

THE WORD OF GOD  
IS NOT CHAINED

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We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!  
We go not forth alone against the foe;  
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,  
We rest on thee, and in thy ame we go.

~ **Edith Cherry**

A “defeater belief” is any belief A, that if true, rules out/defeats the truth of some other belief B.

~ **Tim Keller**

We are not a new philosophy but a divine revelation. That’s why you can’t just exterminate us; the more you kill the more we are. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.

~ **Tertullian**

In short, I will preach it, teach it, write it, but I will constrain no man by force, for faith must come freely without compulsion.

Take myself as an example. I opposed indulgences and all the papists, but never with force. I simply taught, preached, and wrote God’s Word; otherwise I did nothing.

And while I slept [like Jesus], or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends Philip and Amsdorf, the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that no prince or emperor ever inflicted such losses upon it.

I did nothing; the Word did everything.

~ **Martin Luther**

**FOR THOSE MEETING IN A GROUP SETTING, USE THESE SIDE BOXES TO GUIDE YOU**



**YOU COULD THEN PAUSE NOW AND ASK ‘WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN OUR TIME TOGETHER?’ LET OTHERS SHARE.**

Press PLAY on the YouTube video when you’re ready, and don’t take too much time.

Kids, don’t forget to go to [www.churchhillanglican.com](http://www.churchhillanglican.com) to download the Kids’ Activity Pack.



**ANDY WILL CALL US TO WORSHIP**

## Call To Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3a

<sup>1</sup> ‘Come, all you who are thirsty,

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without cost.

<sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread,

and your labour on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,

and you will delight in the richest of fare.

<sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me;

listen, that you may live.

**IF YOU FEEL  
COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT  
SING THIS SONG WITH LIZ,  
ANDY AND EMMA?**

Take the risk. Or just listen to  
it if you feel awkward about  
singing. God hears the heart.

## **And Can It Be**

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood  
Died he for me who caused his pain  
For me who him to death pursued  
Amazing love how can it be  
That thou my God shouldst die for me  
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He left his Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite his grace  
Emptied himself of all but love  
And bled for Adam's helpless race  
'Tis mercy all immense and free  
For O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth and followed thee

No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine  
Alive in him, my living head  
And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own

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## **Call To Confession**

Isaiah 55:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

## **Confession**

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:  
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.**

## **Assurance Of Forgiveness**

Collect for the 21st Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**IF YOU FEEL  
COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT  
SING THIS SONG?**

Take the risk. Or just listen to it if you feel awkward about singing. God hears the heart.

## **Mighty To Save**

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

*Saviour*

*He can move the mountains*

*My God is mighty to save*

*He is mighty to save*

*Forever*

*Author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave*

*Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as you find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

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## Isaiah 55:8-11

<sup>8</sup> 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,'  
declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> 'As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
it will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

## Bible

### Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?' <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly." Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

### 2 Timothy 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. <sup>3</sup> Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. <sup>5</sup> Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,  
we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure,  
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,  
he will also disown us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless,  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot disown himself.

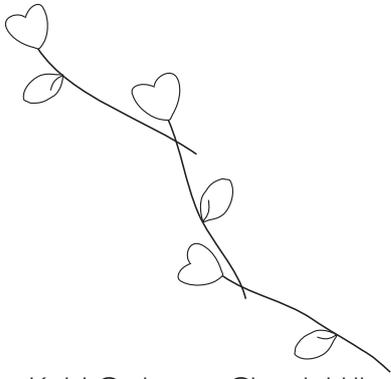


You might like to press pause at the end of the reading and ask: 'What has God shown you?'

Invite responses if in a group or have a time of reflection if you are on your own.

Someone could read it again and to let it sink in.

Don't take too much time.



Kids! Grab your Church Hill Kids' Activity Pack and have a go at the activities.

