



Sentence

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 2.89

Collect

Welcoming God, giving space for creation to return your love: make us apostles of the open table, a place of hospitality to challenge the world with the gift of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said,

‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place ‘The LORD will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’

Gen 22.1-14

Reader Hear the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 13, APBA p. 233

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no

means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom. 6.12-23

Reader May your word live in us
All And bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me 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 Matthew.

ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Matthew 10.40-42

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer for the Week

O God,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to suffer death upon a cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
delivered us from the power of the enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings next week:

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45.10-17

Romans 7.14-25 Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Pray for the Faithful Departed

We remember: Erich Mehrens, Thomas Percival (Tom) Pringle,
Margaret Hooper, Mary Margaret (Peg) Blackman, William Green,

Valda Konings, Eva Mary Reichardt, Frank Mansell, George (Warwick) Ramsden, Margaret Osmond, Mary Diane Gibson
whose anniversaries occur this week.

Commemorations of the week.

June 27 Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher (c. 376-444).

The most outstanding theologian produced by the diocese of Alexandria, Cyril defended orthodox faith against various disputed positions.

June 28 Irenaeus of Lyons, bishop and teacher (c.130-200).

The greatest theologian of the 2nd century and remembered for his opposition to Gnosticism a movement similar to the 20th century new age movement. He is honoured for drawing upon the insights of theologians of both the east and west and was the first great catholic theologian of the church.

June 29 Peter and Paul, apostles and martyrs. Both had key, though different, roles to play in the leadership of the church.

Peter became 'the rock' witnessing to Christ and Paul became the first interpreter of the gospel for Jew and Gentile alike. They have been remembered jointly on this day from the earliest times and were martyred in Rome c.63-65.

July 1 The Coming of the Light. The first missionaries came to the Torres Straits (1871). This annual festival celebrates the adoption of Christianity by the island communities. In July 1871, the Reverend Samuel MacFarlane, of the London Missionary Society anchored at Erub (Darnley Island) in the Torres Strait. He was accompanied by South Sea Islander evangelists and teachers. In defiance of tribal law Dabad, a Warrior Clan Elder on Erub welcomed the clergy and teachers. Torres Strait Islanders had been grossly exploited in the maritime industry. The missionaries provided some protection and assistance to Islanders.

