

PENTECOST 8 | Ordinary 16

St Paul's Ashgrove, 19 July 2026

HYMNS: TiS 258 (*refrain sung at beginning and end only*); As provided; TiS 179; As provided

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Psalm 86.15*

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 8</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 9</i>
FIRST READING	Wisdom 12.13, 16-19	1 Kings 3.5-12
PSALM	Ps 86.11-17	Psalm 119.129-136
SECOND READING	Romans 8.12-25	Romans 8.26-39
GOSPEL	Matt 13.24-30,36-43	Matt 13.44-58

A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON *12.13, 16-19*

There is not any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; nor can any king or monarch confront you about those whom you have punished. You are righteous and you rule all things righteously, deeming it alien to your power to condemn anyone who does not deserve to be punished. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

PSALM *86.11-17*

¹¹ Show me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth:

let my heart delight to fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart:

and I will glorify your name for ever.

¹³ For great is your abiding love toward me:

and you have delivered my life from the lowest depths of the grave.

¹⁴ The insolent, O God, have risen against me:

**a ruthless band seek my life,
they have not set God before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a God gracious and compassionate:

slow to anger, full of goodness and truth.

¹⁶ Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant:

and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me some token of your goodness:

**that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

A READING FROM ROMANS *8.12-25*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 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!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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HYMN 2 | O GOD, IN YOUR LOVE

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| 1) O God, in your love, you have made us unique:
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design
Diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine. | 2) Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes. |
| 3) So may your church welcome in loving accord
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son
In mission and ministry, God, make us one. | |

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HYMN 4 | GOD'S GREAT LOVE IS SO AMAZING

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God's great love is so amazing! See — a shepherd with his flocks!
Ninety-nine are safely grazing; one is lost among the rocks.
That good shepherd goes and searches till he finds the one astray.
So God says to fill our churches with the ones who've lost their way.

God in love is always seeking! See — a woman with her broom!
For a single coin she's sweeping every corner of the room.
When it's found she calls each neighbour,
telling friends from all around.
So God says to search and labour
till God's precious ones are found.

God keeps waiting, searching, yearning!
See — a father's heartfelt joy!
Thankful for his son's returning, he runs out to greet his boy.
To the angry older brother, hear the father's patient call.
So God says to love each other, for in Christ, God loves us all.

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YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

St Francis College

If you're between the ages of 18-30, feel free to come along to Darling & Co, Paddington next Thursday at 7:00pm for dinner and trivia. Darling & Co offers two levels of underground parking, and it's right next to Suncorp Stadium, so public transport can get you there in a flash!

Darling & Co provide the trivia. We're playing as a team against the general public. Prizes are to be won, but more importantly - how fun is everyone just getting together for dinner and chats! The trivia will likely run for about 2 hours, so expect things to wrap up at about 9:00pm. We're all meeting at the venue this time around because the walk from the college isn't that great.

If you're worried about getting there by yourself, being able to afford dinner, or have any general anxiety about the night, let me know. You feeling safe and supported is my priority.

WHEN? Trivia starts at 7:00pm 23/07/2026

WHERE? Darling & Co, Brisbane (157 Given Terrace, Paddington, QLD 4064)

WHAT? Dinner & Trivia against the general public

WHO? Anyone between the ages of 18 and 30. Bring friends!

Please email Jordan (Jordan.Cuskelly@anglicanchurchsq.org.au) if you have any questions, or if you would like further information, or to be added to the Young Adults Ministry mailing list for future events

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PENTECOST 9 | Ordinary 17

St Paul's Ashgrove, 26 July 2026

HYMNS: TiS 626; TiS 607; TiS 153; TiS 531

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Romans 8.38-39*

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PSALM	Psalms 119.129-136	Ps 145.8-9, 14-21
SECOND READING	Romans 8.26-39	Romans 9.1-8
GOSPEL	Matt 13.44-58	Matt 14.13-21

A READING FROM 1 KINGS *3:5-12*

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

PSALM *119.129-136*

¹²⁹ Wonderful are your commands:

and therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ The unfolding of your word gives light:

it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and draw in my breath:

for I yearn for your commandments.

¹³² O turn to me and be merciful to me:

as is your way with those who love your name.

¹³³ Order my steps according to your word:

that no evil may get mastery over me.

¹³⁴ Deliver me from my oppressors:

that I may keep your precepts.

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant:

and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes gush out with streams of water:

because they pay no heed to your law.

A READING FROM ROMANS 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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