



CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK

6 September 2009

TRINITY 13



MISSION and EVANGELISM by EXAMPLE and ENCOURAGEMENT

ANTIPHON: **God reigneth | o-ver · the | heathen: God sitteth up- | pon his | ho-ly | seat. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his | dwelling · so | high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that | are in | heaven · and| earth.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord | O my | soul : while I live | I will | praise the | Lord.

While I have | an-y | being : I will sing | prais-es | to my | God;

Put not your | trust in | princes : nor in flesh and | blood which | can-not | save;

For when their breath goes from them they return a- | gain · to the | earth : and on that day | all their | thoughts | perish;

Blessed are those whose help is the | God of | Jacob : whose hope is | in the | Lord their | God;

The God who made | heaven · and | earth : the sea and | all that | is in | them.

Who keeps | faith for- | ever : who deals justice to | those that | are op- | pressed.

The Lord gives | food · to the | hungry : and | sets the | cap-tives | free.

The Lord gives | sight to · the | blind : the Lord lifts up | those that | are bowed | down.

The Lord | loves the | righteous : the Lord cares for the | stran-ger | in the | land.

He upholds the widow | and the | fatherless : As for the way of the wicked, he | turns it | up-side | down.

The Lord shall be | king for- | ever : your God, O Zion, shall reign through all gene- | ra-tions, | Praise the | Lord.

Repeat antiphon

EPISTLE

James 2:1–5

My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "Have a seat here, please," while you say to the poor man, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He has promised to those who love Him?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

Praise to God whose word was spoken

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

O praise the Lord all ye *peo*-ple: **praise him all ye *na*-tions.** O be joyful in God all ye lands: sing praises unto *the* honour of his name; **O come hither and hearken all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my *soul*. Al-le-lu-ia.**

✠ GOSPEL

Mark 7: 24-37

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house, and would not have any one know it; yet he could not be hid.

But immediately a woman, whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Greek, a Syro-phoeni'cian by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children first be fed, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this saying you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home, and found the child lying in bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decap'olis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Eph'phatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ

CREED

Anglican Folk Mass

M Shaw

SERMON

Fr Robert

OFFERTORY HYMN *To the name that brings salvation* **470**

SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS & AGNUS DEI *Communion Service in F*
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***If you are a communicant member of another Church,
you are welcome to receive communion.
Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail.***

MOTET *Lead me, Lord*

S S Wesley

COMMUNION

We will rejoice in thy salvation: **and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God.**

HYMN *Blessed Jesu, Mary's son*

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***Please join us for refreshments in the Bardin Centre
after the 9:30 am service.***



Dear Parishioners,

Whatever Jesus did, he certainly did well. He displayed both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus heals a man who is both deaf and stammered he shows his compassion for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, no doubt to withdraw him from embarrassment with a large crowd of onlookers. He puts his fingers into his ears and he touches his tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

This simple miracle story is similar to accounts of other healers of the time. In Mark's account two features stand out. Jesus told the man to keep quiet, but the man did the opposite. Mark is less concerned to chasten the man than to show how the news spread. People declared that Jesus is one who makes the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak. The other feature is symbolic. Here Jesus heals with spittle. He will do so again in 8:22-26, healing a blind man. The two stories are thus linked. The blind see; the deaf and dumb hear and speak. They are images used by Mark to address spiritual deafness and blindness.

What is the meaning of Jesus putting his fingers in the man's ears? Gregory the Great in the 6th century writes: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others. No difficulty or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like kind. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you love others and treat them with consideration and compassion that Jesus did? If not why not?

Yours in Christ,

Fr Robert

Sunday @ 5
TODAY in the Bardin Centre.

There will be no Bible Studies this Week

Garden Working Bee / Children's Activity Day
Many thanks to all who participated yesterday in these important parish activities.

152nd Dedication Festival / Back to Church Sunday
NEXT Sunday, 13 September

This is an occasion to invite someone special back to church. Definite bookings and payment must be made TODAY for the Spit Roast Lunch at 12.30pm (\$20/\$17 concession)
See the booking sheet in the Bardin Centre).

There will be no Evensong or **Sunday @ 5** next Sunday.

Festival Flowers

Ellen Easton and Angela Scollary will welcome your donations after this morning's services.

Festival Preparations

Volunteers are invited at 9:30 next **Saturday, 12 September** to help clean the church and set up the hall for the lunch.

The September edition of TMA

... is available today.

Parish Mission Giving for September:

St Alban's Parish, St Albans—to support their Emergency Relief Annexe, details of which are on the Bardin Centre notice board.

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

For each day the intercessions are, in order, for the **Anglican Communion**, the **Anglican Church of Australia** and the **Diocese of Melbourne**.

- Sun 6 Abp John Wilson Gladstone Moderator, Church of South India & Bishop of South Kerala; Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Andrew Curnow, Asst Bp Ron Stone); Shelford Girls' Grammar (Pamela Chessell, principal); St Stephen's Mount Waverley (Grantley Bullen, Judith Frost); St Dunstan's Camberwell – confirmation (Bp Barbara Darling); St Stephen's Highett (Bp Paul White visit)
- Mon 7 Diocese of South Rwenzori—Uganda (Bp Jackson Nzerebende Tembo); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Asst Bps Jonathan Holland, Robert Nolan, Geoffrey Smith); Defence Force chaplaincy; St Luke's Mulgrave (Bruce Ollington)
- Tue 8 Diocese of South West Tanganyika—Tanzania (Vacant); Diocese of Bunbury (Bp David McCall); Archdeaconry of Stonnington and Glen Eira (Roger Rich); St Peter's Murrumbeena with Holy Nativity Hughesdale (Tom Jewell, Richard Aldersey)
- Wed 9 Diocese of South Western Brazil—Brazil (Bp Jubal Pereira Neves); Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn (Bp Stuart Robinson, Asst Bps Trevor Edwards, Allan Ewing); Tintern Schools (Jenny Collins, principal; Stewart Taplin, chaplain); Bellarine Gateway Parish (Phil Jacobson, Shirley Littras); Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing – confirmation (Bp Philip Huggins)
- Thu 10 Diocese of Southeast Florida—Province IV, USA (Bp Leopold Frade); Ministry to the Defence Force (Bp Len Eacott) chaplains & all members of the Defence Force; Ecumenical Affairs Committee; Christ Church Newport (John de Blank)
- Fri 11 Diocese of Southeastern Mexico—Mexico (Bp Benito Juarez-Martinez); Diocese of Gippsland (Bp John McIntyre); AIDS Ministry; Parish of Newtown & Geelong West (vacant)
- Sat 12 Diocese of Southern Brazil—Brazil (Bp Orlando Santos de Oliveira); Diocese of Grafton (Bp Keith Slater); Police Force chaplaincy (Jim Pilmer); St Aidan's Noble Park (Stephen Morris)

Year's Mind

- Sun 6 Jacquelyn Mary Westacott Farrer, Alan Lomax Davies
- Mon 7 -
- Tues 8 Thomas Henderson Thompson, James Gordon,
Ruby Gladys Elizabeth Taylor
- Wed 9 Vincent Nyeholt
- Thurs 10 -
- Fri 11 Mother Esther CHN, Mary Ann Langley
- Sat 12 William Albert George Ryan, Marie Felice Allard,
Ross Jones