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Sunday 13th May 2018 Sunday after Ascension

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. Two angels said to the disciples: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Prayer of the day

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only begotten Son to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Judges 3.7-30 *Alex Drobnak*

7 The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD ; they forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs. **8** The anger of the LORD burned against Israel so that he sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim, to whom the Israelites were subject for eight years. **9** But when they cried out to the LORD , he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them. **10** The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, so that he became Israel's judge and went to war. The LORD gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him. **11** So the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died. **12** Once again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD , and because they did this evil the LORD gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. **13** Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms. **14** The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years. **15** Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD , and he gave them a deliverer-Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. **16** Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a foot and a half long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing. **17** He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. **18** After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way the men who had carried it. **19** At the idols near Gilgal he himself turned back and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." The king said, "Quiet!" And all his attendants left him. **20** Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his summer palace and said, "I have a message from God for you." As the king rose from his seat, **21** Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly. **22** Even the handle sank in after the blade, which came out his back. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. **23** Then Ehud went out to the porch; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them. **24** After he had gone, the servants came and found the doors of the upper room locked. They said, "He must be relieving himself in the inner room of the house." **25** They waited to the point of

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embarrassment, but when he did not open the doors of the room, they took a key and unlocked them. There they saw their Lord fallen to the floor, dead. **26** While they waited, Ehud got away. He passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah. **27** When he arrived there, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down with him from the hills, with him leading them. **28** "Follow me," he ordered, "for the LORD has given Moab, your enemy, into your hands." So they followed him down and, taking possession of the fords of the Jordan that led to Moab, they allowed no one to cross over. **29** At that time they struck down about ten thousand Moabites, all vigorous and strong; not a man escaped. **30** That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years.

1 John 4.11-16 *Sherryl Bremner*

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. **13** We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15** If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. **16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

John 17.11-19 *Matthew Heazlewood*

11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one. **12** While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. **13** "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. **14** I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. **15** My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **17** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. **19** For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.



13th May 2018

Prayers

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thess 5:16-18

Government leaders

Give thanks for those who serve as Members of Parliament. Ask God to guide and strengthen them and renew their vision of serving their country.

For our Church and Community

Praise our heavenly Father and pray for Mothers in our community. Give thanks for them, honour them and pray that God would grant them wisdom, grace, humility and faithfulness as they teach and instruct their children.

Pray for those in special need

Ask God to comfort, strengthen and deepen the trust of those who are sick and grieving, especially the bereaved of Cynthia Lennon. For the lonely or in special need at this time including Jean Ditchfield.

Philadelphia Chinese Congregation

Thank God for the ministry and leadership of Rev. Carson Wu in our Chinese congregation. Pray for outreach opportunities, the integration of new families and children's ministry programmes.

Prayer for Mothers Day

Thank you for our mothers and carers, those

who look after us each day. For providing them to nurture us each day. Thank you for the times when our Mums keep looking after us even when they are not well, when they are busy, and even when we don't do as they ask us to do. Please help us to look after them and care for them too.

Lord we also pray for those, for who Mothers Day is a sad day. Maybe the Mums can't be with them today – either because they are far away, they are not well, or those whose Mum's have passed away. Maybe those who have not been able to be a Mum, but would like to have been, or for those who have lost children. Please provide them with people to love and care for them. Provide them with strength and comfort today and help them keep their eyes fixed on you. **Amen**

St Martin's Mission Prayer

*Our heavenly Father, please bless St Martin's as we seek to make disciples of Christ, and see changing lives through grace, so that everyone reaches maturity in Christ. By your Spirit enable us to **connect** to Jesus and one another, **grow** in Christ-likeness, **serve** and meets the needs of others with the gifts you have given us, and **share** the love of Christ in our community and all the world. **Amen***

Action Items and Upcoming Events

- **Sunday 20 May Lunches for 8.** Please sign up at back of church to either host or come along.
- **Sunday 27 May Evensong with the Shore Prep Choir** at 3.30pm followed by refreshments.
- **Os Guinness speaking on the "illusions of contemporary freedom"** at the next Centre for Christian Living event on Wednesday 30 May.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1268150543308162/>
Book early as this event will sell out!

Daily Bible Reading Plan

- ☐ May 13 1 Sam 11-13, Ps 119:25-32, 2 Cor 3-4
- ☐ May 14 1 Sam 14, Ps 119:33-40, 2 Cor 5-6
- ☐ May 15 1 Sam 15-16, Ps 119:41-48, 2 Cor 7-8
- ☐ May 16 1 Sam 17, Ps 119:49-56, 2 Cor 9-10
- ☐ May 17 1 Sam 18-19, Ps 119:57-64, 2 Cor 11-13
- ☐ May 18 1 Sam 20-21, Ps 119:65-72, Gal 1-2
- ☐ May 19 1 Sam 22-23, Ps 119:73-80, Gal 3-4
- ☐ May 20 1 Sam 24-25, Ps 119:81-88, Gal 5-6

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