

**ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN PARISH
CHELTENHAM**

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / OS 29

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Parables on Prayer

Luke 18:1-14

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DEACON OF THE MASS: REV'D JILL RENISON

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*This church stands on the land of the Boon Wurrung people.
We respectfully acknowledge their elders, past and present,
and we pray for the ongoing work of reconciliation.*

OPENING HYMN: What a friend we have in Jesus
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What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear,
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer:
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

♪ Cantor: Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night: Will he delay long in helping them?

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.

The Invitation to Confession

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

♪ Lord, have mercy (x3)
Christ, have mercy (x3)
Lord, have mercy (x3)

The 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 right hand 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.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray,
Almighty God, our creator and guide, may we serve you with
all our heart and know your forgiveness in our lives. We ask
this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

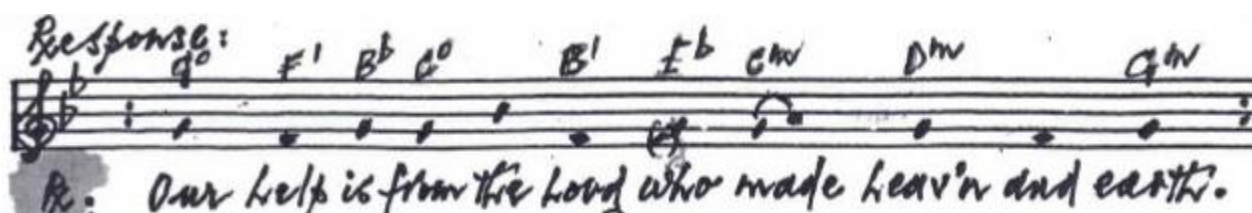
A reading from Second book of Genesis

(Genesis 32:22-31 - Found on page 26 in the pew bible)

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 121



R: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills:

but where shall I find help?

My help comes from the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth. **R:**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble:

and he who watches over you will not sleep.

Be sure he who has charge of Israel:

will neither slumber nor sleep. **R:**

The Lord himself is your keeper:

the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

The sun shall not strike you by day:

nor shall the moon by night. **R:**

The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore. **R:**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second letter to Timothy
(2 Timothy 3:10 -4:5 - Found on page 967 in the pew bible)

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL *Please stand*

♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

♪ Cantor -The word of God is living and active: It probes
the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.
(Luke 18:1-14 -- found on page 853 in the pew bible)

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence may be kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks
for God's goodness.

Faithful God, you call us to be persistent in prayer, trusting
in your justice and mercy. Hear us now as we lift our prayers
to you. *(Pause)*

For the Church throughout the world, that we may be a
people of constant prayer, bold witness, and compassionate
service:

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For peace and justice among nations, especially where war,
oppression, and injustice prevail. We remember especially
those who cry out for justice and are not heard:

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For leaders in government and public service, that they may
uphold what is right, protect the vulnerable, and govern with
wisdom and integrity:

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For those who feel discouraged in their prayers, for all who struggle with doubt, grief, or silence—may they know God’s presence even in the waiting:

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For the poor, the lonely, the abused, the sick, and the dying, and for all in need of healing and hope. *Pause*

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For those who have died in the faith, especially those dear to us, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory:

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

God of justice and mercy, teach us never to lose heart, but to trust you with all our needs. Strengthen our faith, that we may serve you faithfully and persistently, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you would my Saviour be,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind -
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yes, all I need, in you to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am - your love unknown
has broken every barrier down
now to be your, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his
Church.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people and receive our gifts.
May the worship of each one here bring salvation to all. We
ask this through Christ our Lord. **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,



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

The sacrament is given with the following words

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

♪ Cantor – The Son of Man came to serve: and to give his life as a ransom for all..

Let us pray.

Father, in this eucharist we have shared the joy of salvation.
May this food renew us in Christ, who came to call not the just but sinners to salvation in his kingdom where he is Lord for ever and ever

**Father, we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Please remain seated for some announcements.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

If you are able, please stand for God's blessing

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
all we build with care and labour,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily the almighty giver
will his bounteous gifts bestow;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading us where'er we go.
Love will stand
at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Church News

Morning tea after Mass in the Parish Hall

Feast / Special days

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

1st November 8:00am & 9:30am

Names of our loved ones who have gone before us
will be remembered at this Mass



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 30th November @ 10:45am

Please note that the Electoral Role will be closed on Sunday 26

October please check that your name is on the
Electoral Role if not please fill in the form
provided



All organisations within the parish please send in
your reports by the end of October.

Service Roster 26th October 2025 - Pentecost 20

Volunteer roster:	Readings:
Welcomer: Sandra Chalice: Barrie Reader: Rory Intercessor: David	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:15-30

Prayer Diary:

Monday	20 th	Lynette Brooks Loreen, Bryce, Cheryl & Ben Elaine Bryant
Tuesday	21 st	Fr Geoff & Jane Cheong

		Clara, Colman & Elizabeth Chung -Tao Guy Churchman
Wednesday	22 nd	Fr. Ian & Joy Clarke Barrie Cledsmith Sandra Cooper
Thursday	23 rd	Harold Daly Erik, Rachel, Owen, Thomas & Cora Dober Michael Donnellan
Friday	24 th	Barbara Duncan Steve Duggan David Evans
Saturday	25 th	CHN St. Matthew's Cheltenham



In today's two parables, Jesus teaches us about prayer—but from two very different angles.

The first story is about a widow who refuses to give up. She keeps coming to an unjust judge, pleading for justice. Though he doesn't care about God or people, her persistence wears him down. Jesus uses this to contrast God with the judge: if even an unjust man will finally listen because of persistence, how much more will a loving God respond to the cries of his people.

Prayer, then, is not about convincing God but about persevering in trust, even when answers seem delayed. Faith keeps knocking, confident that God hears.

The second parable turns the spotlight inward. Two men go to the temple to pray: one a Pharisee, confident in his own righteousness; the other a tax collector, painfully aware of his need for mercy. The Pharisee's prayer is really self-

congratulation. He trusts in himself, not in God. The tax collector stands far off, beats his breast, and says, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” Jesus tells us that it is this humble, repentant man who goes home justified.

Together, these parables remind us that true prayer requires both persistence and humility. God delights in those who keep seeking him, not out of pride, but from a heart that knows its need.

May we learn to pray like the widow—steadfast in faith—and like the tax collector—humble before God. For the one who humbles themselves will be exalted, and the one who trusts in God will never be ignored.

Blessings

Fr Gerald

CHRISTMAS @ ST MATTHEW’S 2025

DECEMBER 14th CAROL SERVICE 6.00pm

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Family Service 11:30pm Midnight Mass

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am Christmas Day Mass



Please pray for our Archbishop elect Rick Thorpe
who will take over on Sunday 30 November

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ST MATTHEW'S

First Sunday of the Month:

8:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

Every Sunday:

9:30am A sung service of Holy Communion
with a Children's Program

Wednesdays (not in January):

9:45am Prayer for Healing, Wholeness and Peace

10:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings:

9:00-9:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 796 1738 1243

Passcode: 8hzrij

If you would like to donate to St Matthew's, thank you!

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Tuesday – Pastoral Visits

Wednesday – Healing Mass and Home Communion

Thursday - Office Day in Parish Office

Friday – Pastoral Visits

Please note that Fr Gerald will be taking his regular day off on Monday.

Should there be an emergency or if you require urgent pastoral care, he can be contacted on his mobile.

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