



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 111,vv1-3,5, TIS 143,vv1,2,5, TIS 231, MP 111, vv1,3,5,6)

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

(Hymns: MP 729, TIS 745, MP 1087, MP 1082)

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They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Rev'd Timothy writes...

As I read the gospel passage for this week of the storm at sea and of Jesus walking across the water to the aid of his disciples, the part that struck me was of Peter's response. He too walked on the water at Jesus' behest, but then, when he noticed again the storm, he began to sink. This brought to mind a video



illustration I used to use when I was teaching rheology at UQ. Rheology is the study of the flow properties of complex fluids which behave differently depending on how you attempt to move them. In this video there is a large pool of a starch/water mixture, and an intrepid student runs across the surface to much cheering of his peers. However when he stops running in the middle he begins to sink. The fluid is what is known as 'shear-thickening'; if you attempt to deform it rapidly (when the student ran) it acts like a solid, but if you move it slowly (when he stopped and only gravity affected the fluid) it will flow like a liquid. You can make something similar at home using corn flour and water and play with it!

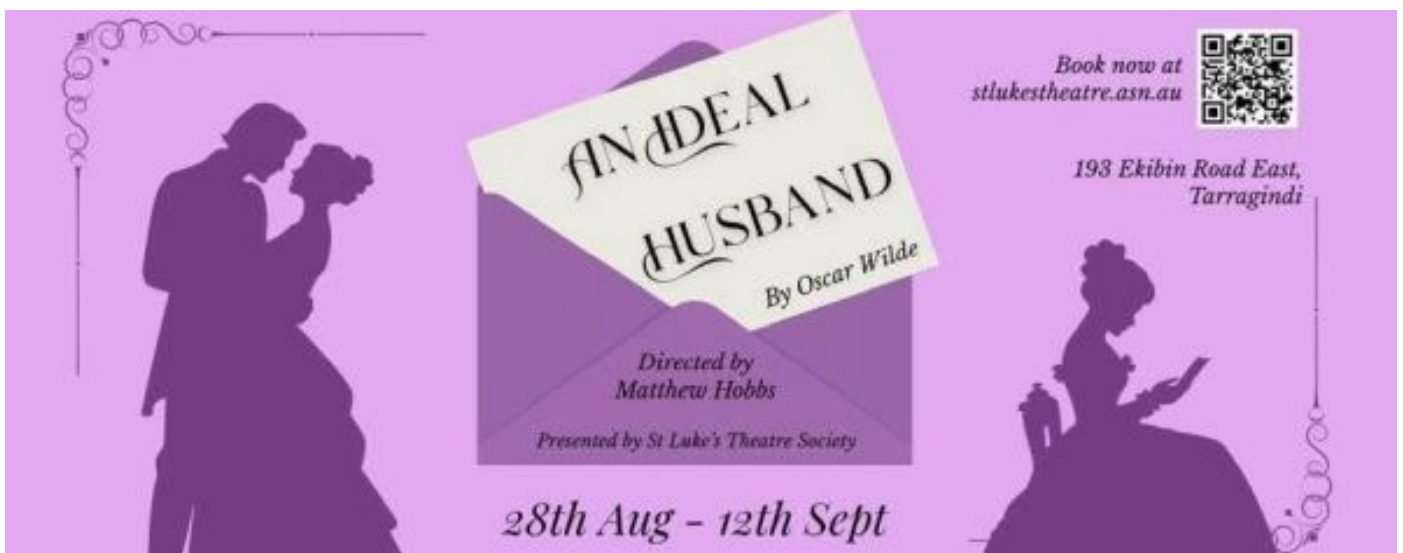
So, in the gospel story, when Peter kept his eye on Jesus, he was supported, but when he became distracted then he began to sink. An active attention is what was needed. Throughout the scriptures there is a call to look to God. The psalmist tells us:

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth – Psalm 121:1-2

And in our reading from the letter to the Romans, St Paul tells us that:

if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved – Romans 10:9

A hard ask maybe to keep it up, but at the end of the gospel story there is the assurance that if we fall, Jesus will be there to pick us up.



Readings for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28 Jacob's favouritism and Joseph's robe ignite jealousy that fractures a family. What begins as betrayal becomes the first step of a long journey and a hidden story of God's providence. How might God be at work even in moments that seem defined by harm or loss?

Psalms 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b is a joyful call to remember the ways God worked through Joseph's suffering to bring life and wisdom. Remembering becomes an act of trust in God's faithfulness across generations.

Romans 10:5–15 Paul argues that God's saving work is not distant or inaccessible but close. It is spoken, heard, and lived among ordinary people. Faith grows as good news is shared from one person to another.

