



Crumbs of Love. 2008, Michael Cook.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

20 August 2023

Welcome to St Philip's

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we worship, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

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Eucharist for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn 179 (TiS) (10am)

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
Force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, up-sets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

*John Bell 1949-
Graham Maule 1958-*

Entrance Antiphon

**Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'**

Isaiah 56:1

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**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,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,**

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us
and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you ✕ and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the righthand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High**

**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:
God of freedom,
you have broken down the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (56:1, 6-8)

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.
For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

**That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

**Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.**

God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (11:13-32)

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! ¹⁶If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' ²⁰That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. ²²Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

²⁵ So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to

understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.²⁶And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'

²⁷ 'And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.'

²⁸As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 430(TiS) (10am)

Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal!

Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day they show
their wisdom, passing earthly lore,
as in their truth I grow.

Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.

Your words are perfected in One,
yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.

George Currie Martin 1865-1937

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

Let God be gracious to us and bless us: and make his face shine upon us,

Psalm 67:1

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (15:21-28) **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead ✕
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ben, Hugh, Sarah, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Katherine, Matt, Wendy, David & Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or care.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose year's mind falls at this time: John Gamble (20/8/1993), the victims of war, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace

Offertory Hymn 254(TiS) (10am)

O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,

still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.

As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,
so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.

As wind and storm their Master heard
and his command fulfilled,
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest-tossed be stilled.

And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.

your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.

O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

God our sustainer,
receive the gifts we bring before you,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes ✕ in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power

are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

The breaking of bread and communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament

of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us,

and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Antiphon

Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness: and God, our God, will bless us.

Psalm 67:6

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament

you assure us of your goodness and love.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

and help us to grow in love and obedience

that we may serve you in the world

and finally be brought to that table

where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding

keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God Almighty ✕ the Father ✕ the Son

and the Holy Spirit, be among you,

and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional hymn 452(TiS) (10am)

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour king;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord!
earth shall then its fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live:
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

*Henry Francis Lyle 1793-1847
from Psalm 67*

Reflection

By The Very Rev. Sherry Crompton – Episcopal Church of the Trinity Coatesville PA

The story of the Syrophenician woman is one of my favourites. I appreciate her “hutzpah,” her courage, in speaking boldly to Jesus. And this story is one that has no easy answers when it comes to interpreting the meaning. It involves assumptions about different cultural experiences, socio-economic experiences, etc. We aren't sure if this was an instance of Jesus caught without compassion when he rudely calls the woman a dog, or if there may have been a smile on his face and he and the woman knowingly bantered for the sake of opening closed minds. We just don't know for sure.

But, what is evident is that there is communication between representatives of two very different groups of people. Jesus, a male and a Jew and this Gentile, who was also a woman. You may know that a Gentile woman was not permitted to speak openly to a Jewish man. And so there was a breaking down of boundaries that allowed for healing and wholeness to occur. And the deaf man with a speech impediment, who was not able to communicate in the customary way with Jesus, managed to communicate through other people. This was a breaking down of a boundary.

This morning I want to focus on the 'breathing space' in our story. Jesus is confronted with a woman who is outside of the usual circle he moves in. He listens to what she has to say. There is breathing space in the story which gives time for Jesus to fully understand her perspective, her point of view in life. Jesus changed his mind.

The one-time Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, was in Manhattan on September 11, 2001. He was two blocks from the World Trade Centre at Trinity Church preparing to record a program on Spirituality when the towers came down. As the awful events of that morning unfolded, the people at Trinity Church found themselves trapped by the choking cloud of dust and debris. Rowan Williams wrote a small book entitled, *Writing in the Dust*, as a reflection in the days after September 11. He speaks of having some breathing space in our relationships, in our dealings, with other people, other countries, other cultures. We often assume things about others, that may or may not be truth.

And whether we want to admit it or not, our perception of things is what makes them real for us. Some very simple examples:

- When I got my first pair of glasses, I was sure that everyone was staring at me. No one could change my mind.
- When we perceive that the room is cold, then it doesn't matter what anyone else says, we believe it's cold.
- When I begin to think I'm the only person at home who takes out the garbage, I only notice when I take it out. Even if Ronda takes it out twice as much as I do, what I perceive is the only

reality I know.

