

### Sentence of Scripture

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false.

Psalms 24.3-4

### Prayer of the day

Eternal God,

open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,  
to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,  
and to experience the joy of life in your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Readings

#### Ephesians 1:1-23

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

## Mark 6:14–29

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."  
<sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."  
<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."  
<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."  
<sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Today we start a 6 week series through Ephesians, a slight expansion of the lectionary readings. As another step back to normal we will soon be seeking your input for various rosters for our Sunday Worship and other tasks for the parish. Please find below the Parish Council prayers for this month, we request you join us in prayer for our parish life together.

Sunday worship is still available online at [www.kyabramanglican.org.au](http://www.kyabramanglican.org.au). Sunday worship at St Andrew's and St James' still require masks to be worn unfortunately. We also have worship services on Wednesday at 1pm at St Andrew's, this is a simpler Holy Communion service with no singing, you are most welcome to join us at these services.

David is now able to go back into Dhurrighile prison on Mondays and this week on Thursday to Warramunda for their church service.

We are looking forward to the Monday night Community Meal recommencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July and give thanks for the many volunteers available to make this possible. Please Pray for Patti as she coordinated the Community Meal.

Our monthly Parish Council Strategic Prayers:

- Pray for David's ministry in Kyabram, at Dhurrighile and at Tongala.
- Pray for the Parish finances, which are not meeting current commitments.
- Pray for the Parish to willingly engage and accept responsibility to pray regularly for people to come to join the St Andrews community.
- Pray for the Community Meal recommencement. Give thanks that we can restart the Community Meal.
- Pray for wisdom for those in leadership, State and National, and also for those affected by covid-19 impact of individuals and the community.
- Bishop Matt and Rachael.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Kyabram 9 & 11am, Tongala 7pm.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Kyabram 1pm