



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

3 July 2016

Sentence The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his
harvest. *Luke 10.2*

Collect

God, whose kingdom comes impossibly near:
share with us the authority that sets others free;
send us on the way of challenge and conversion;
reveal to us the vision of hatred falling from its throne in summer
lightning storms; through Jesus Christ, who empowers us. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

*Taken from the third major segment of Isaiah (the three were written in
different times and circumstances) this passage from the late 6th century looks
ahead to the restoration of Jerusalem. Those who mourn the city now, will soon
rejoice when true worship is restored.*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her,

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies. *Is 66.10-14*

Reader For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 66.1-8 APBA, page 286

This hymn of praise is a communal thanksgiving for all that God does for Israel, and invites the Gentile world to join in.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

Paul completes his letter with a summary of his key points. It speaks reads of grace from start to finish. Grace of the Lord Jesus, grace that reaches out and embraces the world, the sign of which is the presence and joy of the spirit. It is a message not only for the Galatians but for us.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule— peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. *Gal 6.7-18*

Reader May your word live in us,

ALL And bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel Acclamation

ALL Alleluia! Alleluia!

Anyone who welcomes me, says the Lord,
welcomes the one who sent me.

ALL Alleluia!

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you

Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At the heart of this reading is the creation of a new people: a people who recognise Jesus as God's true son, the Messiah, and a people who through the work of Jesus are coming to know God for themselves. The Church is to be a people who fulfil Israel's destiny; a people who see and hear what prophets and kings longed to see and hear and live in that truth.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.' At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.' *Luke 10.1-2, 17-24*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Bible Readings next week Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30.9-14 Ps 25.1-10 Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.23-37

Prayer for the Week O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pray for the Faithful Departed

We remember before God: Margaret Hooper, Mary Margaret (Peg) Blackman, William Green, Valda Konings, Eva Mary Reichardt, Frank Mansell, George (Warwick) Ramsden, Margaret Osmond, Mary Diane Gibson, John Giggins, Margaret Ilona Minchin, Prudence Julia Lanigan, Sheila Elin Joyce (Joyce) Wikkramatileke *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

Commemorations of the week.

July 6 John Fisher (1469-1535), bishop and martyr. John Bishop was an eminent scholar, Chancellor of Cambridge University and bishop of Rochester. He refused to accommodate Henry VIII on the annulment of his marriage to Catherine and subsequent marriage to Anne Boleyn, and was beheaded, and **Thomas More** (1478-1535) martyr, who like Fisher, clashed with Henry VIII. At his execution, he said that he was “the King’s good servant, but God’s first”.

Today we farewell Churchwarden Professor Sandra Legg AM who is moving to live in Sydney. Sandra first came to Melbourne around forty years ago and has lived in the United Kingdom before returning to Melbourne for many years. Now she is returning to Sydney to be near family and to rejoin a parish where her family connections reach back to the 19th century. We thank Sandra for her many contributions to our parish since the closure of Holy Advent Armadale and wish her very blessing as she settles into her new home and community.



An Afternoon with The Very Rev'd Greg Jenks
Dean of St George's College Jerusalem
St Oswald's Church, High Street, Glen Iris
Saturday, August 13th 2016 from 2.00 pm
RSVP August 6th
Irwin Faris, ifaris@optusnet.com.au
Afternoon Tea \$10

