

First Reading

The reading is read by Angela Parojj

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the
word of God,

so that what is seen was made from things
that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed

when he was called to set out for a place

that he was to receive as an inheritance,

and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he stayed for a time

in the land he had been promised,

as in a foreign land, living in tents,

as did Isaac and Jacob,

who were heirs with him of the same promise.

¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,

whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith, he received power of procreation,

even though he was too old-

and Sarah herself was barren-

because he considered him faithful who had promised.

¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead,

descendants were born,

“as many as the stars of heaven

and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith

without having received the promises,

but from a distance they saw and greeted them.

They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on
the earth,

¹⁴ for people who speak in this way

make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left

behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country,

that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God;

indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

587 Amazing Grace

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said to His disciples

“Do not be afraid, little flock,

for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell your possessions and give alms.

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out,

an unfailing treasure in heaven,

where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master

to return from the wedding banquet,

so that they may open the door for him

as soon as he comes and knocks.

³⁷ Blessed are those slaves

whom the master finds alert when he comes;

truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt

and have them sit down to eat,

and he will come and serve them.

³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn

and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this:

if the owner of the house had known

at what hour the thief was coming,

he would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁰ You also must be ready,

for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our

Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time

Peggy and Ken Bean. Ray Cobb, Denver Cole, John Davies,

Vera Emeny, Judith Everett, Margaret Pearce, Pat Todd,

David and Lily Webb.

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Kevin Bryan

Mary on sabbatical

Benjamin who is being baptised today

For those on active service in places of danger.

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

The visitors to the Top Up shop and Family First

³ Jill Broughton, Leah Mitchell, Brian Stopher,

² Debbie Shaves, Dick Kirkland, June Devine

^{1,} Michael Brooke, Joseph 3, Sonia Stegall, Louise.

Margaret Starsmore. Jeanette

and those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

Jane Harbord

We remember the anniversary of death of

Lizzie Payne 13 August 2002

Offertory Hymn;

683 - Jerusalem the golden

Communion Hymns:

462 - Soul of my Saviour

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:

650– Great is thy faithfulness