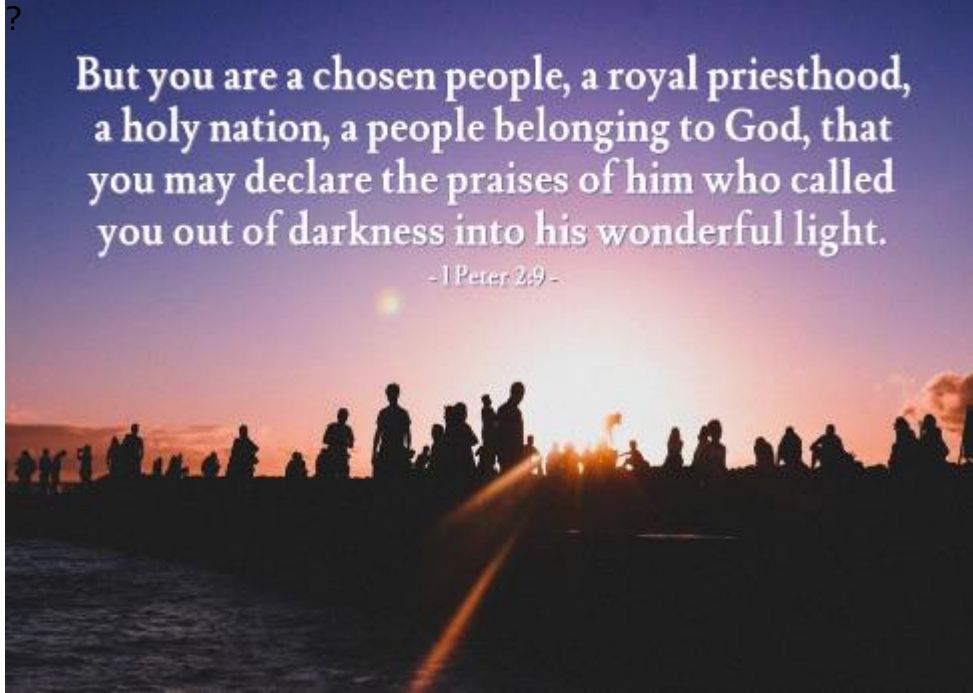


Dear beloved.

In the letter to Timothy we read 'my God shall supply all your needs' is this correct



Blessings

Wendy

Steve Clark will not do a session on 3rd September

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Wendy's last Sunday in the Parish 24th September

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Morning Tea after the Service every 2nd and 4th Sunday  
please volunteer for the roster.

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Midweek Services every Wednesday at 9.30 all Welcome

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Please volunteer for the roster, well in advance.

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Prayer and Praise

Wendy

Catherine

Edith and Colin Mayhew

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Glenn Fletcher

Alan Hood

our wardens and Parish Councillors

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Bernie and Gayle

Scott's wife Jennie.

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Beryl Lucas

Mary Mitchell's sister in Palliative Care (Cancer)

Beattie Russell and Jenni Roberts in Yallambie.

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Liz Pirie

Leanne Lowery

Mary Mitchell

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Peter & Julie Harris from Bredbo

all congregations in Jindabyne

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The Catholic priest Father Mark Croker as he ministers from Bombala  
through to the mountains

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for each other that we may be salt and light in this community

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People everywhere who are living through war or disasters of every kind

18 6 23 second order, second thanksgiving

Hymn TIS 462 Now we come, our Heavenly Father

### Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Sentence

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145.18–19

### Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

O God, giver of life and health, whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice: refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Genesis 32.22–31

<sup>22</sup> That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' <sup>27</sup> The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' <sup>29</sup> Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' <sup>31</sup> The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

### Psalms 17.1–7, 17.16

<sup>1</sup> Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry: listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.  
<sup>2</sup> Let judgement for me come forth from your presence: and let your eyes discern the right.  
<sup>3</sup> Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time: though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me. <sup>4</sup> My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others: for I have kept the word of your lips. <sup>5</sup> My steps have held firm in the way of your commands: and my feet have not stumbled from your paths. <sup>6</sup> I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words.  
<sup>7</sup> Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge: who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.  
<sup>16</sup> And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just: when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.

### Romans 9.1–8

<sup>1</sup> I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – <sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, <sup>4</sup> the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. <sup>5</sup> Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen. <sup>6</sup> It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. <sup>7</sup> Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, 'It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.' <sup>8</sup> In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

## Matthew 14.13–21

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. <sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup> 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. <sup>18</sup> 'Bring them here to me,' he said. <sup>19</sup> And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### Sermon

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers

Let us pray for the world and for the Church. Challenge our values again. Jesus and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35

### Prayer of Approach

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

### Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's mercy.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Peace

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.** The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn TIS 584 Just as I am, without one plea

### OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

## Thanksgiving 2

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting. At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image, and endowed us with creative power. We turned away from you but you did not abandon us. You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned. On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way. While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.' He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world. As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread: **so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

## AFTER COMMUNION

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Hymn TIS Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

## Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen**



In our prayer of the day today, we referred to Jesus as the one who meets 'all our needs', I wonder if that is really the way you see him?

Does Jesus meet all your needs? Nowadays people sometimes refer to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, which is often depicted as ranked stages. From the bottom of the pyramid upwards the needs are physical, safety, love and belonging, esteem and self-actualization. Needs lower down in the hierarchy must be satisfied before individuals can attend to higher needs.

