

# THE PARISH OF THAMES

*Welcomes you to*

## ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Sunday 11th August*

*19th Sunday In Ordinary Time*

### **Call to Worship**

Grace and peace to you from God

**God fill you with Truth and Joy**

The Lord be with you

**The Lord bless you**

This is the day which the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

### **Opening Hymn: Lord Of All Power**

Lord of all power, I give You my will,  
In joyful obedience Your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom, Your service is song,  
And, held in Your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all power, I give You my mind,  
Rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.  
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
Is taught by Your Spirit and shines from Your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give You my heart;  
I praise and adore You for all You impart:  
Your love to inspire me, You counsel to guide,  
Your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give You my all;  
if e'er I disown You I stumble and fall;  
but, sworn in glad service Your word to obey,  
I walk in Your freedom to the end of the way.

*Jack C. Winslow (1882-1974)*  
*Traditional Irish Melody A&M 395*

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### **Collect For Purity**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love You and worthily praise Your Holy Name; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession** *(Please sit or kneel)*

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake and renew our lives to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal, Amen.

**Sentence of the Day**

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day our Lord is coming.  
*Matthew 24:42, 44*

**Collect of the Day**

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
by Your Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified;  
hear the prayers we offer  
for all Your faithful people  
that in the ministry to which You have called us  
we may serve You in holiness and truth;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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**1st Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

Margaret MacKay

**1** The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> "The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of My courts?

<sup>13</sup> Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to Me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations — I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. <sup>14</sup> Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all My being. They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide My eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! <sup>16</sup> Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of My sight; stop doing wrong. <sup>17</sup> Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. <sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; <sup>20</sup> but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.”  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

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**Psalm: 50:1-8, 22-23**

1 The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

**<sup>2</sup> From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before Him, and around Him a tempest rages.

**<sup>4</sup> He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that He may judge His people:**

<sup>5</sup> “Gather to Me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”

**<sup>6</sup> And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for He is a God of justice.**

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, My people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.

**<sup>8</sup> I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before Me.**

<sup>22</sup> “Consider this, you who forget God or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you:

<sup>23</sup> **Those who sacrifice thank offerings honour Me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.”**

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen***

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**2nd Reading: Heb 11: 1–16**

Beth Philip

**11** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. <sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

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## **The Gradual Hymn: Join Hands In The Spirit**

Join hands in the Spirit, the one holy name,  
you are love, and we your children,  
one and the same.

All glory to the Spirit, all praise to your name  
for your love unites us in peace once again.

Join minds in the Spirit, the one source of life,  
all are born in Your image, sparks of Your light.  
Oh joy that You call us  
to love and forgive, to trust beyond fear,  
that in death we may live.

Join hearts in the Spirit, the one holy peace,  
Your love is our union, Your touch our release.  
Oh great heart! embracing  
every creed, every race,  
in gratitude we cry  
at the gift of Your grace.

*Ccopyright Radha Wardrop AA 82*

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### **3rd Reading: Luke 12:32-40**

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson

### **Praise and glory to God**

Watchfulness

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

<sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”

This is the gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ the Word**

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**Sermon:**

The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson (Hope Series #3)

**Intercessions:**

Denise Norris

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**Offertory Hymn: If I Take The Wings**

If I take the wings of the morning  
to fly with them over the sea,  
no matter how far or how fast I've flown,  
I'll not be alone,  
my God is forever with me.

I may reach the gateway of heaven,  
descend to the portals of hell,  
though spirits of evil or death appear,  
I'll show them no fear,  
for God will be with me as well.

If I should conceal me in darkness  
and dress in the clothing of night,  
yet there in the deepest of gloom confined,  
I'll never be blind,  
for God is the giver of light.

Now I need no wings of the morning,  
from paths of despair I'll be free,  
and though I encounter the darkest shade,  
I'll not be afraid,  
for God will be ever with me.    *Nigel Eastgate AA 68*

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## **Communion**

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

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### **Closing Hymn Give Me Joy**

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray:  
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray:  
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
keep me loving till the break of day:

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!*      *Traditional Melody A&M459*

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**Sending Forth:** Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

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*Go Now in Peace* *Folk song*

Go now in peace, go now in peace, May the love of God be with\_ you

ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where you may go.

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Go Now in Peace'. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are four square boxes containing the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4, which likely correspond to different versions or parts of the hymn. The source 'betanews.com' is noted at the bottom right of the score.

## Ministry Team

**Liturgist:** Sue Watson **Server:** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson  
**Intercessor/Prayers:** Denise Norris **Organist:** John Mounsey  
**President:** The Rev'd David Cooper  
**Preacher:** The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson (Hope Series #3)  
**Welcome Team:** Denise Norris, Doug Norris  
**Morning Tea:** Margaret MacKay & helpers

## Parish Community News

**Bible Studies** Each Wednesday 10.39am at 608 Rolleston St. (enter from Richmond St)

**Tuesday 13th August**, 7pm. "how to hear the voice of God"

## The Trinity Puppeteers

**The Trinity Puppeteers** will be performing at St George's on Sunday 25th August at our 9.30am service. They are a group of skilled puppeteers who present programmes on Christian, moral and ethical values in a dynamic, humorous way featuring song, dance and drama using large muppet-type human, animal and object puppets and various props



## Prayer Needs

*"Those of you who love God — hate evil."*  
*Psalm 97:10.*

## This week 11th–18th August, 2019

**Wed:** Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00

**Thurs:** Healing Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

**Sunday 18th August, 9:30**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Psalm:** 80:1-2, 8-19

**2nd Reading:** Heb 11:29-12:2

**3rd Reading:** Luke 12:49-56

**Preacher:**

**President:**

**Liturgist:**

**Server:**

**Music Ministry/organist:**

**Intercessions:**

**Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:**

**Morning Tea:**

**Welcome Team:**

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