Psalm 148

- ¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights.
- ² Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light.
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heaven: and you waters that are above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were made.
- ⁶ He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- ⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth: praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, mist and snow: and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Beasts of the wild, and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples: princes, and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² Young men and maidens: old folk and children together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted.
- ¹⁴ His glory is above earth and heaven: and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- ¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

A Prayer at this Time

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, at this time of fear, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, the virus contained and a cure found. Strengthen those who care for the sick, calm the anxious, and protect the most vulnerable in the power of the Spirit and in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Christmas Blessing

Christ the son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Diocesan Prayer



God in whom we live, and move and have our being, we thank you for Jesus Christ who is the Good News. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be people who transform lives, make disciples and grow communities, that your glory may be revealed in all creation. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Readings for 3rd January 2021—Second Sunday After Christmas Jeremiah 31.7-14; Psalm 147.12-20; Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.(1-9) 10-18.



St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Tweed Heads

Our Vision: Transforming lives through Jesus Christ. Our Mission: Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Making disciples and Growing faith communities.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 27th December 2020

WELCOME



Sentence: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Collect: Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.22-40.

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Weekly Services: Sunday 9am. COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. <u>BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED</u>, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 9am and 12 NOON TO BOOK.

Reflection

Scholars generally believe that John's Gospel was the last written. Although some of the details are very early. He is traditionally seen as the youngest of the apostles. He was exiled for a time on the island of Patmos. He is also seen as living to a great age in Ephesus.

Today's gospel reading, fittingly has a younger John outrunning the more senior Peter but not willing to enter the tomb first, either out of fear or respect for Peter.

Unlike the earlier raising of Lazarus, who comes from the tombs still in the grave clothes, these grave clothes are carefully arranged, showing that something guite different had happened. Jesus had risen.

- As we draw to the close of this harrowing year fill us with renewed hope in the power of the Resurrection of Christ.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane. •
- Give thanks for the work and witness of Kerina Evangelists' College in Papua New Guinea
- Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020



My Christian Story

Have you written yours yet?

What is *your* story about how you became a Christian? Grey flyers can be emailed or sent to you on request. There are ideas for you to think about and inside a place for you to write 'your story.'

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word: may this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Personal Notes

BIRTHDAYS: 31st: Evelyn Eccleston; 1st Jan: Beryl Burns. ANNIVERSARIES: 28th: Ian & Shirley Manwaring.



<u>Prayer List</u> The following people are in need of our prayers at this time:

John French, Daphne Hawtin, Maria Gandey, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Jacqueline Kerr, Andrew, Val Chapman, Barbara, Cressa Bartosek, Margaret Dudgeon, Trish Hooley, David Leigh, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Liz Tanke, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, Ruth Conlan, Brian Scrase, Colin Hawtin, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Elan, Robyn Hobson, Susan & Bob Gale, Tony de Kievit.

Our Church is committed to protecting your privacy. People on this list have requested prayer. <u>Please contact the Parish Office for any changes to the Prayer List</u>

Service Time Change

Worship time will continue with one 9.00am service only on Sunday mornings. Many thanks to all who have been doing additional tasks during the more onerous restrictions. We will still have some restrictions into the future. God Bless Dway

COVID-19 Update

We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Worship time will continue with one 9.00am service only on Sunday mornings. With the 2sq metre rule from 13th December we will be able to have 160 people in Church. Singing will still be restricted.

Face masks are still recommended.

It is recommended you down load the COVID Safe App if you feel comfortable doing so. Cleaning will still be required after each time the Church is used.

Recording of attendance will still be required. Due to this we will still be encouraging people to book in before the services, but if you have not booked in you can come and register on the day. Please call the office on 07 5536 1060 on the Thursday or Friday prior between 9am and 12 noon to register.

Please feel free to call me if you have any gueries. God Bless Dway.

NOTICE of Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st February 2021 commencing at 10:30am.

Would all event coordinators please have your reports for the AGM into the Parish Office by Friday, 22nd January 2021. Thank you.

National Anglican Family Violence Project

"Help us to build a safer and more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced domestic violence. Join a research project aimed to help improve church practices. If you have had an experience of domestic violence and a current or previous link with the Anglican Church, please share your perspective. The online survey is anonymous and anyone can take part.

Go to surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience to find out more".

Supporting our Parish Ministry

A Big Thank You to All those who have continued to financially support our Parish either by the normal means or now electronically. It is appreciated.

If you would like to contribute electronically to the mission and ministry of our Parish, you can use the following account.

Direct Debiting to our St Cuthbert's Parish Account with the AFGD Name: **Tweed Heads Anglican Parish** BSB: 705077 Account No.: 00040111

Please call Rev. Dway on 07 5536 1060 or the Treasurer John Gandey on 07 5599 7269 if you have any queries, or would like to discuss this further.