

WORSHIP BULLETIN
12th Sunday after Pentecost – 28 August 2022

God Welcomes Us:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession:

C: Almighty God, most merciful Father, we humbly acknowledge before you the many sins and shortcomings of our own lives. We have not remembered your great goodness; we have repaid your love with disobedience. We repent and are sorry for our pride, self sufficiency, and forgetfulness of you.

Forgiveness:

P: Upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ and by his command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

**We sing: Hymn LH#465 – Praise my soul the king of heaven
Praise my soul the king of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!**

Psalm 112

P: Congratulations for worshipping and honouring the Lord!

C: Congratulations for finding pleasure in obeying him!

P: Your children will grow up to hold positions of leadership, because their lives will be blessed by God.

C: They'll live successful and profitable lives, and be noted for their generosity.

P: Even in difficult times you'll be optimistic and positive, because God's kindness and compassion and goodness will shine through you.

C: God's goodness to you will allow you to be generous and to lend freely, and to carry out all your activities honestly.

P: Nothing will ever distress you, because God will never forget you.

C: *You won't fall to pieces when bad news comes, your faith will be an unshaken trust in the Lord.*

P: You won't be worried, you won't be afraid, because the Lord promises you victory over every evil.

C: *You'll be able to be generous to the needy, you'll be held in honour and respect.*

All: *God's eternal goodness to you means that your goodness will always be there.*

P: Those who do evil will see all this and won't be happy, but they can't do anything about your contented life.

All: *Their own ambitions will come to nothing.*

Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16 - *Obligations in community, home, and church*

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14 - *Humility and hospitality*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Apostles' Creed

C: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.*

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We sing the Offering Song: AT#284 - *Come in and sit down*

Refrain

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**1. You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter
and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.
God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.**

Refrain

**2. Children and elders, middlers and
teens,
singles and doubles and in-betweens,
strong eighty-fivers and street-wise
sixteens,
for we are a part of the family.**

Refrain

Offering Prayer

**C: Merciful God, help us to please you by offering the true sacrifices of doing good
and sharing what we have. Amen.**

Sermon – *Honour & Shame*

We pray for ourselves, the church and the world

**C: Merciful Father: thank you for giving us our identity as forgiven sinners welcome at
your table for Jesus' sake. Forgive us our pride, and free us for humble service in your
world. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

**C: We pray for the leaders of the church, its pastors, deacons and lay assistants, that
together we may provide examples of true humility and holy living. We pray for all your
people, that we may welcome high and low alike into our homes and churches. Lord, in
your mercy: hear our prayer.**

**C: We pray for all in positions of importance, including our country's politicians.
Guard them against sinful pride and arrogance. Direct them to see their influence as a
gift from you, and to use it in proper public service. Free us all from greed and a love
of money. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

**C: We pray for refugees and all who are strangers to us. Open us to welcome them
and to share with them what you have given us. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

**C: We pray for those who do not have enough of the things of this life. Spread the
good things of the earth to them, and move us all to generous giving. Heal our
planet's atmosphere and weather, and provide the rain our land and reservoirs need.**

**Greeters and shoppers, long-time and
new,
nobody here has a claim on a pew;
and whether we're many or whether we're
few,
we are a part of the family.**

Refrain

**3. There's life to be shared in the bread
and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or
mine,
but we are a part of the family.
There's rest for the weary and health for
us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden
that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the
call,
for we are a part of the family.**

Refrain

Meet the needs of all we know to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts...(brief silence) Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

C: Lord of the banquet, remember all those for whom we pray, and gather us together around your table, here on earth and with all the saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sing: AT#475 - *Come to the banquet*

Refrain

***Come to the banquet,
There's a place for you.***

**Though you maybe have no money,
though you maybe feel unworthy,
in your strength or in your weakness
you are welcome, come.**

Refrain

**See, you are an honoured guest,
From constant serving you may rest:
So sit you down, be fed and blessed,
For you are welcome, come.**

Refrain

**Woman, wise one, mother, maiden,
See your plate with food is laden
And your place is set and waiting.
You are welcome, come.**

Refrain

**Worker, father, little boy,
Old man or youth without employ,
Come rest your worry, here is joy,
And you are welcome, come.**

Refrain

The Lord's Supper:

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look with favour on you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

We sing: *Your will be done*

***Your will be done, my God and Father
As in heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray
'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'***

**Whether you've been lost or faithful,
Whether you've been wise or wasteful,
Here's a place of rest and grace,
And you are welcome, come.**

Refrain

**Here is one who runs to meet you,
Loving arms stretched out to greet you.
Do not let your fear defeat you.
You are welcome, come.**

