

# Anglican Parish of Avon

*Priest in Charge The Rev Dave Perryman*

*Sun 30 May, Trinity Sunday*



*Welcome to*

*A Service of Holy Communion*

*10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford*

*via Zoom, on line,*

*Facebook or 'phone-in'*

***We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.***

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

### **Opening Hymn: 'Father, we love you' – MP 142**

1 Father, we love You,  
we worship and adore You:  
glorify Your name  
in all the earth.

Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name,  
in all the earth.

2 Jesus, we love You,  
we worship and adore You:  
glorify Your name  
in all the earth.

Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name,  
in all the earth.

3 Spirit, we love You,  
we worship and adore You:  
glorify Your name  
in all the earth.

Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name,  
in all the earth.

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### **Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome**

#### **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.**

## **Call to worship**

Give the Lord glory and power.  
Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy.  
**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**  
**The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

Heed the voice of the Lord, full of power.  
Regard the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.  
**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**  
**The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

The God of glory thunders.  
The Lord's voice flashes flames of fire.  
**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**  
**The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

In God's temple, the people cry, "Glory!"  
For the Lord will give strength to the people.  
**The Lord will bless the people with peace.**

## **The Sentence**

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

*(Isaiah 6. 3)*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## **The Confession**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

### *Silence for self-reflection*

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have broken your holy laws  
and have left undone what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry for our sins  
and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
enable us to live for you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the Day**

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,

and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

<sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:  
‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

<sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ *Isaiah 6.1-8*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 29** – *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:  
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord upon the great waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**6 He makes them skip like a calf:  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry ‘Glory.’**

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:  
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

**10 The Lord will give strength to his people:  
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

## **The Second Reading**

### **A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with

Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. *Romans 8. 12-17*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Early Talk**

### **The Gospel**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. *John 3. 1-17*

For the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.  
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:  
We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.*

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayers.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

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.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Hymn: ‘Praise with joy’ – TiS 179**

1 Praise with joy the world’s Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
force of greatness without cease.  
celebrate the Maker’s glory -  
power to rescue and release.

2 Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of state and cost.  
celebrate Christ’s constant presence -  
friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

3 Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
celebrate the Spirit’s treasure -  
foolishness none dare deride.

4 Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,

one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
thus the world shall yet believe, when  
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

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## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

And now we give you thanks,  
because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love  
with your Son and with the Holy Spirit,  
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,  
yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

Therefore we proclaim your great and glorious name, saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:**

**Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.  
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Communion**  
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with  
thanksgiving.

*Please come forward to receive Communion and when receiving feel free  
to stand or kneel.*

*Due to COVID our communion will be served in one kind (bread only).  
We have gluten free wafers available. Please indicate to the minister if  
you would prefer either of these.*

**All are welcome at the Lord's Table.**

*If you are seeking prayer for healing/anointing, please come towards the end of communion and remain kneeling.*

*For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **The Sending Out of God's People**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

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

## **Announcements**

## Final Hymn: 'How great is our God' – MP 1227

1 The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Refrain:*

*How great is our God, sing with me:  
how great is our God  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

2 And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.  
*How great is our God...*

*Bridge:*

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.*

*Refrain x2*

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## The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

## **Week of Prayer for National Reconciliation**

### **Prayer for the Journey of Healing**

This prayer comes from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission:

*Almighty and loving God, you, who created ALL people in your image, lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.*

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer***

*You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven. We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced. We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness.*

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer***

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families. We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness. Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless, and afflicted and heal their spirits. In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable. Lord, you are our hope.*

***ALL: Amen.***

### **BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS**

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us in His own image;  
To God the Son who loved us, and washed away our Sins in his own Blood;  
To God the Holy Spirit, who spreads the Love of God abroad in our hearts,

**We raise our prayers:-**

**For the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them ...**

\*please give them all a desire to work for international unity which seeks to halt the threat of war and terrorism, for homes for refugees and for ways to ensure that all nations move to take greater care of our world environment,.

**\*We pray especially, for the people of India, suffering dreadfully from**

the scourges of the Covid-19 virus. For their medical teams and carers, for increased international aid, especially medical supplies and food.

**\*For the people of Victoria in lockdown this week.** Give them all your strength and peace as once again they/we work with the many challenges and especially those who are more vulnerable, who live alone. Safeguard them from loneliness and depression.

**\*For an end to the racial, social, and domestic violence** and violence against women and children, especially in our own country.

**\*Lord God, we pray for our Diocese, our Parish, and the churches in our local community.**

For Bishop Richard and his family and for our priest Dave and his family.

For Dave's ministry in our parish and the diocese. For our own ministry and support of Dave.

