



## Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7am: Holy Communion

*(Hymns: 7am TIS 459, TIS 650, vv.1-4, MP760, TIS 228)*

Sunday 9am: Family Communion (also streamed via ZOOM\*)

*(TIS 821, JP 94, TIS 135, JP 292)*

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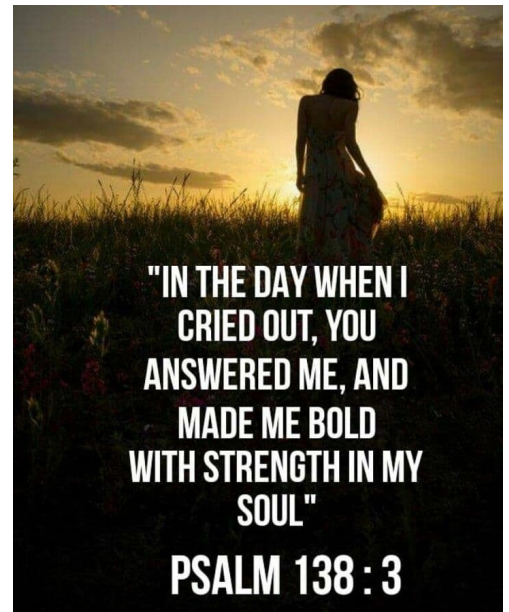
Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

*Mark 3.34-35*

*Rev'd Timothy writes...*

Our psalm today, which we will use at both the 7am and 9am service, is a psalm of praise. Like many such psalms, there are vows to praise God, there are references to the poet's motivations for praising God and there is the ardent hope that eventually all the earth and all the kings and peoples of the earth will learn to praise Israel's God as well. Like most psalms the specifics are not mentioned, which makes these ancient prayers capable of becoming also our own prayers today – we can fill in the specifics from our own lives. This is why the Hebrew Psalter has long been the Prayer book for Jews and for Christians alike, and why so many of our great hymns are based on psalms. It is precisely because these psalms are general enough to be adaptable to most any time, person, place, and set of circumstances.

So when we say (or sing) a psalm, think of it as a prayer. What are you bringing to the Lord? Here, in vv.1-3, what are thanking God for? In vv.4-6, what are your (godly) desires? And in vv.7-8, in what areas of your life are you seeking help or reassurance?



**"IN THE DAY WHEN I  
CRIED OUT, YOU  
ANSWERED ME, AND  
MADE ME BOLD  
WITH STRENGTH IN MY  
SOUL"**

**PSALM 138 : 3**

**TODAY**



**MUSIC SUNDAY 2024**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2:30pm**

**St Luke's Anglican Church, Ekibin**

Join us for a sing and bring some afternoon tea to share afterwards with a cup of tea or coffee.

Hymns will be led by our organist and our band.

This is a fellowship event, so just come and sing some well-known hymns with others who enjoy singing. Words and music will be provided.

The Big Hymn Sing is an initiative of



## Family Service for the 2nd Sunday of the month

Today, Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> June) we will be trialling a new initiative on the second Sunday of the month.

Instead of Children's Church, the children will be part of our main service and will be involved in leading many parts of the service. The music will be 'child friendly' (but not all Children's songs!) and there will still be an adult sermon and Communion. It will be inclusive for all ages, and so a great day to invite your family to join us.



## Readings for Third Sunday after Pentecost

### *First Reading (7am only)*

A reading from the First book of Samuel

<sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup> and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' <sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, <sup>7</sup> and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

<sup>10</sup> So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots.

*1 Samuel 8:4-11*

### *Psalm 138*

<sup>1</sup> I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
even before the gods will I sing your praises.

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:  
because of your faithfulness and your

loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.

<sup>3</sup> At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
and put new strength within my soul.

<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
for they have heard the words of your mouth;

<sup>5</sup> And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:  
that the glory of the Lord is great.

<sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:  
and he comprehends the proud from afar.

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of danger,  
yet will you preserve my life:  
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will complete his purpose for me:  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
do not forsake the work of your own hands.

### *Second Reading (7am and 9am)*

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians

<sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—  
we also believe, and so we speak,

<sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also  
with Jesus, and will bring us with you into

his presence. <sup>15</sup> Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

### *Gospel Reading*

A reading from the gospel of Mark

Then Jesus went home; <sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How

can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup> 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— <sup>30</sup> for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' <sup>33</sup> And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

*Mark 3.20-35*

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## Unanticipated Vulnerability

Leadership is a daunting task. Responsibility upon responsibility is overwhelming, and the desire to accomplish often threatens what is best for those whom we lead. It is natural to look at the examples of our heroes, but authentic leadership comes when the Holy Spirit guides us. Leadership is redefined when we follow first.

