



Pentecost 19 3 October 2021

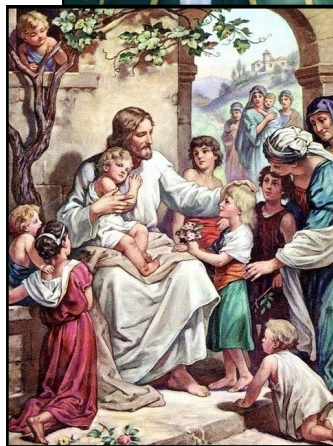
Dear Friends,

Our readings today from the Letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel of Mark, give us cause to take stock of ourselves and look at exactly who we are, human beings created from dust, whose purpose is to fill the world with glory and honour and praise for our Creator, God the Father. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we are reminded that we have fallen short of the high ideals God held for us, falling into sinful ways and not honouring the laws of the scriptures. Once again, in the reading from Mark, Jesus uses children as an analogy for the guileless love and obedience with which we should follow him in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and sit at the Lord's Table with all the saints, apostles and believers.

My heartfelt thanks to those of you who support the parish financially with regular offertory. It is the life blood of our continuing ministry in these difficult times. If you are able, please continue to give regularly, according to your means. 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 feel free to contact me, by email or phone; the contact details are on the back cover. You continue in my thoughts and prayers, always. Stay safe and well, confident that in a few weeks, we will be able to worship together in person, once again. Every blessing to you, your families and all whom you love.

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**



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 Belrose and Christ Church, Northern Beaches
Local churches: Mosman Uniting Church; clergy and people

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

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, Robert Alexander, Jenny Willis, Christine Hurford, Lynda Walker

People in Residential and Home Care:

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

The Prayer for the Day

O God,
your Son has taught us
that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child:
help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart,
so that we may receive your blessing
and enter the Kingdom your Son has promised;
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Mark 10.2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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