

EXPECTATIONS

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020

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'Look, I am about to die. What good is the birthright to me?'
~ **Esau to Jacob in Genesis 25:32**

My country did not send me to start the race; they sent me to finish the race.

~ **John Stephen Akwari, Tanzanian Marathon Runner 1968**

Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite, lustful heart; show me that none of these things can heal a wounded conscience; then take me to the cross and leave me there.

~ **Valley of Vision**

We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

~ **C.S. Lewis (The Weight of Glory)**

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks.

~ **Hebrews 12:25**

**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 to download the Kids' Activity Pack.



**CRAIG WILL CALL US TO
WORSHIP**

Call To Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

- ¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits –
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**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.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great thou art

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Call To Confession

Luke 15:17-20a

¹⁷ ‘When he [the Prodigal son] came to his senses, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.” ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

Confession

Heavenly Father,

**we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.**

**In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.**

**Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.**

**Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

Assurance Of Forgiveness

Luke 15:20b-24a

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

²¹ ‘The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

²² ‘But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

**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.

I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how he could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them his very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me

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The 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.**

*The 'catholic church' denotes the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles, regardless of denomination. It affirms the unity of the church.

Bible

Genesis 25:27-34

²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰ He said to Jacob, 'Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!' (That is why he was also called Edom.)

³¹ Jacob replied, 'First sell me your birthright.'

³² 'Look, I am about to die,' Esau said. 'What good is the birthright to me?'

³³ But Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

Hebrews 12

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.'

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined – and everyone undergoes discipline – then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³ ‘Make level paths for your feet,’ so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. ¹⁶ See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. ¹⁷ Afterwards, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.’ ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, ‘I am trembling with fear.’

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, ‘Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.’ ²⁷ The words ‘once more’ indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our ‘God is a consuming fire.’



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

Expectations

Not lower than they ought to be (given the promise of resurrection)

Not higher than they should be (given the reality of this world)

1. Keeping your expectations in check (12:1-17)

A. How to Handle Tiredness

B. How to View Suffering

C. How do Deal with Temptation

2. Raising your expectations (12:18-28)

A. Open your bible V18-21

B. Close your eyes V22-24

C. Open your ears V25-27

D. Open your heart V28-29

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COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG?**

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

Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee

*Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee
Take my love, my Lord I pour
At thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee
Ever, only, all for thee*

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as you will choose

Take my will, and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is thine own
It shall be thy royal throne

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Psalm 84

For the director of music. According to *gittith*. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

¹ How lovely is your dwelling-place,
Lord Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young –
a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸ Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.

⁹ Look on our shield, O God;
look with favour on your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favour and honour;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose way of life is blameless.

¹² Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.



**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 Third 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 steadfast 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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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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

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

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'.

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Bank: Westpac

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Church Hill

BSB: 032 000

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Benediction

Hebrews 11: 32-40

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

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 WEEKEND

FROM A THURSDAY EVE TO SUNDAY LUNCH OR ANY TIMES IN BETWEEN CRAFT, ART, WRITE, DRAW, RETREAT OUT OF THE CITY TO AN INDOOR HOME FIREPLACE LOOKING OUT OVER THE BEACH. YOU'LL BE JOINING LIKE-MINDED CREATIVES OF ALL SORTS TO SHARE IN MAKING ART, CHATS, MEALS, CLAY MOULDING, WALKS AND MUCH MORE. FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK YOUR SPOT EMAIL JOSH AT joshbollbackbutler@gmail.com

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