

Caboulture Catholic Parish

Little Flower, Bribie Island

St Peter's, Caboulture



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& Responsorial Psalms***

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FIRST READINGS

Job 19:1 23-27

1

Job said: "Ah, would that these words of mine were written down, inscribed on some monument with iron chisel and engraving tool - cut into the rock for ever.

This I know: That my Avenger lives, and he, the Last, will take his stand on earth.

After my awaking, he will set me close to him, and from my flesh, I shall look on God.

God whom I shall see will take my part: these eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.'

Wisdom 3:1-9

2

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us like the end; but they are in peace.

If they experienced suffering as we see it, their hope is rich with immortality; slight was their affliction compared with how great their blessings will be.

God has put them to the test and proved them worthy. They have been tested like gold in a furnace and accepted as a sacrifice. When the time comes for God to visit, they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever.

Those who trust in God will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those God has chosen.

Wisdom 3:1-6,9

2 (Short)

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us like annihilation; but they are in peace.

If they experienced suffering as we see it, their hope is rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test and proved them worthy; they have been tested like gold in a furnace, and their sacrifice has been accepted.

Those who trust in God will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with God in love; for grace and mercy await those who are chosen.

Wisdom 4:7-15

3

The virtuous person, though he dies before his time, will find rest.

Length of days is not what makes age honourable, nor number of years the true measure of life; Understanding, this is our grey hairs, untarnished life, this is ripe old age.

He has sought to please God, so God has loved him; as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up. He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his understanding or treachery seduce his soul; for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade, and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart.

Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life; his soul being pleasing to the Lord, he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him.

Yet people look on, uncomprehending; it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, God's holy ones.

Isaiah 25:6-9

4

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations.

God will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; take away the people's shame everywhere on earth, for God has said so.

That day, it will be said: "See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that God has saved us."

Lamentations 3:17-26

5

My soul is shut out from peace; I have forgotten happiness. And now I say, "My strength is gone, that hope which came from the Lord".

Brooding on my anguish and affliction is gall and wormwood. My spirit ponders it continually and sinks within me.

This is what I shall tell my heart, and so recover hope: The favours of the Lord are not all past, God's kindnesses are not exhausted; Every morning they are renewed; Great is God's faithfulness.

"My portion is the Lord", says my soul, "and so I will hope in God." The Lord is good to those who trust him, to the soul that searches for him.

It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save.

Daniel 12:1-3

6

I, Daniel, was doing penance when I received this message from the Lord: "At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity."

2 Maccabees 12:43-45

7

Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from the people individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

Proverbs 31/10-12, 20-21, 26, 28-30 8

A perfect wife, who can find her? Her worth is beyond measure. Her husband's heart has confidence in her. From her, he derives great joy. Blessings and not burdens she brings him, all the days of his life. She holds out her hand to the poor. She opens her arms to those in need. Cold may come, she has no fears for her family. They will all be warmly clothed. When she opens her mouth to speak, she does so with gentle wisdom. Her children stand up and proclaim her blessed. Her husband too sings her praises: "many women have done admirable things, but you surpass them all". Charm is deceptive, and beauty disappears. But the woman who honours the Lord - she will be praised!

Acts 10:34-43

9

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "The truth I have now come to realise," he said, "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God."

"It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all peoples.

You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and, because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree.

Yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone alive or dead.

It is to Jesus that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name'.

Acts 10:34-36,42-43

9 (Short)

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"It is true that God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone alive or dead.

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Apocalypse 14:13

10

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, "Write down: *Happy are those who die in the Lord!*" "Happy indeed", the Spirit says; "Now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

Apocalypse 20:11-21:1

11

I, John, saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. In his presence, earth and sky vanished, leaving no trace, I saw the dead, both great and small, standing in front of his throne, while the book of life was opened, and other books opened which were the record of what they had done in their lives, by which the dead were judged.

The sea gave up all the dead who were in it; Death and Hades were emptied of the dead that were in them; and every one was judged according to the way in which he had lived. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the burning lake. This burning lake is the second death; and anybody whose name could not be found written in the book of life was thrown into the burning lake.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea.

Apocalypse 21:1-7

12

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, "You see this city? Here God lives among his people. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. God will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone."

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: "Now I am making the whole of creation new," he said. "I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me."

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Ps 26:1.4.7-9.13-14.Rv.1.Alt.Rv.13 1

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R The Lord is my light and my salvation.

or

R I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the Land of the living.

**The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?**

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold this temple.**

**O Lord hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.**

**I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!**

Ps 114:5-6; 115:10-11.15-16 R Ps 114:9 2

R I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

or

R Alleluia!

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless, so he saved me.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm: 'No one can be trusted'.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

Ps 22.Rv.4 3

R Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

or

R The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.**

**He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.**

**You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.**

**Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

Ps 24:6-7.17-18.20-21.Rv.1.Alt Rv.3 5

R To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

or

R No one who waits for you, O Lord, will ever put to shame.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

Relieve the anguish of my heart and set me free from my distress.
See my affliction and my toil and take all my sins away.

Preserve my life and rescue me. Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me: for my hope is in you, O Lord.

Ps41:2.3.5.Rv.3 6

Reader: My soul is thirsting for the living God:
When shall I see him face to face?

All: **My soul is thirsting for the living God:
When shall I see him face to face?**

Reader: Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

All: **My soul is thirsting for the living God:
When shall I see him face to face?**

Reader: My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;
when can I enter and see the face of God?

All: **My soul is thirsting for the living God:
When shall I see him face to face?**

Reader: These things will I remember as I pour out my soul:
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy.

Ps102:8.10.13-18.Rv.8.Alt R Ps 36:39 7

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

or

R The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

**The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.**

**As parents have compassion on their children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
Knowing of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust.**

**As for us, our days are like grass; we flower like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and we are gone and our place never sees us again.**

**But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear;
God's justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep the covenant in truth.**

Ps 62:2-6.8-9.Rv.2 8

R My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1 O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R

2 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R

3 So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

R

4 You have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. R