Matthew 14:22–33 Before dawn, Jesus walks across the stormy waters, calling fearful disciples to trust. Peter's brief steps reveal both the courage and fragility of faith. What does it mean for us to step toward Christ in the midst of uncertainty?

First reading

A reading from Genesis

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I

will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of

their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

Psalms 105:1-6,16-22

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

² Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.

³ Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.

⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

⁶ O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.

¹⁶ Then he called down a famine on the land:
and destroyed the bread that was their stay.

¹⁷ But he had sent a man ahead of them:
Joseph who was sold into slavery,

¹⁸ Whose feet they fastened with fetters:
and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.

¹⁹ Till the time that his words proved true:
he was tested by the Lord's command.

²⁰ Then the king sent and loosed him:
the ruler of nations set him free;

²¹ He made him master of his household:
and ruler over all his possessions,

²² To rebuke his officers at will:
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say?

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Romans 10:4-15

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he

was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.³⁵ After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him,³⁶ and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Matthew 14:22-36

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Word for the Day

In the book of Job, we hear that God alone stretches out the heavens and tramples the waves of the sea (Job 9:8). This suggests that the image of Jesus as the wave-

trampler is significant. Jesus glides across chaos and disorder (the sea, in biblical symbolism, represents the forces of chaos). And in the midst of overwhelm and fear, Jesus says, 'It is I.' These are words that evoke the same 'I AM' name God offers to Moses. Peter is moved. Peter sees what Jesus is up to and wants to join in. Peter grasps that this divine life and presence carry significant implications for human lives, that by faith one can even participate in divine activity. Peter's steps on the water show both courage and vulnerability of faith. Trust opens the possibility of participating in God's activity, yet fear can quickly overwhelm us. Even so, Christ reaches out before we are overwhelmed by the waves. This whole episode evokes wonder and awe among the discipleship who worship Jesus as the Son of God.

Ideas for Reflection

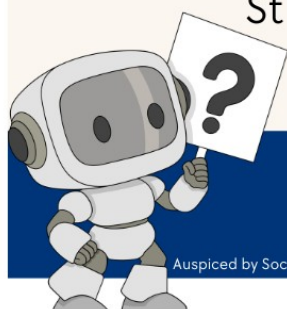
- Where might we be experiencing the 'forces of chaos and disorder' in our lives?
- What are the forces of chaos and disorder that exist outside of us?
- Which of these live inside of us?
- What are the ways God has become present in our lives in the midst of overwhelm or fear?
- How does recognising God's identity and presence in our lives change our perspective on our circumstances?
- Where might Christ be inviting us to step out in trust right now?
- What are the 'winds and waves' that might draw our attention away from Jesus at this time?
- How have we experienced Christ's grace during times of sinking, distractions, or failure?

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For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The World

Pray that negotiations in the Middle East will result in real progress towards a cessation of violence in the area.

The Anglican Communion

The Episcopal Church

The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn: †Mark Short; Assistant Bishop – †Vanessa Bennett; Clergy and People

The Parish of Woolloongabba: Rosemary Gardiner

FSG (Family Support Group)

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda: Principal – Toni Riordan; Chaplain – Gillian Moses; Chair of School Council – Stephen Green; School Council members; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Parishes in the western region (supported by the Bush Ministry Fund).

Local Schools and colleges

St Elizabeths Primary, St Francis Xavier, Red Hill Special School

Our parish

Give thanks for the ongoing work of the diocesan property team in bringing the defect rectification period for new buildings to a successful conclusion.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Scott L, Tim Vassella.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

9 August: Leslie John Pollard; *10 August:* William James Henry Miller, Margaret Marshall, Lee-Anne Jayne Todd, Rita Frances Mooney, Noela Karen Thompson; *11 August:* Richard Gilbert Harrison; *12 August:* Tod Walker, Lesley Nancy Rousseau, Valerie Margaret Teske; *13 August:* Maxine Farmer, Elsie Charlotte Hagerty; *14 August:* Kevin William Marshall, Shirley Ann Spencer, Fergus George Edwards; *15 August:* Walter Thompson.

Articles and photos for next **Church News**

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Sunday 23rd August 2026

Perhaps you would like to share some of your photos from the Parish Camp, please send to phlawler@optusnet.com.au

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Services This Week:

Thursday and Friday (only)

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 12th August:

1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis Salisbury

Sunday 16th August:

12th Sunday after Pentecost

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Communion at St Luke's
(with Zoom stream and
Children's Church)

*Readings: Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133,
Romans 11:13-32, Matthew 15:21-28*

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