



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 216, TIS 145, TIS 154, TIS 594)

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

(Hymns: MP 1267, TIS 135, TIS 100, vv 1,3,4,7, MP 691)

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This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

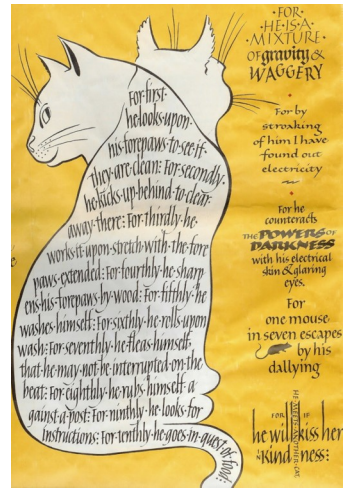
Isaiah 25.9

Rev'd Timothy writes...

This week we reach the final chapter of St Paul's letter to the Philippians, and with it the wonderful verse:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
(Philippians 4:4)

Paul was writing this letter from prison, so we might wonder what causes him to give this shout? We too, living in a world fraught with conflict on many levels might ask the same question.



But what St Paul is doing is both encouraging and reminding his readers. He is reminding them of their story of faith, of how they have experienced God in their midst, and of how that should characterise their relationships every day. He is reminding us that God is near, and because of this we can live our lives of faithfulness to the gospel values with joy.

Today, at the 9am service, we are giving thanks for the pets that accompany us, this reading is also appropriate. They are a sign that there is much to give thanks for, in the beauty of the natural world. The picture above is inspired by a poem that I will read at this service called "For I will consider my at Jeoffry", where the author (Christopher Smart, 1722-71) sees the act of praising God in the actions of his cat.

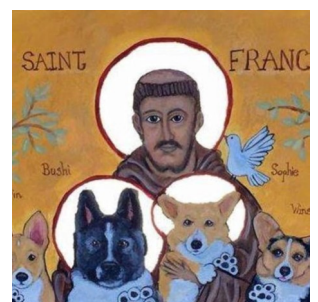
So we are encouraged, with the people of Philippi to:

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:9)

This week at 9am:

Bring your furry, feathered or scaly friends (or a photo of them if they can't/won't come!) and we will give thanks for them and their part in the web of creation and in our lives.

This service will not include communion (but the 7am service will be as normal, keeping the liturgy for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost).



Collect for St Francis

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the child-like and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1–14 While Moses is delayed on the mountain, the people's anxiety grows, and they make a golden calf: a god they can see, hold, and control. This story invites us to notice what we reach for when God feels silent or slow to act.

Psalms 106:1–6, 19–23 looks back at the golden calf with honesty, confession, and remembrance. It names the people's forgetfulness, as well as God's mercy and Moses' courage in standing 'in the breach.' As we reflect on this psalm, we might recall the sustaining grace and kindness that have sustained us through our own faltering trust.

Philippians 4:1–9 Paul encourages the community to stand firm not by denying but by bringing it into prayer and focusing on what is true, just, pure, pleasing, and worthy of praise. Where Exodus shows anxiety in seeking something visible to control, Paul invites us to receive the peace of God that guards hearts and minds. What might it mean to clothe our thoughts in prayer, gratitude, and peace this week?

Matthew 22:1–14 Jesus's parable of the wedding banquet is both extravagant and unsettling. The invitation is wider than expected, gathering 'both good and bad,' yet the story asks whether those who come are willing to be changed by the feast as they enter. As we listen, we might notice the distractions, refusals, and anxieties that keep us from receiving God's invitation and living in the way of grace.

First reading

A reading from Exodus

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁵ When Aaron saw

this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against

them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Exodus 32:1–14

Psalm 106:1-6,20-24

¹ Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

² Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?

³ Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.

⁴ Remember me, O Lord,
when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,

⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:

that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people, and exult with those who are your own.

⁶ We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.

²⁰ At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.

²¹ And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.

²² They forgot God who was their saviour:
that had done such great things in Egypt,

²³ Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.