Refrain

**Willing hands have made this bread
With yeast and salt and labour shared.
Let all the hungry ones be fed.
It's time for feasting, come.**

Refrain

**Abundant wine, enough for all!
Our generous, loving host has called.
The cup of blessing now is poured
For sweet communion, come.**

Refrain

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***How in that Garden He persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by Him alone
What wondrous faith, to bear that cross!
To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure, when there my Saviour
prayed
'Father, not My will but Yours be done.'***

*When I am lost, when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes, to one great King I bow!
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored
With all Your saints I sing
'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'*

*As we go forth, our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and
pray
'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'*

*And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray
'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'
Father, not my will but Yours be done!'
Father, not my will but Yours be done!'*
Songwriters: Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson.

NOTICES - COMING EVENTS

**Worship
9.00am – Every Sunday**

Sunday, 18 September – Worship with HC – 9.00am
Baptism Service with HC – 11.00am
Andie Maher, daughter of Anna & Ben
Maher

PASTOR RAY ON LEAVE

Pastor Ray will be on leave for Rest and Refreshment (Long Service Leave) from 30 August until 11 October 2022.

Guest preachers will be:

4 September	Pastor Lou Pfeiffer
11 September	Pastor Maurie Richter
18 September	Pastor Tom Jantke
25 September	Pastor Ray Roehm
2 October	Pastor Ray Roehm
9 October	Pastor Ray Roehm

We appreciate the support and help of these retired Pastors.

Would you also please note that during this time of leave, Janelle Morris is to have knee replacement surgery on 10 September.

Thank you for your prayers and care.

PASTORAL CARE

You're welcome to contact Deacons for pastoral care.

Pastor Ray	0429 856 532
Mary Engel	0412 771 718
Bruce Heirdsfield	0466 103 173
John Kleinig	0417 837 678
Ann Aiken	0412 321 030
Julie Martin	0410 492 740
Cedric Smith	5492 8684



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our church contact list is available. Each copy has been labelled – would you please pick up your copy, and if you have a friend you can deliver to, that would be appreciated.

PRAYERS

Our prayer list this week: John & Fay Hupfeld, Joyce & Owen Adler, Audrey Isambert, Julie Martin, Marion Drennan, Bevan and Joyce Wolff, Linda Heck, June Elsner, Wendy Jonas and family grieving the death of her mother Dorothy Jonas, members recovering from COVID, all those grieving the death of loved ones.

FUNERAL FOR DOROTHY JONAS

Dorothy's funeral will be at St Matthew's Lutheran Church, Rosewood, Qld on Thursday, 1 September 2022 at 10.30am.



COFFEE AND CHAT

Our next coffee morning will be at **10.00am on Wednesday, 31st August at Caloundra Bowls Club.** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

Everyone is welcome. Would you please let Janelle know on 0488 556 150 if you plan to attend. Thank you.

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP – FUEL FOR FATHER'S DAY

MAF'S aims to mirror the love of Jesus in everything we do. He cared for people physically and spiritually, meeting the needs of people around him, regardless of who they were. Millions of people cannot access basic medical care, clean water, schools, or receive the Good News of God's love. We provide flights for 1,400 aid, development and mission organisations to enable them to transform lives – all around the world – from South Sudan,



Timor-Leste, Kenya, Bangladesh, and Arnhem Land. We work with World Vision, Save the Children, Samaritans Purse and many, many others.

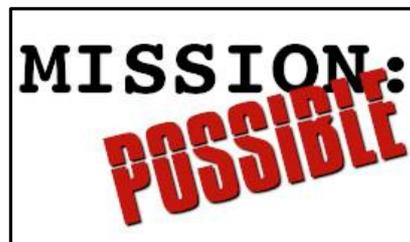
To give you an idea, \$50 gives us enough fuel for around 20 minutes. Each minute is precious and enables emergency medevacs, disaster relief, urgent aid and community development. Any donation is appreciated. To give to this very worthy cause, please put your donation into an envelope and mark MAF and put on the offering plate. Their website is maf.org.au – check out the videos.

MISSION POSSIBLE (Please no clothing at the moment – storage is a challenge)

Donations are welcome for the homeless and those escaping domestic violence. Any of the following:

- Blankets
- Tinned food (easy open), non-perishable items and toiletries and personal care items for homeless
- Breakfast cereals, packaged food and toiletries for families
- Washing powder, cleaners, toilet cleaners, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, hand cleaner (for the homes for Domestic Violence people)
- Sheets for home birthing kits for Papua New Guinea

These items are distributed every week. Cash donations are also welcome (via offering plate). Thank you for your generosity in providing for this ministry!



