



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 100,vv1,3,5,7, TIS 644, MP 428, MP 159)

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

(Hymns: MP 501, MP 666, TIS 517, MP 936)

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By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2.8–9.

Rev'd Timothy writes...

As we move through the story of Exodus we find the Hebrews, now rescued from slavery in Egypt, complaining. Yes, they are complaining of hunger, but it is more than that. Less than fifty days after their liberation, they are questioning God's goodness and slavery's badness. So God gives them another sign of God's



provision. They will not die of starvation or thirst – God will provide. But when the people go to pick up and make sense of God's provision, they name it 'Manna,' which means: 'what is it?'

Moses has to tell them: Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat" (Exodus 16:15). And this is where the perplexity of the Hebrews stands out. They would have been used to being given meagre rations by their Egyptian slave-masters, with little or no agency of their own. But God's provision is different. God provides the Manna, but the people have to work with God in the receiving. There are instructions for gathering just a day's worth at a time, and for having a Sabbath day of rest by gathering two-day's worth the day before. They don't quite know what this stuff is, but begin to learn that it is God's response to their plea. God provides, in God's way. It is not necessarily what the people might have expected (although their memory of their time in Egypt, where they "sat by the fleshpots and ate [their] fill of bread" (16:3) was probably looking back with rose-tinted sight).

We too are called to see God's provision in perhaps surprising ways, and to partner with God in moving forwards under his grace.

Rev'd Timothy and June will be on leave from 21st September to 7th October

Sunday worship will be led by Rev'd George Markotsis on 27th September and Ven. Valerie Hoare on 4th October.

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Readings for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2–15 In the wilderness, hunger quickly becomes fear: fear that there will not be enough, and that the future cannot be trusted. As God provides manna and quail, the people are invited into a new daily rhythm of receiving enough for today, without clutching at tomorrow. This story invites us to notice where fear makes us grasp, and where God may be teaching us to trust.

Psalms 105:1–6, 37–45 recalls God's faithfulness in the Exodus and calls the community to give thanks. In recalling the wonders of God, we may also recognise the unexpected 'manna' of our own lives: gifts that have sustained us, strengthened us, and helped us face what comes next.

Philippians 1:21–30 Writing from prison, Paul speaks of life held in Christ, whether in living or in dying. His words do not make suffering easy, but they bear witness to a purpose and a sense of belonging that suffering cannot take away. The passage invites us to consider what holds us when life is difficult.

Matthew 20:1–16 In the parable of the vineyard workers, Jesus tells of a generosity that unsettles ordinary ideas of fairness and reward. The story invites us to notice our own responses when grace is given freely to others. Can we rejoice in generosity, or do comparison and resentment rise with us?

First reading

A reading from Exodus

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on

other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the

Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Exodus 16.2-15

Psalm 105:1-6,37-45

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.

³⁷ He brought Israel out with silver and with gold:
and not one among their tribes was seen to stumble.

³⁸ Egypt was glad at their going:
for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.

³⁹ He spread out a cloud for a covering:
and fire to lighten the night.

⁴⁰ The people asked, and he brought them quails:
and satisfied them with the bread from heaven.

⁴¹ He opened a rock, so that the waters gushed:
and ran in the parched land like a river.

⁴² For he had remembered his holy word:
that he gave to Abraham his servant.

⁴³ So he led out his people with rejoicing:
his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

⁴⁴ He gave them the land of the nations:
and they took possession of the fruit for which other peoples had toiled,

⁴⁵ So that they might keep his statutes:
and faithfully obey his laws.
O praise the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for

your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1.21-30

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹ 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When

he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Matthew 20:1-16

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Word for the Day

In the world behind Jesus' parable, day labourers often lived with deep insecurity, waiting to be chosen for work that would allow their households to eat.

The parable offers a window into the generous heart of God and the life to which the church is called. The first workers have received what they are promised, yet they struggle to rejoice when others receive the same gift. Their grumbling reveals how easily comparison can turn 'enough' into 'not enough.' This is a mindset of scarcity that is at odds with the landowner's abundance and generosity.

The landowner's generosity unsettles a world built around status, reward, and deserving. Those hired last are not treated as marginalised and excluded, but as people whose lives and needs matter. In this story, the reign of God is not shaped by scarcity, rivalry, or anxious measuring, but by mercy, dignity, and a generosity that seeks the well-being of all. It is a reign defined by the free flow of divine love and mercy, where fellow workers can share in the joy of having work and enough to eat.

Alongside the wilderness story of manna, this parable invites us to notice where fear makes us hoard, where comparison makes us resentful, and where God is calling us into a freer way of receiving and sharing.

Ideas for Reflection

Consider the fear of 'not enough.'

- When do you notice anxiety about not having enough: enough time, money, recognition, energy, love, or security?
- How can this fear shape the way we see ourselves and others?
- What helps us receive what is given for today, without clutching at tomorrow?

Consider comparison and resentment.

- When have you found it hard to rejoice in good things given to someone else?
- How can comparison turn enough into not enough?
- What might help us celebrate generosity, even when it unsettles our sense of fairness?

Consider the community God is forming.

- How might the church become a place where anxious comparison is gently unlearned?
- What practices help us remember that our worth is not earned by productivity, status, or recognition?
- How might we share God's gifts so that others also have enough?

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Children's Church

Children's Church will take a break for the next three weeks over the school holidays.

Back on 11th October.

But children are always welcome at our services and there is always a Children's talk at 9am Sunday.



For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The World

Pray for the complex situations in the conflict areas of the world, that ways forward to bring justice and peace might be found.

The Anglican Communion

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The Parish of East Brisbane: Paul Bland, Cecilie Lander

Men's Sheds

West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin: Principal – Andrew Peach; Chaplain – Jane Markotsis; Chair of College Council – Bruce Sackson; 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

Families in our parish who are preparing to take a break during the upcoming school holidays.

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

26 September: Nance Beth Gants, Kenneth Frank Mooney, Hugh Jimmieson Polson, Joan Lavinia Budd Lyon, Brian Keith Hansen.

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Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 22nd September

1.30pm Holy Communion at Regis
Salisbury

Sunday 27th September:

18th Sunday after Pentecost

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Service with Communion
at St Luke's
(with Zoom stream)

*Readings: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 11-16,
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32*

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