



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 9
25 July 2021

Hello Everyone! I hope that I find you well.

ZOOM Church - this Sunday at 10.30am

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9687959206?pwd=VzZOR3dIWwB4dTFZY1hQVTJjR3dKdz09>

Meeting ID: 968 795 9206 Passcode: 304651

Important Notice - AGM

We are hoping that the COVID Lockdown will end in time for our AGM. I am of the mind that we need to meet face-to-face for this important meeting. Therefore, if COVID Lockdown continues and/or there are significant restrictions on the number of people that can gather in the Parish Centre - WE WILL POSTPONE the meeting.

I hope that you will understand and we would appreciate people's flexibility on this matter as we seek to make sure that we are able to exercise good governance.

If you have any other matters to discuss - let me know. *Thanks, Rev*

Food for thought:

Richard Rohr writes:

What is called the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel (5:1-7:29) is called the Sermon on the Plain in Luke's Gospel (6:20-49). What we call in Matthew the Eight Beatitudes, we call in Luke the Blessings and Woes (four of each). Today we will look at the four blessings.

Blessed are you who are poor, for the reign of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Human One. (Luke 6:20-22)

In this chapter of Luke's Gospel, Jesus has just chosen his twelve disciples on the mountain. These are the very first words recorded that he says to them and to the great crowd that gathered, so they must be important. I think he's describing what the world would look like if people really followed him. He's giving us an upside-down version of reality that turns middle-class morality on its head.

Blessed are you who are poor.

What a strange thing to say! Does anyone really think today that the poor are blessed? I don't think so. Most of us are enthralled by capitalism and think it is the rich who are blessed. We have even turned the Gospel into a "prosperity" message—that if we have enough faith, God rewards us with financial success. That sure doesn't sound like what Jesus is saying here! Scholars teach that Luke was talking to a poor community, and so in this passage Jesus is affirming the poor directly. He doesn't soften things like Matthew does for his more well-off community by saying "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Blessed are you who are now hungry.

Jesus seems to be teaching that we need to choose at least a bit of dissatisfaction—which is the human situation anyway—so that we long for God. God alone is the One who will finally satisfy us.

Blessed are you who weep now.

Weeping doesn't sound like a very positive thing, but people who have gone through major grief often tend to be more compassionate, more forgiving and understanding. Somehow, grief softens the heart.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Human One.

Talk about an upside-down universe! I'm not happy when people hate me—and some people do hate me. Jesus is saying that we have to find our happiness somewhere other than in people's opinions about us. If we don't, it's just up and down, constantly assessing, *who likes me today?* If we want to build our life on a solid foundation, we need to base it on God who loves us unconditionally, constantly, and without exception. Then we don't go up and down. We know who we are now and forever.

[Adapted from Richard Rohr, "What the World Would Look like If Jesus' Worldview Was in Control," 2019.]



Due to COVID Lockdown - the Coffee Van will not operate this weekend as planned.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused. See you again soon!



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Archdeacons & their families; Rural Deans and their families;
- For the people of Pakistan, South Africa, Fiji, Iraq, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Cuba, Ethiopia, ...
- Fr Charles Helms; Margaret Thompson; Margaret Dart; Peter & Dianne;
- Project Regenerate; Renew People; Revive Projects: Restore Place.
- AGM preparations and our Parish Council nominations for 2022; for good stewardship of all our resources.

Community:

- For return to school & all educators;
- For those at home – recovering from surgery, or COVID restricted;
- For all those feeling lonely; isolated; tired; frustrated;
- All COVID consequences;

Years Mind: Jean Clarke, Joan Mack, Lola Hand, Ken Schulz, Max Lang, Catherine Clarke, Gladys Rowney, Inez Witney

Rev's YouTube message

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God will ACT!

<https://youtu.be/HLJxSIQpPho>

Bishop Garry's YouTube message

Pentecost 8 – Us & Them

https://youtu.be/dsUzxHyxf_0

Rev's 'FEELGOOD' video of the week:

OK Go – The One Moment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvW61K2s0tA>

Service Times July/August

Pentecost 9 – 25 July

10.30 ZOOM Church

No Coffee Van today!

Pentecost 10 - 01 August

10.30am *One Service only*

11.30am AGM meeting

6.00pm SHINE

Pentecost 11 – 08 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Pentecost 12 – 15 August

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

2.00pm Dunmunkle Lodge, Minyip

6.00pm SHINE



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THE PROPERS

Sentence: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Collect: O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Jesus Walks on Water

When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." John 6: 19-20 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 6:16-21

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AFRAID	WIND	WALKING	BLOWING
JOINED	BOAT	LAKE	STRONG
JESUS	DARK	WATER	EVENING

TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 9

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

A reading from the second book of Samuel

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman washing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, 'She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent this word to Joab: 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house and wash your feet.' So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. David was told, 'Uriah did not go home.' So he asked Uriah, 'Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife?

As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!' Then David said to him, 'Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, 'Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so that he will be struck down and die.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 145:10-11, 15-18

Response: *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

1. Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might. **(R)**
2. The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. **(R)**
3. The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. **(R)**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has risen in our midst.
God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 6:1-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for

he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!' Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