BABY BUNDLES

Four Baby Bundles were put together this last week to give to new mothers and families who are in need. We thank you for your support of this ministry.

Are you able to contribute any baby clothing (from 000 to 18 mths), singlets, nappies, baby wipes, socks, blankets, wraps, towels, cot sheets, cash through the offering plate – all appreciated. Good, clean, second-hand clothing is also needed. These baskets are distributed to some community groups who give them to young women and families who have newborns and not a lot of support.

THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting Caloundra Lutheran Church ministries and mission!

If you're unable to come to worship or would like to make a regular deposit, would you please consider making an offering or gift; please transfer to: St Marks BSB 704 942 - Account 54740 (100378501 if from LLL acc) - \$11,283.33 Monthly budget giving required.

SAFE PLACE & CHILD SAFE

*LOVE COMES TO LIFE when we treat each other
with courtesy and respect,
and when the way we behave towards each other reflects
the way God loves us.*



In our personal behaviour we demonstrate God's love by:

- setting a good example of Christian living
- treating each other with dignity and respect
- being courteous, kind and compassionate in our words and actions
- not abusing people (including members of our family), verbally, physically, emotionally, sexually or spiritually
- acting responsibly in potentially addictive activities which may cause harm to our family, such as abuse of alcohol, addictive substances or gambling
- refraining from engaging in, viewing or possessing pornographic materials; and
- cultivating a lifestyle of reconciliation.

Reflect and Refresh

Last week's sermon extract - 21st August 2022

"Sabbath Rest and Healing"

Luke 13:10-17

The crippled lady had gotten used to looking at people out of the corner of her eye, by looking up and sideways. After eighteen years, she could hardly remember any other way of seeing the world.

On this particular Sabbath, there was a special excitement at the synagogue, where she regularly went to worship.

A Galilean preacher and prophet, Jesus of Nazareth, had arrived in town and would be teaching there. She and the others in town had heard reports about Jesus—how he talked about God's reign arriving soon and how he healed sick people.

She was not sure how many of the rumours to believe, but she was trying not to get her hopes up. Her life already had too many disappointments to count.

When she entered the synagogue, the place was abuzz.

As Jesus began to teach, however, the room was hushed. Moments later, his words turned

from teaching to invitation.

He had caught her eye—no mean feat, given that he had to lean over and incline his head to do so.

“Come here,” he said to her. She slowly made her way to the front of the assembly.

What happened next amazed the whole congregation. “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”

When this man, Jesus, spoke those words and put his hands on her broken, bent body, she felt power surge through her. Without hesitation, she straightened her once crooked back. She stood tall and praised her God . . .



And here we see the heart of the Father, the heart of God.

God wills life, abundant life for God’s children.

And God gives the Sabbath in order to ensure such abundant life for all of God’s children, especially those who have been burdened by physical ailments or by human oppression.

So, then, the question for you is: What weighs you down? With what are you burdened today? Perhaps it is a physical ailment, like the woman in our Gospel lesson today.

Perhaps it is anxiety or depression.

Perhaps it is guilt over what you have done, or anger over what someone else has done.

Perhaps it is grief, the loss of a dearly loved one.

Perhaps it is keenly felt disappointment.

Perhaps it is just plain weariness.

Whatever it is, whatever burden you carry, whatever is weighing you down, hear this good news: God wills life for *you*. In and through Jesus, God sets you free from whatever binds you. God forgives your sin.

God heals your diseases—of mind, body, and spirit.

God releases you from the power of sin, death, and Satan.

God lifts that terrible burden from your shoulders so that you can stand upright, so that you can take a deep breath at last and see clearly the faces of the people around you, fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

This healing, this release, this cleansing of sin—it is not an easy or a quick process.

Sometimes those burdens we carry are hard to let go of.

Old resentments, long-held guilt, heavy grief—we cling to those burdens because they have been a part of us for so long and we are not sure who we would be without them. But the Gospel speaks a new word into those old patterns.

And that new word can sound like healing and liberation (as in our Gospel lesson), like an ever-flowing spring of water.

So, again, some questions to ponder:

What in your life needs to be burned away? What burden needs to be lifted?

What healing needs to take place?

Hear again this good news:

God in Christ frees you from whatever binds you. God heals you.

God gives you rest. God forgives you and frees you to live life, and to live life abundantly.

I pray that you experience this healing and rest.

**May God bless you
abundantly this week
in everything you do!
That is my prayer
for you and your
loved ones.**