



**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

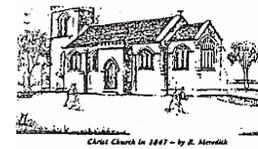
Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 raise the song of harvest home;  
 all is safely gathered in,  
 ere the winter storms begin.  
 God our Maker doth provide  
 for our wants to be supplied;  
 come to God's own temple, come,  
 raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,  
 fruit as praise to God we yield;  
 wheat and tares together sown  
 are to joy or sorrow grown;  
 first the blade and then the ear,  
 then the full corn shall appear;  
 Lord of harvest, grant that we  
 wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
 and shall take the harvest home;  
 from the field shall in that day  
 all offenses purge away,  
 giving angels charge at last  
 in the fire the tares to cast;  
 but the fruitful ears to store  
 in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
 bring thy final harvest home;  
 gather thou thy people in,  
 free from sorrow, free from sin,  
 there, forever purified,  
 in thy presence to abide;  
 come, with all thine angels, come,  
 raise the glorious harvest home

[Henry Alford (1820-71) –TNEH 579]



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**Mission Statement**

Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

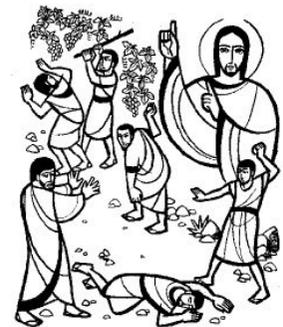
**Liturgical Colour: Green**

**Sentence**

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**Prayer of the Day \***

Bountiful God,  
 to whose glory we celebrate  
 the dedication of this house of prayer:  
 we praise you for the many blessings  
 you have given to those who worship here,  
 and we pray that all who seek you  
 in this place may find you,  
 and being filled with the Holy Spirit  
 may become a living temple  
 acceptable to you,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



*We acknowledge the Wathaurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building now stand.*

## ABM Reflection



In the section before today's reading, Jesus highlights the hypocrisy and cowardice of the religious leaders. The parable is also directed to the Chief Priests and Elders. It succinctly locates Jesus' own future suffering and death in line with the mistreatment of the Jewish prophets through the centuries.

The Chief Priests and Elders clearly get it. The parable contrast Jesus' authentic servant leadership with their own, and so they seek to have Jesus arrested.

We pray for integrity in leadership in our community of faith, and in the secular community in this time of Covid-19; seek the fruit of the Spirit for ourselves and each other; seek the fruits of our Kingdom for our parish, diocese and the national church; how we behave as the body actually matters.

(Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra & Goulburn)

### PSALM 19 A.P.B.A Page 239

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there voices heard;  
Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:  
and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:  
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,  
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

Its rising is at one end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the farthest bound:  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:  
the command of the Lord is true,  
and makes wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures forever:  
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much find gold:  
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can know their own unwitting sins?  
O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the mastery over me:  
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### REMINDER - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our Parish supports this appeal run by Samaritan's Purse each October. The Appeal is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts etc.

For further details, either:

Go to their website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au>;

Refer to the item on Page 5 in the recent edition of "The Christ Church Chronicle"; or contact Jan McGowan on her mobile: 0409 176409.



### REMINDER - TOMATO PLANTS



Laurie Christian will be selling a limited number of tomato plants next month (Sweet Bite – tall vine type; and a mix of tommy toe and grape). They will be **by order only**; and he will let people know when to pick them up from the Church.

Email: [larchrn@iinet.net](mailto:larchrn@iinet.net) au or **Mobile: 0421 011 279** (Amended)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Peace and tolerance amongst all nations, including Armenia and Azerbaijan.

**THE CHURCH:** Anglican Church of Tanzania; Diocese of North West Australia; St James' Old Cathedral, Melbourne West; St Michael and All Angels, Beaumaris; Anglican Church of Melanesia.

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** Give thanks to those who provide care and love to the frail and elderly in our nursing homes and retirement villages.

**THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED:** Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

**THE DEPARTED:** Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time: (Sally Thompson). We remember with thanks: William Tyndale, biblical scholar, d.1536 (Wednesday).

### NEXT SUNDAY - 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

#### FOUNDATION SUNDAY

**Readings:** 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-30; Psalm 122;

1 Peter 2:4-10 Gospel: Matthew 7:24-29

