



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 517, TIS 369, TIS 273, TIS 228)

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

(Hymns: MP 50, MP 375, Will you come and follow me (The Summons), TIS 231)

* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent .

Rev'd Timothy writes...

Last Thursday was Ascension Day. In many European and African countries it is a public holiday. This is illustrative of the importance of this final act in the earthly mission of Jesus. The Apostles Creed tells us that Jesus was born, suffered, died, rose and ascended.

The fifth century bishop Augustine of Hippo writes this of this day:

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: "If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth." For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Ascension Day is a reminder of the promises we have heard over the last few weeks from the gospel of John, that Jesus' return to the Father led to the coming of the Holy Spirit, and a new and profound way in which we can be in relationship with God.

(I tried to find a picture for Ascension Day which did not have Jesus' feet ascending like a space rocket...)



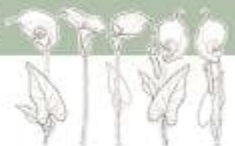
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Readings for 7th Sunday of Easter

As the Season of Easter moves toward Pentecost, this week's readings draw us into a time of waiting and prayer.

Acts 1:1–14 Jesus' ascension leaves the disciples between what they have known and what God will soon do through the Spirit; their response is to gather and pray.

Psalm 47 is a psalm of worship which, in its original context celebrated God as king, and then by the early Christians to celebrate the ascension of Jesus.

Ephesians 1:15-23 Here Paul gives thanks for the believers of Ephesus who had turned from their pagan ways to a life of faith in God.

Luke 24:44-53 The disciples here are in the in-between space, no longer seeing Jesus as he was, but waiting for the new reality.

First reading (7 am & 9am)

A reading from the book of Acts

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my

witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 47 (7 am only)

¹ O clap your hands, all you peoples:
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.

² For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is a great king over all the earth.

³ He cast down peoples under us:
and the nations beneath our feet.

⁴ He chose us a land for our possession:
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he
loved.

⁵ God has gone up with the sound of
rejoicing:
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.

⁶ O sing praises, sing praises to God:
O sing praises, sing praises to our king.

⁷ For God is the king of all the earth:
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.

⁸ God has become the king of the nations:
he has taken his seat upon his holy
throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples are gathered
together:
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the mighty ones of the earth are
become the servants of God:
and he is greatly exalted.

Second Reading (7 am only)

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord
Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to
give thanks for you as I remember you in
my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may
give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with
the eyes of your heart enlightened, you

may know what is the hope to which he
has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹
and what is the immeasurable greatness
of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great
power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in
Christ when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion, and
above every name that is named, not
only in this age but also in the age to
come. ²² And he has put all things under
his feet and has made him the head over
all things for the church, ²³ which is his
body, the fullness of him who fills all in
all.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Luke

⁴⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "These are my
words that I spoke to you while I was still
with you—that everything written about
me in the law of Moses, the prophets,
and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then
he opened their minds to understand the
scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it
is written, that the Messiah is to suffer
and to rise from the dead on the third
day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in
his name to all nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these
things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you
what my Father promised; so stay here in
the city until you have been clothed with
power from on high."

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany,
and, lifting up his hands, he blessed

them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:44-53

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Word for the Day

As we move toward Pentecost, today's reading from Acts 1 brings us into the moment of Jesus' ascension—a time filled with questions, uncertainty and wonder. The disciples have seen so much and still do not know what is yet to come.

Their response is simple and profound: they return to the room where they had been staying and devote themselves to prayer together. In this time between what has been and what is yet to unfold, we are invited to join them—to bring our questions, hopes, and our waiting, trusting that the Spirit meets us in our wondering and prayers.

Ideas for Reflection

Acts 1 shows the disciples in a moment when they do not yet know what is next. What kinds of 'in-between' seasons do we experience in our lives? What are the questions that you would ask Jesus if you had the chance? How might prayer sustain us in these 'in-between' not-knowing times?

The disciples still ask about the restoration of Israel (v. 6)—hopes shaped by their history and longing. How might our own expectations limit our ability to see what God is doing? What assumptions might we need to release?

V. 14 notes that women are present in this prayerful community only in general terms, yet women are fully part of the story. Who are the women in our communities who go unnamed or unnoticed, and how might we honour them more clearly?

The earlier believers 'devoted themselves to prayer' (v. 14). What do you think they were praying for? What prayers might be rising in us today?

Psalm 68 names God as a parent to the orphan and protector of widows. How does knowing God's heart for the vulnerable shape the way we pray and the way we act as a community?



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With Sarah Sweet and Chris Mulherin

When: Friday 29 May 7 – 8.30 p.m. followed by supper

Where: St Luke's Anglican Church, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi, QLD

University of Queensland astronomer Sarah Sweet and ISCAST executive director Chris Mulherin will lead a discussion of how the sciences and Christian faith can be meaningfully integrated. Sarah will give a visual presentation of some of her work as an astronomer and reflect on how her profession connects with her faith. Chris will then expand on the theme, showing how the relationship between the sciences and faith can be a harmonious one. There will also be books for sale and an opportunity to make a donation to the work of ISCAST. Supper will follow the discussion. This event is free.

Let Rev'd Timothy know if you would like to come to this and I'll add you to the RSVP for catering purposes.



For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever. Amen

The World

Continue to pray for peace-makers throughout the world.

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

The Diocese of North Queensland: †Keith Joseph; Clergy and People

The Parish of Gold Coast North: Stephan Prabu, Gary Smith, Don Campbell, Lynette Dunn, †Len Eacott, Roseanne Stower, Bill Doak, Martin Hunnybun, Medha Masoji
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The Southport School, Southport: Headmaster – Andrew Hawkins; Chaplain – John Dougherty; Chair of School Council – Adam Twemlow; members of School Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

The Church Missionary Society and missionaries sent from the QNNSW branch

Local Schools and colleges

Yeronga High, Mansfield High, Holland Park High, Mt Gravatt High, Brisbane State High

Our parish

Give thanks that the final requirements for registration have been met by Little Angels.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, David F, Sharon, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McEInea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

17 May: George Charles Croydon; 18 May: Constance Sacre, Maureen Shirley Meier; 19 May: Harry Ivor Noel Broughton, Beverley Lorraine Joan McLune; 21 May: William Thomas MacKenzie; 22 May: Leslie Abott, Allan Robert Hagerty; 23 May: Grahame John Bertram, Catherine Anne Wren

Children's Church

Children's Church continues each Sunday in term 2.

All welcome!



Church News June 2026

Please send articles and photos to Honor by 24th May 2026.

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Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Friday 22nd May

10.30am: Memorial service for the late David Miles

Sunday 24th May

(Day of Pentecost)

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Service with Holy Communion and on Zoom
(With Children's Church)

Readings: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:26-36, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, John 20:19-23

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