In our gospel passage today is a story which we know very well: Jesus feeding the five thousand. There are actually six stories of Jesus feeding crowds in our bible, each gospel has at least one and Mark and Matthew each record two events. Obviously, all the gospel writers thought it was important for their readers to know about, so we need to listen and think about this event.



What Jesus had just heard is that John the Baptist has been killed by Herod. Jesus is in danger and also grieving so he withdraws in a boat, to a lonely place. If Herod has killed John the Baptist, there is real danger for Jesus and his disciples and Jesus knows that there is more work to be done before his time, so he meets their need for safety.

The people had needs, not just physical needs but the need to understand their lives and know what God was doing and they realised that Jesus spoke words of life, so they followed the boat by running around the shore until they found where Jesus had landed. Jesus recognised their needs and healed those who were ill and taught them. At first glance Jesus is obviously meeting the needs of the crowd for food, the most basic of all human needs but there are other things happening in this story as well.



As the day was coming to an end the disciples were worried about the basic needs of all these people, they would need to eat so they made their recommendation to Jesus that he should send them away so that they could find food. This was thoughtful of the disciples, but Jesus had an even better plan. Jesus took what the disciples had and multiplied it to provide that basic need for all the people.

In our lives we very rarely even think of our need for basic things like food, water, and shelter because we live in a country where for most people those things are just a given. For someone who is very poor it might be an issue, not like in third world countries but real enough. There was a time when I was trying to feed myself and my young children on a small income and every time, I went to the supermarket what I needed was on special and I knew that God was meeting my needs. He also provided for me and my kids in so many other creative ways.





The great messianic banquet that is to take place at the end of the age is a recurring theme in the teaching of Jesus. Clearly in this feeding of the multitude Jesus acts out that anticipated feast. The early church associated this gathering with the feast that was to come at the end time, and even more importantly saw an early echo of the last supper. Did you notice as we read the gospel that Jesus took the food 'and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples.'

And 'the disciples gave them to the people'. What a picture for us to follow, Jesus provides in abundance, and then we give that provision to the people. The twelve baskets full (one for each disciple) are a promise that Jesus always give more than enough, he gives abundantly. Many years after I was so poor, I was delighted to be able to run a Food Pantry to help people in a similar situation. I knew what it was like, so I was able to identify with them and pass on Jesus' blessing to them.



On that day Jesus met the needs of the people, in food, healing and purpose and we can receive those same blessings but sometimes our needs are different, does he meet those needs too? The Psalmist certainly thought so: <sup>7</sup> Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge: who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them. There are so many passages in the bible where people through the ages can attest that God has saved them in dire circumstances, from their enemies, from circumstances beyond their control and physical, mental and emotional dangers of every kind.

We are rarely in danger physically, in fact Maslow's hierarchy specifies 'job security' as an example of the need for safety but we know that God can be trusted in all circumstances of life: if we are in a car accident, if we loose our job, or our life seems to be falling apart in any way, we know that God is still in control and as we read in Romans last week God brings all things for good for those who love him and walk according to his purposes. As Christians we have the ultimate security.



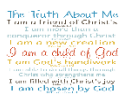
Jews always knew that they belonged to God because they were part of Israel, God's chosen race. Jews retold the story of Israel beginning with Abraham, showing the whole sequence of God's actions in their history. This is what Paul was doing in our reading from Roman's today, he is explaining what God had in mind all along. From the very beginning God seems to have decided to work his purposes not only by choosing on family from the beginning but by continuing to choose from within that family.

It was never enough just to be descended from the patriarchs you also had to live like the patriarchs trusting God. Jacob was in that line of patriarchs, chosen by God from birth to live according to his will, while his twin brother Esau was not chosen and as we read today wrestled with God but came out obedient and dedicated with a new name that became the name of his descendants, Israel.



We are chosen, the children of the promise, not because we come from a wonderful line of faithful Anglicans but because God chose us, each one to live a life according to his plan. We belong and can never be kicked out. In the world you can belong in a group of friends, in a club and your family but it is possible that someone will take offence at you and kick you out and then you no longer belong. But in the body of Christ even if you make a mistake, even if someone doesn't like you, God never lets you go you always belong.

However, be very wary, the thrust is not, you are special so you can sit back and take it easy. It is always you are special, so why are you taking God for granted, failing to honour him, and ignoring your call to carry forward his purposes? God's choice never results in easy arrogant, automatic superiority. Much is expected of those to whom much is given. Paul was grieved because the people of whom he had been a part his whole life were rejecting God's chosen messiah and were not part of the new Israel.



In the same way, when we walk with God, we don't need to receive respect and recognition from other people because our worth is totally tied up in what God sees in us. We are created by God, loved by God, chosen by God, filled with God's love and joy, able to do all things through him who strengthens us. He calls us his friends and there is no greater honour.

You never need to compare yourself with others, saying they're better than me, because you are exactly the person God created you to be and that is what matters.



The highest need in life is to be the best person that you can be, and who better than the one who created you is going to know how to achieve that? When we follow Jesus, he leads us in the best paths for us, he walks with us through all the valleys and brings us to the mountain top again. Sometimes it is hard work following Jesus, but he knows us so well and he meets all our needs. Not just physical but emotional, and spiritual as well.

The lord of the Universe created you and knows exactly what you need, trust him with all your needs and he will bless you abundantly.

And they all ate and were satisfied. Amen