

First Reading

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Read by Fleur Spore

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—

¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus

you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace;

in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself

one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross,

thus putting to death that hostility through it.

¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints

and also members of the household of God,

²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

²¹In him the whole structure is joined together

and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

794; The King of love my shepherd is

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Learn the ways of the Lord and have compassion on those he brings to meet you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you O Lord

The apostles returned from their mission.

They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹He said to them,

'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.'

For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

³⁴As he went ashore,

he saw a great crowd;

and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

⁵⁴When they got out of the boat,

people at once recognized him,

⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region

and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms,

they laid the sick in the market-places,

and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak;

and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

Intercessions

Intercessions are led by Frankie Hawkins

Those for whom prayer has been asked:

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For those on active service in places of danger.

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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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The visitors to the Top Up shop and Family First

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3 Linda Best, Margaret Starsmore, Rosie Gray, Beryl Chaplin

2 Maureen and Steve, Angela Parobji, Sonia Steggall, Sam, Edward Colthorpe, Carol Glymin, Debbie Shaves, Sue Doe

1 Celia, Dereck Markham, Ray Mallet, Colleen and Kevin, Stephen Abbott, and those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

Hazel Stapleton,

Bob Gayfer

Jean Bryan

Gloria Elmer

Vera Smith

Louise

Susan Bradshaw

Harold Gilbert

Janet Kelly

Roy Pace

We remember the anniversary of death of

27 July 2021 John Mayhew

Offertory Hymn;

621; Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion Hymns:

609; Christ is the world's light

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Recessional Hymn:

610; Christ is the world's true light

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time

Peggy Bean, Vera Emeny, Margaret Pearce, Pat Todd,
David Webb.