Speak Your word of peace in our midst and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

**\*For all who support the op shop.** Coordinator Bev, volunteers, and all who donate to our ministry and mission.

**\*For the mainly music team,** and for the families who gather here each Thursday morning.

**\*For our Retiring Offertory – Leprosy Mission** completing this week and the Hope Restart Mission commencing next week.

**\*Gracious God we pray for those weighed down with grief, fear or sickness.** May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing. We especially raise before you now, those on our prayer list.

*Ron, Cliff, Nathan, Val, Marion, Paul, Bev, Julie, Lillas, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.*

Loving God we give thanks for the lives of those who are no longer with us, trusting in the promise of your word of Life Eternal fulfilled through your son Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

We give thanks for the life of Ashley; *may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please grant to his family and friends Your healing* comfort and loving grace in the difficult days ahead.

Lord of the Church, hear our prayers, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Here we are in 'lockdown' again. We pray that the virus will be contained within the week. We give grateful thanks for our being able to hold the Family Fun Fair last week and that it was such a resounding success . . . thank you again to those who worked to enable that success.

All activities for the week commencing from 11.59pm Thursday last (25) have been postponed including the Ecumenical Service at St Patricks and parish programs etc.

We hope our parishioners will again use the delivered intincted wafers and join with us on Zoom or Facebook.

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### THE ULURU STATEMENT OF THE HEART

**The Uluru Statement from the Heart invites us all to walk with First Nations People, together, for a better future. It asks us to support a First Nations Voice in the constitution.**

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, to make this statement from the heart:

*Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.*

*This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.*

*How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?*

*With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.*

*Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.*

*These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.*

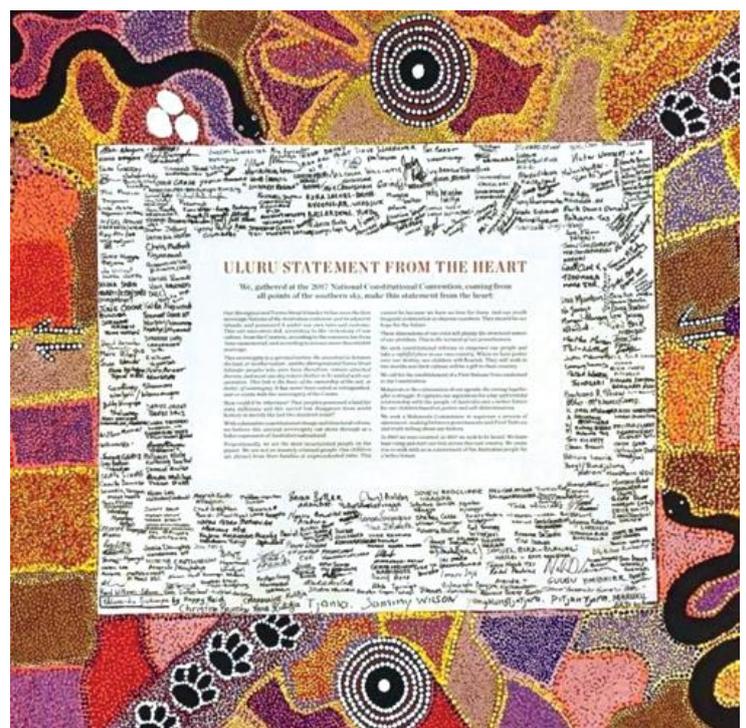
*We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.*

*We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.*

*Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.*

*We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.*

*In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.*



## **WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH**

**Thursday 27 May to Thursday 3 June. The Week of Prayer for National Reconciliation Week (NRW)** *These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision.*

**JUNE** *Peter Down to speak this month.*

*Thursdays mainly music. 9.30am during school term.*

*School Term 2 Holidays (Winter): Saturday 26 June to Sunday 11 July*

***Retiring Offertory: Hope Restart Project***

**Thurs 3** *Mabo Decision Day. National Reconciliation*

**Sun 6** **Second Sunday in Pentecost.**

**All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity**

**Clergy Conference**

**Sun 13** **Third Sunday in Pentecost.**

**Healing Service .**

**Mon 14** **Queen's Birthday**

**Tues 15** **Parish Council Reports Due**

**Sat 19** **Men's Breakfast.**

**Sun 20** **Fourth Sunday in Pentecost**

**UN World Refugee Day**

**Tues 22** **Parish Council Meeting**

**Fri 25** **??? Family Movie Night**

**Sun 27** **Fifth Sunday in Pentecost**

**Sunday 6 June, Second Sunday in Pentecost**

**1Sam 8.4-11 (12-15)16-20;11.14-15 Ps138. 2Cor 4.13-5.1 (2-5). Mark 3.20-35**

**Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: May. 1<sup>st</sup> Read Kerrie S. 2<sup>nd</sup> ?**

**Intercess: May. Org: Vic. Sides: Wendy, Jillian**

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