## **Message**

### The Word Of God Is Not Chained

**Introduction: Our text “The word of God is not chained”**

#### **1. The text in Timothy’s context**

- a. That God has a word to the world
  
- b. That Gospel is a challenge and a comfort
  
- c. That God partners with humans to get his message out
  
- d. It’s sometime hard and disappointing work

#### **2. The text in our context**

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

~ 1 Peter 2:12

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

~ 1 Peter 3:15-16

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SING THIS SONG?**

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it if you feel awkward about  
singing. God hears the heart.

## **Ancient Of Days**

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear  
For this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above him none before him  
All of time in his hands  
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in his name  
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O his love is sure  
And he knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour king  
Then my joy complete  
Standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

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## Psalm 133

A song of ascents. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> **How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!**
- <sup>2</sup> **It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.**
- <sup>3</sup> **It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,  
even life for evermore.**



**AT ANY POINT DURING  
THESE PRAYERS YOU  
COULD PAUSE FOR A TIME  
OF PERSONAL OR GROUP  
PRAYER.**

Those on zoom could use the  
chat channel.

You could also write some  
prayers down in the space  
provided.

Prayer set for The Second Sunday after Trinity in the 1662 Book  
of Common Prayer

*This is read each Sunday at the 8:30am Service*

**O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them who thou dost bring  
up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the  
protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual  
fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour  
Has ransomed me  
And like a flood  
His mercy rains  
Unending love  
Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

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## Don't forget

### 1. DAILY REFLECTIONS AS YOU WALK WITH JESUS:

You can read the Bible every day with Paul White and others through our Bible Reading App: 'A Year With Jesus'.  
Go to [subsplash.com/ayeawithjesus/app](https://subsplash.com/ayeawithjesus/app)

### 2. LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE, OR HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We recognise the relational, emotional and financial strain that many among us will be going through at this time. Some of you will have lost work and income. If you are in this situation please let the staff know so we can pray with you and be of whatever assistance we can at this time. Others among us might be able to help, in various ways, others among us in their time of need. Either way our Community Care Form might be helpful to let us know. Go to [bit.ly/churchhillcommunitycare](https://bit.ly/churchhillcommunitycare)

### 3. GIVING AT THIS TIME:

If you are able, as a member of this church, to continue your financial giving we encourage you to do so, and perhaps even more at this time (since some won't be able to). The Wardens and Parish Council are considering prudent cost cutting measures, and will be looking at our financial position at the end of June. We are, as followers of our glorious Lord Jesus, moving forward in faith, while at the same time we are being careful to be responsible in such times. We would so appreciate if you could consider your regular contributions at this time, especially if you normally give in the 'plate'.

To give electronically please use the following details online:

Bank: Westpac

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Church Hill

BSB: 032 000

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Reference: Giving + the service you attend

## Benediction

### Isaiah 55:12-13

<sup>12</sup> You will go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and hills

will burst into song before you,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper,  
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the Lord's renown,  
for an everlasting sign,  
that will endure for ever.'

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

**SOME OF YOU MAY  
HAVE THE CHANCE TO  
SHARE 'MORNING TEA'  
OR 'SUPPER' TOGETHER  
THROUGH ONLINE  
CHANNELS**

**OPEN FIRE ART NIGHT**

CREATIVES COME JOIN THE LOUNGEROOM NEAR THE FIREPLACE AND SHARE, SHOW & TELL WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON. LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE. TO JOIN THE ZOOM OR COME ALONG EMAIL JOSH AT [joshsbollbackbutler@gmail.com](mailto:joshsbollbackbutler@gmail.com)

WHEN: 7PM FRIDAY 26 JUNE

WHERE: ZOOM OR TRINITY HALL, GARRISON CHURCH

**OPEN FIRE ART WEEKEND**

FROM A THURSDAY EVE TO SUNDAY LUNCH OR ANY TIMES IN BETWEEN

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WHERE: MACMASTERS BEACH, KILLCARE

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