And, our perceptions define our realities. The problem for many of us, I think, is that we don't often question our own perceptions. Sometimes the only way we can see things differently is through the eyes of an outsider. An expert, perhaps, who comes from out of town to help us do what we already know how to do. Those "on the outside" can see things we can no longer see. Only a visitor to our church, for instance, can tell us how friendly we are to visitors.

already knows: no one is outside of God's love. And once he is reminded, he never forgets. The Syrophenician woman knew that she had everything she needed to take the next step. Her perspective was a perspective of abundance, not scarcity, and with the courage and fortitude of knowing she had SOMETHING going for her, she stepped out in faith and asked Jesus—insisted to Jesus—that he heal her daughter.

Now back to September 11 and Writing in the Dust with Rowan Williams. On page 59 of his reflection he writes:

"The trauma can offer a breathing space; and in that space there is the possibility of recognizing that we have had an experience that is not just a nightmarish insult to us but a door into the suffering of countless other innocents, a suffering that is more or less routine for them in their less regularly protected environments.

And in the face of extreme dread, we may become conscious, as people often do, of two very fundamental choices. We can cling harder and harder to the rock of our threatened identity—a choice, finally for self-delusion over truth; or we can accept that we shall have no ultimate choice but to let go, and in that letting go, give room to what's there around us—to the sheer impression of the moment, to the need of the person next to you, to the fear that needs to be looked at, acknowledged and calmed (not denied). If that happens, the heart has room for many strangers near and far. There is a global hospitality possible too in the presence of death."

"Breathing space: if the cross is what we say it is, it requires that kind of hesitation, that kind of silence."

And Williams also shares: There is the story of the woman taken in adultery which is preserved in John 8. When the accusation is made, Jesus at first makes no reply but writes with his finger on the ground. So, what on earth is he doing? Commentators have had plenty of suggestions, but there is one meaning that seems to me to be obvious in the light of what I think we learned that morning. He hesitates. He does not draw a line, fix an interpretation, tell the woman who she is and what her fate should be. He allows a moment, a longish moment, in which people are given time to see themselves differently precisely because he refuses to make the sense they want. When he lifts his head, there is both judgment and release.

There is breathing space, time. Time for our demons to walk away.

Thiessen has this to say about the Syrophenician woman:

There is a miracle in the overcoming of a divisive distance: "the prejudice-based distance between nations and cultures, in which the divisive prejudices are not simply malicious gossip, but have a real basis in the social, economic, and political relationships between two neighbouring peoples. The Syrophenician woman accomplishes something that for us today seems at least as marvellous as the miracle itself: she takes a cynical image and "restructures" it in such a way that it permits a new view of the situation and breaks through walls that divide people, walls that are strengthened by prejudice." Breathing spaces: if the cross is what we say it is, it requires that kind of hesitation, that kind of silence. Time to breathe, time for our demons to walk away. Amen.

This week @ St Philip's

Today

8am

9am

10am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Eucharist

Parish Breakfast

Eucharist with hymns (followed by morning tea)

Weds 23 August

10am-noon

Feria

Pandora's Sorting & Preparation

Thursday 24 August Bartholomew, apostle & martyr

10am

Eucharist (followed by morning tea)

Saturday 26 August Feria

OFFICIAL

10am-1pm
11am

Pandora's
Morning Prayer - Canberra Aged Care

Sunday 27 Aug

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am

Eucharist

9am

Parish Breakfast

10am

Eucharist with hymns (followed by morning tea)

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Rosters

		20-Aug-23	27-Aug-23	3-Sep-23	
Sunday of Month		3rd	4th	1st	
Liturgical Season		12th Sunday after Pentecost	13th Sunday after Pentecost	14th Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	
Celebrant		Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Colin	Rev'd Scott	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople		Rhonda & Susan	Shane & Tim	Margaret & Russell	
Liturgical Assistant	8am		Brian M (Lit assistant)	Susan J (server)	8am
Audio Visual Operator					
1st Bible reader - OT		Rebecca P	Shane W	Russell M	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Julianne S	Shane W	Margaret M	
Celebrant		Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Colin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Jeannette M, Laura W	Sally A & Richard G	Fred A & Janene B	
Liturgical Assistant	10am		Philippa W (Lit assistant)	Leighton (crucifer)	10am
Audio Visual Operator					
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Laura W	Liz D	Colin D	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Ann M	Ashton R	Kerry-Anne C	
Morning Tea		Liz D & Ann M	Helen P	Barbara G	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>					

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9 August

7pm

Parish Council

Fri 8 - Sun 10 Sept

Diocesan Synod Canberra, Girls Grammar School

Sunday 1 October

ANU Choral Society concert @ St Philip's