

## **First Reading**

Read by Doreen Powell

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

<sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

<sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

<sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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## **Gradual Hymn:**

Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

<sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, says the Lord but my words will not pass away.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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## **Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples

<sup>25</sup>'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

<sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>27</sup>Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud"

<sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.'

<sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near

<sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

<sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

<sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:25-36

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You O Christ**

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

Judith and Kevin Bryan, Peggy and Ken Bean, Ray Cobb, Vera Emeny, John Davies, Margaret Pearce, Ellen Rogers, Pat Todd, David and Lily Webb.

## **The Prayers**

**The prayers are led by Beverly Frost**

**Those for whom prayer has been asked:**

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 people infected by the Coronavirus

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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Visitors to The Pop Up Shop

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| 3 | Joseph 2, Michael Brooke, Jane Paul, Robert Jones, Doreen, Jane Dixon              |
| 2 | Leah Mitchell, Brian Stopher, Denver Cole, Samuel (10) Becki Cook, Maria Budinger. |
| 1 | Debbie Shaves, Dick Kirkland., Evie, June Devine and those known privately to us.  |

**Those who have died recently**

Walter McCoy

Heidi

**We remember the anniversary of death of**

Dorie Read 1 December 2016

## **Offertory Hymn;**

Wake, O wake, with tidings thrilling

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## **Communion Hymns:**

Into the darkness of this world

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Recessional Hymn:**

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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