

Saint George and Saint James  
*Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliffe*

**Reading Sheet for Friday Healing Eucharist at St James**

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020*

**Collect**

Saving God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;  
through him who died for us and rose again  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostle (15.22-31)**

<sup>22</sup> Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, <sup>23</sup> with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. <sup>24</sup> Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, <sup>25</sup> we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, <sup>26</sup> who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup> We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. <sup>28</sup> For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: <sup>29</sup> that you abstain from what has been

sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.’<sup>30</sup> So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.<sup>31</sup> When its members read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation.

*(Pause)*

*Hear the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 57.8-12** (APBA p. 279)

<sup>8</sup> My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:

I will sing and make melody.

<sup>9</sup> **Awake my soul, awake lute and harp:**

**for I will awaken the morning.**

<sup>10</sup> I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples:

I will sing your praise among the nations.

<sup>11</sup> **For the greatness of your mercy reaches to the heavens:**

**and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

<sup>12</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens:

and let your glory be over all the earth.

† **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John (15.12-17)**

<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*(Pause)*

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**