

**CONGREGATIONS OF THE AELC**  
**TRINITY OAKEY, ST PAUL'S GREENWOOD, ST JOHN'S AUBIGNY, BETHLEHEM TOOWOOMBA**  
**TRINITY MARBURG, ST JOHN'S MINDEN, OUR SAVIOUR LOWOOD**

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Bulletin for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**ORDER OF SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION**

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 347    GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1	2	3
Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty: Hold me with Thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore, Feed me now and evermore.	Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through: Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield. Be Thou still my strength and shield.	When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee. I will ever give to Thee.

THE CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.    **He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.    **Then He forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to You that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us: Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and Your will, and make us obedient to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

THE INTROIT

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with joyful singing!

Know that the LORD is God! It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him, and bless His name!

For the LORD is good. His mercy endures for ever, and His faithfulness through all generations.

Psalm 100

THE GLORY TO THE FATHER

**Glory to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be for evermore. Amen.**

THE LORD HAVE MERCY

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

THE GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest.

**And on earth peace, among men with whom He is pleased. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, You alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.                      **And also with you.**

**Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises, that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading for \_\_\_\_\_ is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

The Second Reading is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

After the reading:            This is the Word of the Lord.

**Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah.**

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel is written in the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter of the Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_.

**Glory be to You, O Lord.**

After the Gospel:            This is the Gospel of the Lord.    **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN 442 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY, THE KING OF CREATION

1  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation;  
Join the full throng;  
Wake, harp and psalter and song,  
Sound forth in glad adoration.

2  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who as on wings of an eagle uplifteth, sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen?  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what He ordaineth.

3  
Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee,  
Health hath vouchsafed, and when heedlessly falling hath  
stayed thee:  
What need or grief            Ever hath failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

4  
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and  
defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy will daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew            What the Almighty can do,  
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

5

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him,  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the "Amen" Sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

SERMON - THE UNSCRIPTURAL PRACTICE OF RACISM Acts 17:24-26

HYMN 326 O HOW GREAT IS THY COMPASSION

1 O how great is Thy compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace, That with all our fallen race And in our deep degradation Thou wast merciful, that we Might be saved eternally.	3 And for this our soul's salvation Voucheth Thy good Spirit, Lord, In Thy sacraments and Word. He imparteth consolation, Granteth us the gift of faith, That we fear nor hell nor death.	5 I will praise Thy compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace, That with all our fallen race And in our deep degradation Thou wast merciful, that we Might bring endless praise to Thee.
2 Thy great love for this hath striven That, from pangs of hell set free, We may ever live with Thee; Yea, Thy Son Himself hath given, And extends an earnest call To His supper unto all.	4 Lord, Thy mercy will not leave me- Truth doth evermore abide- Then in Thee I will confide. Since Thy Word cannot deceive me, My salvation is to me Well assured eternally.	

#### THE PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us peace. **Amen.**

HYMN 642 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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.
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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor is proposing a return to normal services beginning **Sunday 12 July**, unless there is a further lifting of restrictions. Until then, he will be offering HC at the following churches using a shortened order of service. Feel free to come along at any time during the following hours:

#### **Sunday, 21 June**

Our Saviour Lowood. 9.00-11.00 for HC.

#### **Sunday, 28 June**

Bethlehem Toowoomba. 8.00am-11.00 for HC.

#### **Sunday, 5 July**

St John's Minden. 9.00-11.00 for HC.

## Sunday, 12 July Return to Normal Services

8.30am TMBA HC

10.30am AUB HC

8.30am OAK LR

9.30am GRN LR

9.00am LOWOOD LR

Please note that St Paul's Greenwood and Bethlehem Toowoomba are resuming LR services.

Wednesday, 1 July. 10.00am. Women's Guild is set to resume. We shall meet at the Oakey hall.

Opening Devotion: Kathie. Key Word: Learn. Item of Interest: Something beginning with "U".

### The human race has one head

The entire human race is descended from Adam (Roman 5:12; 1 Cor. 11:8). This has great theological significance. Adam was truly representative of the entire human race. He is the one from whom all people are descended. Even Eve came from Adam. When Adam sinned, the entire human race fell. Adam's guilt is charged to us all. The condemnation that came upon him because of his sin also comes upon us because we all sinned in Adam. If someone were to object and say that it is not fair that we are blamed for Adam's sin, then we would have to say it is also not fair that we should be credited with Christ's righteousness (Romans 5:12-19). Adam is the head from whom the entire human race sprang, and Adam and Eve were our first parents.

This truth is denied by evolution, which teaches that humans are descended from animals. Evolutionists say there are many sources from which the human race is descended. Churches that have accepted the theory of evolution have also rejected the historical account of Adam and Eve as our first parents. A modern Roman Catholic scholar wrote, "The Church's official position is, that any scientific explanation of the origin and development of the human species is acceptable so long as it doesn't exclude God from the creative process, and in particular, God's role in the creation of the human soul."<sup>1</sup>

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does speak of Adam and Eve as our first parents. However, it also speaks of the church interpreting "the symbolism of biblical language in an authentic way." It denies the historicity of Genesis 3 when it says, "The account of the fall in Genesis 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man. Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents." Note it does not say that Adam and Eve were actually our first parents.

Compare this to a statement made some 30 years earlier in a publication that had the official stamp of approval of the Roman Catholic Church:

The author of Genesis teaches the fact that God is the Creator of the World and all things in it. His purpose is not to teach when or how God created the world, plants, animals, or man. He is neither a historian nor a scientist but a religious teacher. And he employs a literary form to teach the religious truth that all things owe their existence to God. [*Author's note: Notice how they make the distinction between truth and fact.*] He is not narrating events in chronological order or in scientific fashion. He is simply teaching ordinary people, in language familiar to them, that God created all things and that He rested on the Sabbath. Catholics need not accept the literal interpretation of "day" as "24" hours. The writer is presenting salvation history and not history in the modern sense of the term. He placed events within the framework of the Jewish 24-hour day which was measured from sunset to sunset, and he employs this literary form as a cleverly arranged memory device to foster Sabbath observance.<sup>2</sup>

When people accept the historical-critical method of biblical interpretation, which the Roman Catholic Church officially has (in the 1943 encyclical *Divino Affiante Spiritu*, issued by Pius XII; in the 1964 document, issued by the Pontifical Biblical Commission, entitled *Instruction on the Historical Truth of the Gospels*; in the documents of Vatican II; and in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, it is not surprising that Adam and Eve get put into the same category as the legendary figures of Greek mythology. The trouble is, so does Christ. For if Adam was mythical, then what about the "second Adam," Jesus Christ? It isn't long before he also is dismissed as merely a "legendary" person. This is why the rejection of the biblical creation account as a historical event has such dire consequences. If you tamper with Scripture, you ultimately tamper with Christ and are in danger of losing your salvation.

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<sup>1</sup> Richard McBrien, *Catholicism* (San Francisco: Harper, 1994), p. 106.

<sup>2</sup> Bertrand Conway, *The Question Box* (New York: Pualist Press, 1962), p. 329-330. (This book has the official approval of the Roman Catholic Church that it is free from doctrinal error).