

Years Mind

Jessie and Arthur Cale, Joan Wiltshire, Fr David Orange, and Walter Kuhn, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayers for the Church

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (Archbishop Nathan Ingen); City on a Hill East, Malvern (Nicholas Coombs); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Shelford Girls' Grammar (Katrina Brennan, Principal); Pastoral services: St Augustine's Mont Albert North (Bp Kate Prowd); Holy Trinity Williamstown (Bp Brad Billings); Holy Trinity Williamstown (Abp Philip Freier); St Matthew's Wheelers Hill (Bp Paul Barker); St Aidan's Strathmore – Reception service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Stephen & St Mary's, Mt Waverley - Commissioning Service (Bp Paul Barker).

Prayer of the Week

O God, your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child: help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart, so that we may receive your blessing and enter the kingdom your Son has promised; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Readings

Monday	Galatians 1.6-12	Ps 111	Luke 10.25-37
Tuesday	Galatians 1.13-24	Ps 139.13-18	Luke 10.38-42
Wednesday	Galatians 2.1-14	Ps 117	Luke 11.1-14
Thursday	Galatians 3.1-5	Song Zechariah	Luke 11.5-13
Friday	Galatians 3.7-14	Ps 111.1-6	Luke 11.15-26
Saturday	Galatians 3.22-29	Ps 105.1-7	Luke 11.27-28
Sunday	Amos 5.6-7, 10-15	Ps 90.12-17	Mark 10.17-31

LECTIONARIES. Thanks to those who have emailed the office with a request for a 2025 lectionary. There are still some copies available at the reduced cost of \$14. I will let you know when the order arrives at the office.

WINE DRIVE

This fundraiser ends soon. The special offer of buying 6 to 11 bottles for 10% off, and buying 12 or more bottles with 25% off, continues until October 10.

[Box Hill Anglican Church - Prospect Wines fundraiser](#)

2025 ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

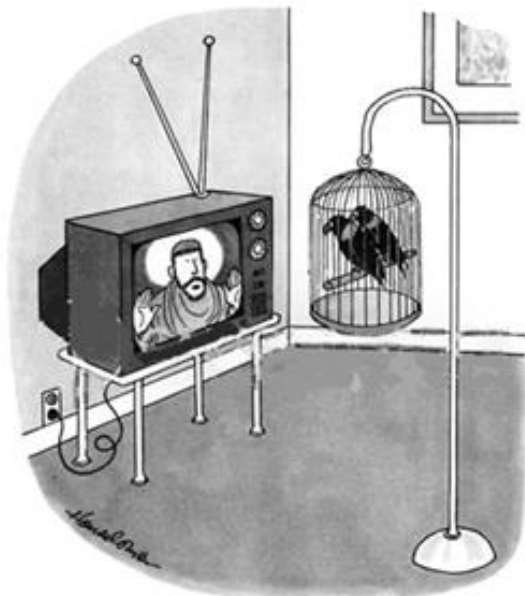
These are now available to order via Michele Mitchell – Contact on email; themitchells01@bigpond.com or mobile: 0408 531 045. The cost this year is \$15 each. They make wonderful Christmas presents as well as one for your kitchen/study.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

When packing boxes, don't forget that ALL packaging must be removed as countries where boxes go don't have facilities to dispose of rubbish. This includes toothbrushes which should be packed away from soap, and wrapped in washer if putting one in. Also don't forget the freight cost. If you are concerned with putting cash in box or credit card details then you can give cash to Jan who will make the payment. Thank you for your participation. Finished boxes can be brought on Shoe Box Sunday or earlier.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

A Jesuit and a Franciscan sat down to dinner, after which pie was served. There were two pieces of pie, one small and the other large. The Jesuit reached over and took the larger piece for himself. The Franciscan remonstrated, St. Francis always taught us to take the meaner piece." The Jesuit replied, "and you have it."



The St. Francis of Assisi Show

ROSTER	Today 6.10.24	Next week 13.10.24
SIDESPERSION	Rob K	Martin and Jennifer F
SERVERS	Michele M, Rosemary S, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>
READERS	Kim C, Laurence L	Hilary B, Aby A
INTERCESSOR	Marly F	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Rob K, Hilary B	Elizabeth B, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Laurence L, Lyn B	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M

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.

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
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Week Ahead

SUNDAY 6.10.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*
2.00-7.00pm Sudanese group, *hall*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

MONDAY 7.10.24

Vicar's day off
6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*
1.00-6.00pm Sudanese group, *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

TUES 8.10.24

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 9.10.24

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

THU 10.10.24

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

FRI 11.10.24

8.30am-12.30pm Office open
6.00-8.30pm piano concert, *church*
9.00-11.00pm Sudanese Bible study, *church*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SAT 12.10.24

Elizabeth Fry, prisoner reformer (d.1845)
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, *U'croft, hall*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUN 13.10.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

For the Diary

September 30 - October 28

Vicar on leave

October 6

Blessing of the animals

October 9-12

Synod

October 27

Shoobox Sunday
(Boxes available from Jan)

November 8 & 9

St Peter's Market, *hall*

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