

ABORIGINAL SUNDAY

22ND JANUARY 2023



Sentence

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 1 John 3.17

Prayer of the Day

Spirit God. Creator of all. You gave us this Mother Earth to share.

Humble us with the grace to listen -

to listen with open hearts to the story of others, as we journey through this land together.

Unite us all -

all who drink of the same water and breathe of the same air.

For this we pray. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 58.6-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Healing [Psalm 51 (An Australian Paraphrase by Bruce D Prewer)]

In your dependable love, Lord, I find healing;
your unconditional acceptance removes my shame.

**I want to be washed clean,
to be made like new again.**

Excuses for my sins are no good;
my failure to love stands out a mile.

**Worst of all, my lovelessness hurts you;
what I fail to do for others adds to your pain.**

When I think of you suffering,
I quite justly feel most miserable.

**But you don't hold it against me;
you help me recover from my shame.**

Lord, I want to be remade deep down;
the current of life in me needs transforming.

**Lord, my feelings need purifying;
my attitudes and ideas must be reshaped.**

Above all things, Lord, don't ever leave me;
nor remove your saving Spirit from me.

**Help me to delight in you more than anything else;
in the liberty you give, may I stand up straight.**

Second Reading

1 John 3.16 – 24

A Reading from the First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 10.25-37

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him,

and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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