

Psalm 17.1, 5-6, 8, 16

Keith Duke

I shall be filled when I a - wake with the sight of your glo - ry, O

Lord.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

Response

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call you, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Response

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

Response

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Reflection on Pentecost X

Jesus looked at that crowd and had compassion for them. In the original translation the word used is SPLANCHNIZOMA in Greek and it is a strong word meaning that Jesus was moved so deeply inwardly with compassion, he was almost sick. Meister Erkhart believes that the best name for God is Compassion.

I am sure Jesus is moved with compassion for us. As we do all we are able to ensuring the rumour of God continues to feed all who hunger. Including, yet not only, us, the body of Christ in this part of God's kingdom, hungering for the one who is called the bread of life for portions of justice, truth, and mercy.

Jesus knows he is the source of the bread which all hunger for, yet he asks the disciples to give the crowd something to eat. Because that is the business of disciples. That is our business with God. When we are compassionate we are remembering God. We are also a reminder of God. We remind people of God when we act as God would act toward others, and towards ourselves.

Aquinas believes that when humans are compassionate to one another they are imitating God. May we be good imitators.

Today we hear those who are physically hungry are fed with bread and fish by Jesus who takes the food gives thanks and distributes what there is to all who hunger. The Gospel deliberately makes a connection between this meal on the hillside with a small boy's lunch to that last meal in that upper room Jesus has with his disciples.

The word eucharist means 'thanksgiving' in Greek, and is the very word used by Matthew to describe what Jesus did when he took the bread and give thanks, 'eucharisteo.' He blessed and broke it and gave it to them and in so doing the meagre offering of 5 loaves and 2 fish becomes enough to feed the physical hunger of those people gathered on the hillside.

Just as Jesus takes our meagre offerings and they become more than enough. And those years ago Jesus asks his disciples to give the hungry something to eat. In John's gospel he asks "where is the food for the hungry?" He still asks.

Wendy

PRAYERS Gracious God, we ask for your blessing and healing for all.

In the Diocese we pray for: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and Bishop Kate Wilmot, and Bishop Christopher Ruto of our partnered Diocese of Eldoret. Our partnered parish St Stephens Aturei, priest Rev'd Josephat Bett and people.

For our Parish : for our Parish Council in their work of Mission.

For those in need at this time: Prayers of comfort, healing, and peace for Daphne Pyke, Isabel and all on our hearts.

Margaret 'Anne' Wales (1996), Elizabeth Margaret Harford (2016),
Norm Bradshaw (2021)
May their portions in paradise be rest in peace.

6 AUGUST PENTECOST X	ST DA VID'S 9.30 AM
Welcomers	Lois
1st reading <i>Genesis 32.22-31</i>	Andria (James' relation from London)
2nd reading <i>Romans 9.1-8</i>	Abel
Gospel <i>Matthew 14.13-21</i>	Meliata
Intercessor	Ann
Morning Tea	Ann, Karen and Parishioners
HYMNS	217(I) Gospel Acclamation 538 560(I)

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NOTICES

FAREWELL we farewell our Curate James this Sunday at a combined 9.30am service at St David's. Please bring a plate of food toward the celebratory morning tea. James' commissioning as Priest in Charge of Como-Manning Parish will be held on **Saturday, 2 September 1.00pm** at St Augustine's, Como.

BLESSING of CHRIS It was a privilege to bless Chris on his leaving us last Sunday. David's playing *It is Time to Say Goodbye* during communion, resulted in tears while *Always Look on the Bright Side* brought smiles. Symbolic of the day. One full of love for Chris, each other, and for God. Thank you Chris for the extra three years, and the sermon applause. Know we wish you well as we keep the doors of our hearts and church open for you. Thanks to Ann for the wonderful morning tea cake ... one whose tale belongs in our parish archives. Wendy

FUNDRAISING for SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

13 August 2.00pm St David's church. Concert *Sunday Serenades* \$25 Adults \$10 primary aged children. **Tickets need to be purchased before the day of the concert.** This can be done via <https://events.humanitix.com/sunday-serenades-joondalup-symphony-orchestra> Liz Calder will have tickets after the service this Sunday or see Wendy for immediate online ticketing and payment. Please bring your tickets to the concert.

PEREGRIN will return as our guest preacher at St David's on **Sunday 20 August.**

CCJWA seminar, What Jews wish Christians understood ... Three Jewish educators will share their approach to texts from the Hebrew scriptures that are interpreted differently in Christian traditions. 7.30pm Tuesday 22 August at St David's. Further details on notice boards.

MEDITATION Thursdays 5.30pm St David's church. All welcome.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE Fund raising The Parish number is **C10681155**

BOOK WORKSHOP Thursday 12 October 2.00-3.00pm followed by High Tea. Internet payment banking details - Anglican Parish Applecross BSB 706-001 A/c 30008307. Please mark with your name and the word **book**. Or pay Meliata.

PARISH COMMUNITY MISSION Everyone is welcome to share invites with friends, family, and neighbours to our parish. Please take and distribute.

LIVE STREAM Team link We invite you to a scheduled Team meeting, for the 9.30am service. Join the Meeting using the link: <http://bit.ly/3JydKOD>