



IPSWICH CITY
UNITING CHURCH
Finding New Life Together in Christ

June 28, 2020

NEWSLINK

REFLECTION

BIBLE READING

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Year 'A'
REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY
2019 – 2020

JUN 28 2020

Pent 4 [13]

Gn 22:1-14

Ps 13

Rom 6:12-23

Mt 10:40-42

JULY 5 2020

Pent 5 [14]

Gn 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Ps 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13

Rom 7:15-25a

Mt 11:16-19, 25-30

AFTER PENTECOST

A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

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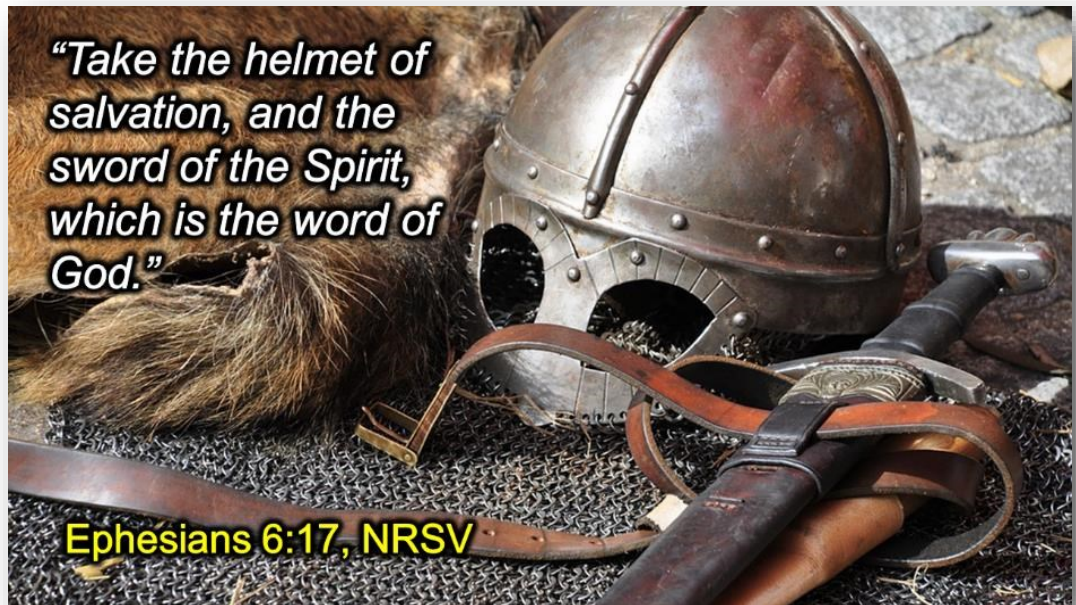
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I've no idea what Charles is preaching on this Sunday so this is a personal reflection on the passage he has chosen Ephesians 6:10-20. It is a passage about Spiritual warfare and how you can defend yourselves from the enemy with the armour of God. I think we are always in a spiritual battle with our own sinfulness, with broken systems which seem to take on a life of their own, and with powers like the devil. It is important to remember that ultimately God is in control and in Jesus has already won the war.

My one experience of "powers like the devil" was when I was called into a room where a young woman was distressed, ghost white, stuck speaking in what seemed to be tongues but in between the tongues was cursing God and saying horrible things in English. This is not my thing!!! I had been studying the book of Romans at college and perhaps the greatest passage about the Spirit of God and the Love of God in the Bible is Romans chapter 8. It includes these words "all who are led by the Spirit are the Children of God." (Romans 8:14) Faced with this distressed young woman I got out my Bible and I read Romans 8 out loud from beginning to end. She stopped calling out and speaking in tongues and returned to herself. The colour returned to her face and she even smiled. We prayed together.

We receive the word of God in the Bible and its promises can help us move forward and defend ourselves when we are oppressed by sin, (our own and others), and when we are confronted by other forces beyond ourselves. One of the greatest assurances we have in the Bible is that we are saved. Whenever our hearts or the devil says you are worthless or unworthy you can respond with "there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". (Romans 8:1) So take up the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God and the helmet of salvation and God in you will win the fight.

God, thank you that for me there is no condemnation for by your presence with me in the Spirit I know that I am surrounded and filled with the power and love of Jesus. In times of temptation, trial, and accusation, help me bring this to mind and bring me to safety. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Rev Andrew

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NEW LIFE OP SHOP

Yes!

WE ARE OPEN AGAIN HAVING COMPLIED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND SYNOD DIRECTIVES.

WE ARE STAFFED BY VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE IN THE NON-VULNERABLE CATEGORY.

**WE WOULD VALUE HELP FROM ANYONE WHO CAN VOLUNTEER AND FALLS INTO THIS
NON-VULNERABLE CATEGORY.**

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO YOU THINK MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN US WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.



OPENING HOURS

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Donations welcome
during opening hours!

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All vulnerable volunteers must not participate in the operation of op shops, book shops, other retail activities, or activities where there is the requirement to deal with the wider community. The Uniting Church in Queensland is committed to ensuring a safe environment and discharging its duty of care to its volunteers and staff. The following may be considered as a vulnerable person to COVID-19:

- Over 70 years of age
- Over 65 years of age who have existing health conditions or comorbidities, and
- First Nations People over the age of 50 who have existing health conditions or comorbidities,
- Are significantly immunocompromised or taking immunosuppression therapy;
- Have chronic medical condition, including: Chronic renal failure; Coronary heart disease or congestive heart failure; Chronic lung disease including severe asthma (for which frequent medical consultations or the use of multiple medications is required); cystic fibrosis, bronchiectasis; suppurative lung disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic emphysema; Poorly controlled diabetes; Poorly controlled hypertension.