1 Samuel 8:4–11, (12–15), 16–20, (11:14–15) Israel is in a tenuous position; she is at odds with the waning, but current, leadership – and with God. The populist movement seeks to follow the pattern set forth by the surrounding nations. Despite Israel's rejection of God's plan for leading them, grace is extended. The people get their way, though God delivers a warning through Samuel. A king is chosen, and Israel moves forward as a monarchy.

The times are changing. The leaders have agreed that the government must change and have chosen a revolution of sorts against the existing order. Those living through moments of change, fear, anxiety, and insecurity often live side-by-side with hope and excitement. In this way, this change in Israel's history is no different than any other. It comes for better or worse; often, it is both.

Though the united monarchy does not appear to be God's initial plan, God allows its creation and, working through it, eventually anoints David from whose lineage comes Jesus.

In contrast to the selection from 1 Samuel, Psalm 138 praises God's divine leadership. Through it, the psalmist rejoices in God's unwavering guidance through every aspect of life. The psalm sheds light on the nature of God's leadership through notes also heard in the Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) and Psalm 23.

God turns human social order on its head and is in the trenches when the walls are so high that to see over them is but a dream. God's model of leadership is from the ground up. This is not consistent with human forms of control.

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 What does it mean that we "carry Jesus' death around in our bodies so that Jesus' life is also seen in our bodies"? (2 Corinthians 4:10, CEB) Certainly, there is much to unpack even from that single verse, but perhaps it is in part an expression of Christ's leadership from within. As the psalmist sings of God's willingness to enter the depths of our despair, so, too, does God enter our very souls, guiding us in and toward life. In dying to ourselves, we are raised in Christ so that the Spirit of God leads in all we do.

Mark 3:20–35 The dinner table is crowded, one person is stirring the pot again by talking about politics and religion, and the family is embarrassed! Only here, that person is Jesus, and the discussion focuses on the reign of God. Jesus leads by teaching, and it points to his divinity. Jesus' discourse on blaspheming the Holy Spirit connects the person of Jesus to the Spirit of God. From this, Jesus says that all who do

the will of God are his family, not only those with whom he was raised. This larger circle indicates a willingness to disrupt human constructs and boundaries for the sake of a picture of the reign of God that includes all people. Again, we are presented with an example of God's Spirit leading in ways that are subversive to human expectations.


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The mark of God's leadership seems to be a reversal of human ways. What does that reveal about your perspectives on leadership? Where do you see God's upside-down work in the world?

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## Parish Study: The Creeds

Our next session of our study looking at the Creeds is this week:  
11<sup>th</sup> June at 10am or 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.



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## For our Prayers

### *Prayer for the day*

Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The World*

Pray for those trying to negotiate a ceasefire in Gaza, amidst continual air and ground strikes; for those seeking to deliver humanitarian aid to the region; and for a pathway to a lasting settlement.

### *Anglican Communion*

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### *Our missionary partners*

Leichhardt Chinchilla Anglican Mission Area (supported by the Bush Ministry Fund)

### *Our parish*

Pray for those participating in our new format service at 9am this Sunday.

### *Local Schools & Colleges*

St Elizabeths Primary, St Agnes Primary, Red Hill Special School

### ***Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed***

Ryan, Jocelyn Hawes, Peter F, Peter Pressdee, David F., Jan Moody, Robyn and Maxine McElnea, June McNicol, Rita Johnson, Sharon L., Margaret Sheehan, Don Rennie, Georgina Crawford, Glenda, Sue, Liz and Angie Lockhorst, Rev'd Shane Hubner, Robyn Maxwell.

### *From the Parish Book of Remembrance*

9 June: Louisa Simpson; 10 June: Francis Roderick Cameron, Trevor Bertram Johnson; 11 June: Ronald William Catlow; 13 June: Florence Ball, Alice Helena Clarris; 14 June: Jessie Ethel Cole, Edna Rose Soden, Brian Gilbert Spry (Deacon), Robert John Rayner, Stephen James Mendham.

The next delivery of goods to Care Force Inala Pantry will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. We have been collecting goods over the last couple of weeks, and the last day for donations to be taken this time is today, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you have non-perishable food items for donation, please leave in the basket at the back of the church, cash donations also taken. Please chat to Judy Moy or Sharon if you would like more information. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## 100<sup>th</sup> year planning

2025 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish (as well as the opening of our new facilities).

If you would like to be part of a group researching the history of the parish and planning celebrations for next year, you are welcome to a meeting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.



The Parish Sustainability and Environmental Group meets on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. All welcome.



## Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 11th June

1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

*(4th Sunday after Pentecost)*

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)

9am: Family Communion & Children's Church (St Luke's / Zoom)

*Readings: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 (\*), Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34*

## Bush Ministry Stall

The bush ministry stall is on today after both services.



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