



Pentecost 13

22 August 2021

Dear Friends,

In today's reading from John's Gospel, Jesus reiterates that he is the bread of life; in fact, the living bread.

Unlike the manna from heaven with which the Jewish people were fed in the desert when Moses led them out of Egypt, which sustained their physical life only, Jesus states plainly that he is spiritual bread from heaven, living bread from the Father that will give life everlasting to those who believe in him, believe that he

is the Son of God. Some of his followers cannot accept this teaching, knowing his family circumstances as they do and they leave him. When Jesus challenges the twelve disciples, it is Simon Peter who responds unequivocally "Lord, to whom can we go?" and states clearly "We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." Judas does not share Simon Peter's conviction and Jesus knows it is he who will betray him. He also knows that Simon Peter will deny knowing him three times before the crucifixion. Yet, Jesus loves them and will lay down his life for them - and for us - in fulfillment of God's plan for the redemption of all people, if they will only believe.

It has been good to talk to parishioners who have contacted me in these last few weeks and to know our continuing ministry is helping during these challenging times. "Thank You" sincerely to all who financially support our Parish with regular offertory to make our outreach possible. Please give regularly, according to your means, if this is possible. Offertory may be hand delivered to the Parish Office or sent by post: (St Luke's Church Mosman, PO Box 162, Spit Junction NSW 2088), or deposited directly into our bank account (St Luke's Church Mosman, BSB 032-291, A/C 810105). Or you can contribute your offertory via: <https://donorbox.org/st-luke-s-anglican-church-mosman-support> (type or copy and paste into your browser).

Please use the contact details on the back cover if you'd like to contact me. Blessings upon you and those whom you love. You are in my thoughts and prayers, as ever.



The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**

Fr Max

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel
The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards
Northern Region: Parishes of Ryde, West Ryde and Warringah Mission area;
Year 12 students sitting trial examinations
Local churches: St John's Uniting Church, Neutral Bay; clergy and people

Missions 2021

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;
Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,
The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;
The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Immediate Sick:

Jenny Willis

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner,
Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Robert Rowlands, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford,
Dorothy Bashford, Nancy Lovitt, Robert Alexander

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby,
Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson

The Prayer for the Day

Everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called them
each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 6.10-20

Paul wrote: “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.”

John 6.56-69

Jesus said: “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”



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