



Sunday 16th September 2018 Trinity 16

Jesus said: I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8.12

555 Praise my soul
473 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath
267 Thou, whose almighty word

Prayer of the day

Lord, we pray, absolve your people from their offences; that through your bountiful goodness we may be set free from the chains of those sins which in our frailty we have committed: grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

Isaiah 50.4-9 *Gai Scott*

4 The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

5 The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears,
and I have not been rebellious;
I have not drawn back.

6 I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!

9 It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
Who is he that will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

Acts 18.1-17 *Carine Jenkins*

1After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. **2**There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, **3**and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. **4**Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. **5**When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. **6**But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." **7**Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. **8**Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized. **9**One night the Lord spoke to

Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. **10**For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." **11**So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God. **12**While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him into court. **13**"This man," they charged, "is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law." **14**Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, "If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. **15**But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law--settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things." **16**So he had them ejected from the court. **17**Then they all turned on Sosthenes the synagogue ruler and beat him in front of the court. But Gallio showed no concern whatever.

Mark 8.27-35 *Matt Heazlewood*

27Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" **28**They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." **30**Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. **32**He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33**But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." **34**Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **35**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

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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 and pray for the newly elected Members of Parliament. Ask God to guide and strengthen them and renew their vision of serving their country.

For our Church and Community

Pray our parishioners to reach out and connect with others, especially during morning tea and during outreach activities - ESL, Playtime and Bible study groups.

Pray for those in special need

Ask God to comfort, strengthen and deepen the trust of those who are sick and grieving. For the lonely or in special need at this time including Jean Ditchfield, Joy Mooney, Janet Denne, Barbara St Heaps, Rachel O'Conor and Shirley Wells.

Work of the CMS

Pray for Tim and Kylie as they settle back in Australia. Pray for Stan, who takes over, as he prepares and teaches his first lessons. For the church leaders they were supporting, that new people will encourage them in their work. Pray for Sam & Shan-Shan Crisp our link missionaries for good family routines and time with God and each other. Pray for all missionaries as they all prepare for pastoral visits at various locations around the world. Pray for safety while travelling and

good conversations with the missionaries and partners they visit.

Prayer for Rain

Our heavenly Father, we acknowledge our ingratitude when we have taken your goodness for granted, when the heaven has poured forth rain and the earth has produced its fruit. Yet now we cry to you for help, as the drought in NSW deepens. Have mercy on our land; have mercy on the people of the land. May your bountiful hand send forth rain upon our parched earth. Fulfil your promises that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease, so that those in remote and rural areas may find relief from their distress and glorify your name for the provision of their needs. We ask this in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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

- **Today – Tim & Kylie** at 8am and 10am services.
- **23 September – Josh Ling from CMS** will preach at 8am and 10am
- **Life Explored Course** - Sunday nights 5pm in the Youth Hall. Commences 21 October for 7 weeks. (Go out to Gordon Thai for dinner afterwards)
- **The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid - Public Appeal**
<https://anglicanaid.org.au/stories/news/anglicans-support-drought-affected-communities>
or Call Anglican Aid on 92841406 to donate.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

- ☐ Sep 16 Prov 21-22, Ps 71, John 13
- ☐ Sep 17 Prov 23-24, Ps 72, John 14
- ☐ Sep 18 Prov 25-26, Ps 73, John 15
- ☐ Sep 19 Prov 27-28, Ps 74, John 16
- ☐ Sep 20 Prov 29-31, Ps 75, John 17
- ☐ Sep 21 Eccles 1-3, Ps 76, John 18
- ☐ Sep 22 Eccles 4-6, Ps 77, John 19
- ☐ Sep 23 Eccles 7-9, Ps 78:1-39, John 20-21

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