

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 14th October 2018

Pentecost 21



“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet”

Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering to Praise God

Poem “The Word of God was from the start” *Thomas Troeger*

Hymn 430 Your words to me are life and health *“Capel”*

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Responsive Reading “The Word within the Word”

Bruce Prewer - Australian Psalms

Most wonderful God, this is your world, the fruit of your creating and redeeming word;

The word which shaped the history out of which the Bible was written.

For the Word from the beginning speaking as One who has authority,

Word of life we thank you, Lord most high!

You spoke through many writers – some simple and some sophisticated;

Poets, historians, shepherds and princes – each inspired to pass the word on.

For the Word which is a lamp, guide to our feet, beacon to our path,

Word of light we thank you, Lord most high!

The scribes of many generations who toiled, patiently reproducing sacred scrolls,

You nurtured, God of the ages, through them your treasure came down to us.

For those who delighted in your Word and forgot not your laws,

Word of truth we thank you, Lord most high!

For the Word that cannot be bound, skillfully spoken in due season,

Word like fire, we thank you, Lord most high!

You have given our nation your Word, in Australia the scriptures abound.

You have provided bookshops and Bible Societies, and given us the freedom to share it.

For the Word that dwells richly in us, and never returns empty,

Word that brings faith, we thank you, Lord most high!

Wonderful God, we rejoice in the Gospel, the witness of the Bible to Jesus Christ,

The Word within the words, speaking a saving word to all people.

For the Word made flesh, glorious Word who dwells among us,

Word of love, we praise you Lord most high - Amen

Kids' Time “You have my word on it!”

Kids' Benediction and Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all:
And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the Peace with those near us.

Listening to God's Word.

First Lesson Hebrews 4 Verses 12 – 16 Lawrence Peak

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,^[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn **447** Lord your almighty Word “*Moscow*”

Second Lesson Mark 10 Verses 17 – 31 Joan Watson

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.’^[a]”

²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is ^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.

Sermon “Like A Hot Knife Through Butter”

Lawrence Peak

Responding to God’s Word.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 431 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken “*Regent Square*”

Prayers of the People

Max Osborne

Closing Hymn 565 Author of faith eternal Word “*Warrington*”

Benediction

Blessing 778 Shalom to you now “*Somos del Señor*”

Musical Postlude

Organist Jeanette Steer