


7th June 2026



Faithful God,
you call us into new beginnings.
Give us courage to follow,
trust to believe your promises,
and hearts open to your healing grace.
Where there is fear, bring hope.
Where there is weariness, bring life.
Lead us in your way,
and make us a blessing to others. Amen.

Weekly Pastoral Reflection

There is a thread running through these readings, like a quiet melody beneath the surface: *God calls, and life begins to change.*

Abraham steps into the unknown. Paul speaks of hope against hope. Matthew rises from his table and follows. A woman reaches out. A child is lifted into life again. None of these moments are neat or predictable. They are risky, tender, and deeply human. And yet, in each one, God is already at work. Perhaps faith is less about having everything mapped out and more about saying yes to the next step. A small turning. A quiet trust. A willingness to rise when Christ calls our name. The kingdom of God often arrives like this, not with noise, but with invitation. And in that invitation, life begins again.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading from Genesis 12.1-9

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had

come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Biblical Background: God calls Abraham (Abram) to leave his homeland and journey into the unknown, promising to make him a great nation and a blessing to all peoples.

Meaning & Relevance Today: Faith often begins with a step into uncertainty. Abraham's journey reminds us that God's call is not always clear in detail, but it is always grounded in promise. We are invited to trust, go, and become a blessing for others.

Reflection Question: Where might God be calling me to step out in trust?

Psalm 33.1-12

¹ Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
for it befits the just to praise him.

² **Give the Lord thanks upon the harp:
and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.**

³ O sing him a new song:
make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.

⁴ **For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.**

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice:
the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.

⁶ **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.**

⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin:
and laid up the deep in his treasuries.

⁸ **Let the whole earth fear the Lord:
and let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

⁹ For he spoke, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ **The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations:
he brings to nothing the devices of the peoples.**

¹¹ But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever:
the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.

¹² **Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord:
the people he chose to be his own possession.**

Second Reading from Romans 4.13-25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Biblical Background: Paul the Apostle reflects on Abraham's faith, showing that righteousness comes not through the law but through trust in God's promise.

Meaning & Relevance Today: Faith is not about perfection or achievement, but about trust. Even when circumstances seem impossible, like Abraham and Sarah's situation, hope rests in God's faithfulness.

Reflection Question: What promise of God am I being invited to trust today?

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 9.9-13; 9.18-26

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' ¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him.

²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Biblical Background: Jesus Christ calls Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him, and then heals a woman and raises a girl to life. These stories reveal Jesus' authority, compassion, and willingness to reach those on the margins.

Meaning & Relevance Today: Jesus calls ordinary, imperfect people and brings life where there is brokenness. No one is beyond his reach. This passage invites us to respond to his call and to trust in his power to restore and renew.

Reflection Question: How is Jesus calling me to follow him more fully today?

News & Notices



You Are Invited

Join us for the Official Opening and Blessing of the St Peter's Parish Centre by The Right Reverend Jeremy Greaves, Archbishop of Brisbane.

Saturday, 25 July, 3:00 pm, St Peter's Anglican Church, Gympie

Please join us as we celebrate and dedicate this new space for the life and ministry of our parish and community.

THIS WEEK:

Sun: 7.30 am Tin Can Bay; 8.30 am & 5.30 pm Gympie; 9.30 am Rainbow Beach;

Mon: 9.30 am Mainly Music | **Tue:** 5.00 pm Meditation | **Wed:** 12.00 noon Service

Sunday's 5.30 pm ZOOM Link: Zoom information is the same each week

Web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> Meeting ID: 724 678 8483

Prayers for those in need

Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Doug Collins & Family; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Jenny; Marquita, Marnie Richards; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.

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