²⁴ Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do

not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been

slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Matthew 22:1-14

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Word for the Day

It’s helpful to approach the parable of the wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1–14) not as a moral warning about worthiness, but as an invitation to discover our lives within God’s generous embrace. Jesus asks us to imagine the reign of God as a feast already prepared: abundant, joyful, and wider than expected. The invitation does not go only to the impressive or deserving, but into the streets, gathering until the hall is filled.

At the same time, the parable is not without difficulty. Some are too busy, distracted,

or resistant to come. Others respond with hostility. And the guest without a wedding robe reminds us that welcome is not the same as indifference. To enter the feast is also to be drawn into the life of the feast, clothed in grace, mercy, joy, and love.

Read alongside Exodus 32, the parable invites us to notice what happens when anxiety, impatience, or preoccupation pulls us away from the living God. The people in the wilderness reach for a golden calf they can see and control. The invited guests turn aside to other concerns. In both stories, God's invitation remains: come back, receive grace and learn to live as people shaped by trust and gratitude.

Ideas for Reflection

- Scripture often uses feasting as an image of God's welcome, joy, and promised future. Where have you experienced a table, meal, or gathering as a sign of grace?
- In the parable, some invited guests are too distracted or preoccupied to come. What kinds of busyness, anxiety, or self-reliance can keep us from noticing God's invitation?
- The invitation goes out into the streets and gathers 'both good and bad.' What does this suggest about the wideness of God's welcome? Where might our own welcome need to grow wider?
- The wedding robe is a difficult image. What might it mean, not as a test of worthiness, but as a sign of being willing to live in the spirit of the feast?
- Read alongside Exodus 32, where do we reach for things we can control rather than trusting the living God? How might our community become a place where people are not treated as objects of our mission but welcomed as fellow guests at God's table?

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Celebrate St Luke's Day

Next **Sunday 18th October** we will celebrate the feast of St Luke with a special service of Evensong at **6pm**, followed by supper. All welcome!

Officiant: Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson.

Preacher: Rt. Rev'd John Roundhill.



If you would like to join with our choir as part of the service, then come at **4pm** for a practice. A cup of tea will be provided for the singers at 5.15pm. Contact Brian Wood for more details.



For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The World

Pray for fair and just use of the world's natural resources.

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Burundi

The Diocese of Gippsland: †Richard Treloar; Clergy and People

The Parish of Indooroopilly: Sue Grimmett, Howard Munro, Valerie Hoare, †Rob Nolan, Richard Browning, Shane Hubner, Marian Free

Sudanese & South Sudanese Congregations in Anglican Church Southern QLD (ACSQ): Bishop Daniel Abot

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St Hilda's School, Southport: Principal – Virginia Warner; Lay Chaplain – Naomi Armstrong & Paul Alcorn; Chair of School Council – Wendy Henning; members of School Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Parishes in the Western Region (Bush Ministry Fund).

Local Schools and colleges

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

Our parish

Give thanks for the pets that share our lives.

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

11 October: Nancy Beryl Miles; *12 October:* Harold Eric Stanhope; *14 October:* Edward Harry Shaw; *15 October:* John Alexander Douglas; *16 October:* George Henry Harrison, Beverley Rosemary Soden; *17 October:* Vivian Louise Augustus Phipps, Joan Cole

Children's Church

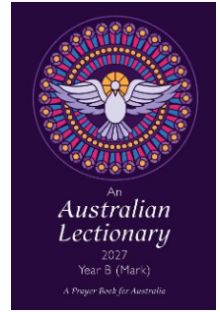
Today our children will remain in church with their pets for the service.

The Children's Church program for term 4 will start next week.



2027 Lectionary

If you would like a copy of next year's lectionary (tables of Sunday and weekday readings), we have some available for \$16. Contact Rev'd Timothy.



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**

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Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 13th October

1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis
Salisbury

Sunday 18th October:

St Luke's Day

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's
9am: Holy Communion & Children's Church (with Zoom stream)
6pm: Evensong (St Luke's Day celebration with Bishop John)

*Readings: Jeremiah 8:22-9:3, Psalm 145:10-18,
2 Timothy 4:9-17a, Luke 10:1-9*

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