



**Light of the Lonely Pilgrim's Heart**

Light of the lonely pilgrim's heart,  
The star of the coming day,  
Arise, and with thy morning beams  
Chase all our griefs away.  
Bid the whole earth, responsive now  
To that bright world above,  
Break forth in rapturous strains of joy  
To celebrate thy love.  
Thine was the cross, with all its fruits  
Of grace and peace divine;  
And thine the crown of glory now,  
The palm of victory thine.  
See how thy fair creation groans,  
The sky, the earth, the sea,  
In unison with all our hearts,  
And calls aloud for thee.  
Come, blessèd Lord, let every shore  
And answering island sing  
The praises of thy royal name,  
And own thee as their king.

[Sir Edward Denn6y (1796-1889) – TNEH 399]

**PSALM 99**

The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:  
He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.  
The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.  
Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.  
The Mighty One is king and loves justice:  
you have established equity,  
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.  
O exalt the Lord our God:  
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.  
Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:  
they called to the Lord and he answered.  
He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:  
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.  
You answered them, O Lord our God:  
you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.  
O exalt the Lord our God:  
and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.



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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.

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

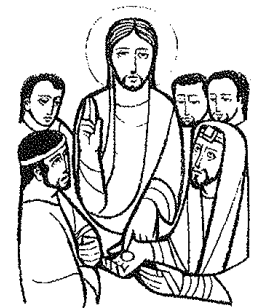
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**Sentence**

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,  
and to God the things that are God's.

**Prayer of the Day \***

**O God,  
whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory,  
as far as we grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more  
than we can bear,  
until we may look upon you without fear,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## The Vicar Writes



Today we read of Jesus being put to the test again by the Pharisees and his brilliant way of being able to deal with them. There was a tax all people had to pay for the Romans every time they visited the temple and the coin used was a denarius. It was part of their being a conquered people that the people of Palestine had to pay this tax and the insult was deepened by the fact that the tax went to finance the worship of Roman gods in the Jerusalem

Temple. To speak against the payment of this tax was treason and would result in execution, so no one dared speak against it.

Knowing this, the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus into speaking out against the payment of the tax. They gave the Lord false praise thinking he would trust them and say something against the payment of the tax. Jesus was too smart for them, however, and asked them to bring a denarius. He asked whose face is on the coin. When they said it was Caesar, Jesus said give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what is God's. A superb answer that baffled them once again, they had to simply walk away in awe of the greatness of Christ and his beautiful wisdom.

Despite their insincerity, what the Pharisees said was a legitimate appraisal of the Christ. In trying to trick the Lord they said to him... "You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth and show no preference for anyone, for you do not regard people with partiality". Christ is the life and light of all that lives, how could he favour anyone above anyone else. His love and blessings are for all; it is up to us to be receptive to that love and so receive those blessings that are truly ours. The Christ, the Absolute Truth, views all to be alike, all are equal in the eyes of the Lord. This truth can't be compromised by our human tendency to make ourselves seem more special or more important than others.

We see a good example of this in the Old Testament where Moses asks God to make His presence felt by the Hebrews that they may be distinct from all other people on earth. God agrees to make His presence known but adds I will be gracious to whom I will and show mercy to whom I will. God won't drop His oceanic love to come down to our muddy puddle level of consciousness. God loves all equally. Christ is one with God the Father and so his love is also oceanic and for all. The fact that Jesus showed no partiality with people was a sore point for the Pharisees and all sectarian religionists like them to try to use God to better position themselves; it was natural that they chose impartiality as a reason to trip him up.

God's love flows in abundance through all life and our life flows like a river through that love. The truth that God is in us and we are in God is absolute and eternal, with beginning or end. Our life and happiness do not depend on the economic market that is manipulated by greed, our joy is not dependent on anything but how much we are aware of the presence of God.

The Lord said to Moses, my presence will go with you and I will give you rest. Jesus said, live in me and be one with me. If we give our life over to God, He will take responsibility for us and we will only have the worry of striving to live in the Lord. If our effort is to do that then no one will be able to rob us of our joy.

So let us surrender to the Lord, live in His love, enjoy life to the fullest and never compromise our happiness for small reasons that lead us away from the truth of who we are in God.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

## REMINDER- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!!

If you would like to take part in the Christmas Box Program this year, there are several ways of doing so:

- You may prepare a box yourself and bring it to the church before the end of October; or
- Donate individual items for us to pack into boxes at the church (deliver as soon as possible please); or
- Make a donation to assist with the delivery cost.



**Please contact Jan McGowan on 0409 176 409 for further information!**

## TOMATO PLANTS!!!

**For pickup at Christ Church this week during lunchtime - 12-2pm**



Tommy Toe and Grape tomatoes (mixed) and Sweetie (same sized fruit as the other two, but plants are up to 2 m tall, fruit borne in long racemes!

Please order by Email: [larchrn@iinet.net.au](mailto:larchrn@iinet.net.au) or Mobile: 0421 011 279 and, as above, pick them up from the church this week!!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** During this time of confusion and uncertainty, we pray for wisdom and tolerance; those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters, including South East Asia and South America.

**THE CHURCH:** The Episcopal Church; Locums and the retired clergy; Lay Ministry; St Augustine's Moreland; St James the Less, Mt Eliza; All Saints' Clayton; Chinese Mission of the Epiphany; St Mary's Sunbury; Holy Trinity, Williamstown (Diocesan Service); give thanks for the work and witness of the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church (ABM).

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** Give us grace to live more Christ-like lives and tell others of His glory (ABM).

**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. We remember with thanks: Henry Martyn, missionary and Bible translator in India and Persia, d. 1812 (Monday); United Nations, inaugurated 1945 (Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>)

**NEXT SUNDAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Readings: Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6&13-17;**

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-13; Matthew 22:34-46**

