

A Place to Call Home

Luke 6:47-48



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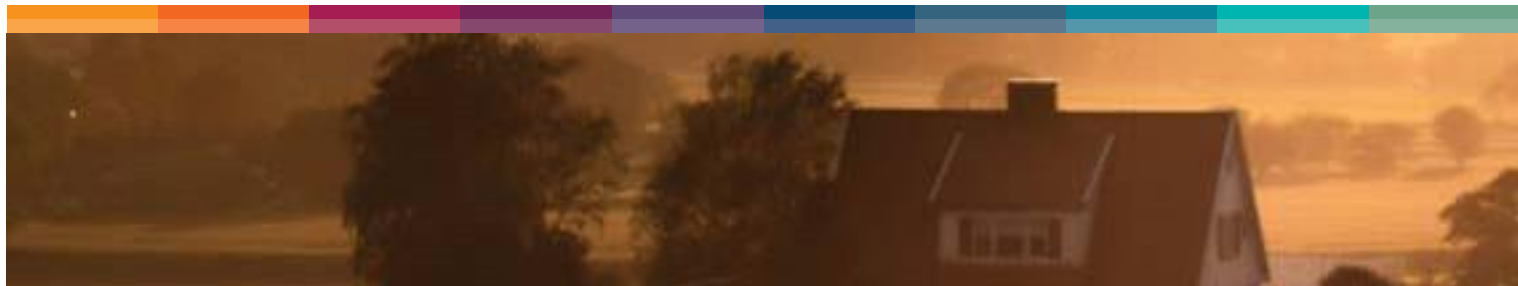
27 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. 28 And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. 29 In those days they shall no longer say:

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

30 But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

A New Covenant

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,[a] says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from



the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law!
It is my meditation all day long.
98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.
100 I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.
101 I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
102 I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.
103 How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

Timothy 3:10- 4:5

Paul's Charge to Timothy

10 Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 13 But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is[a] useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the



dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

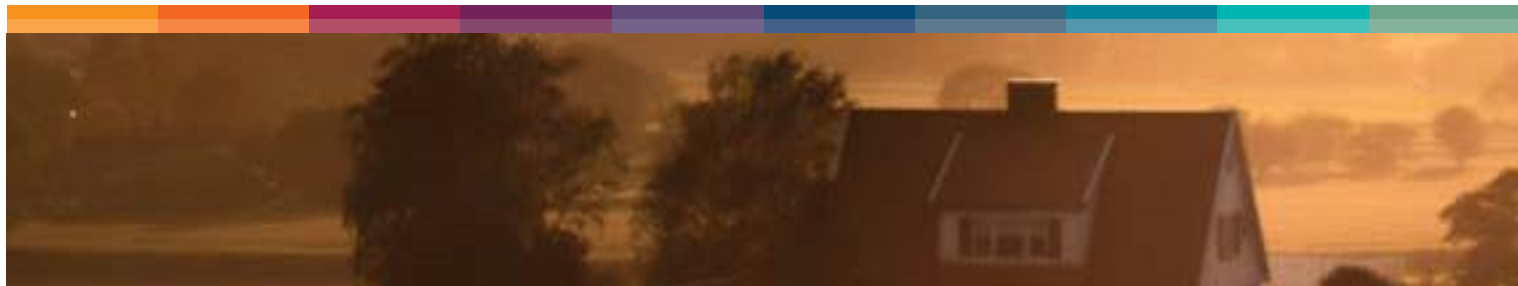
Luke 18 1-14

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

18 Then Jesus[a] told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."'[b] 6 And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." 13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'



Liturgy for 2025 Anglicare Sunday

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We gather to give thanks for the work of Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & the ACT,
to pray for its ministry in our communities and hear anew the call of God on our lives
to be people who love in deed as well as in word.

Let us pray:

Christ who fed the hungry:
Stir us, that we might nourish the lives of others.

Christ who welcomed the outcast:
Stir us, that we might be a community of acceptance.

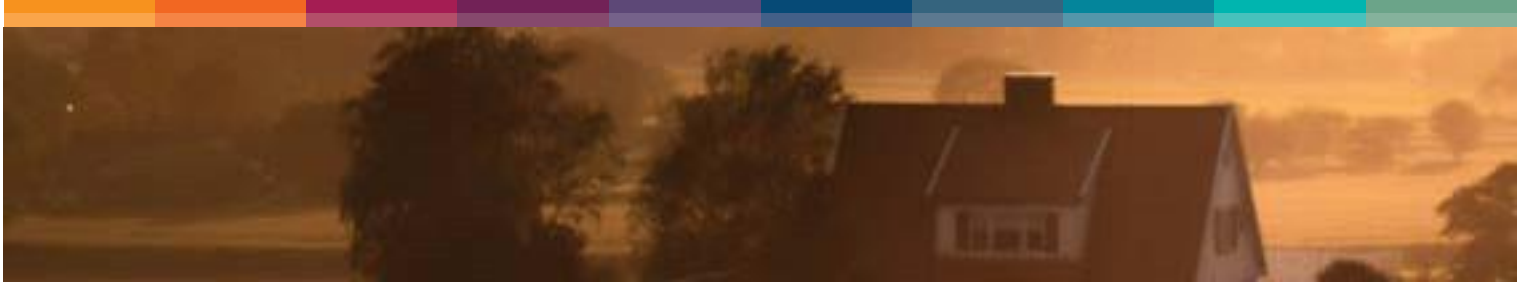
Christ who touched the leper:
Stir us, that we might reach out to the lonely and the broken.

Christ who overturned the money-changers' tables:
Stir us, that we might stand against injustice.

Christ who offered living water:
Stir us that we might share the precious gift of faith.

Collect:

God of love,
you call us to care for the widow and the orphan,
to support the weak, and strengthen the fainthearted.
We give thanks for the work of Anglicare,
which brings your love to those in need
and embodies hope in action.



Enable us to work together to build communities of
Respect and compassion, integrity, fairness and inclusiveness;
that your kingdom might be present on earth. Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

Lord Jesus, you came with compassion for all.
When we have seen others in pain and turned away
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you showed us healing in your loving embrace.
When we have been in pain and refused the care of others.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in you we are called to live in unity and peace.
When we have recognized injustice and failed to speak out.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

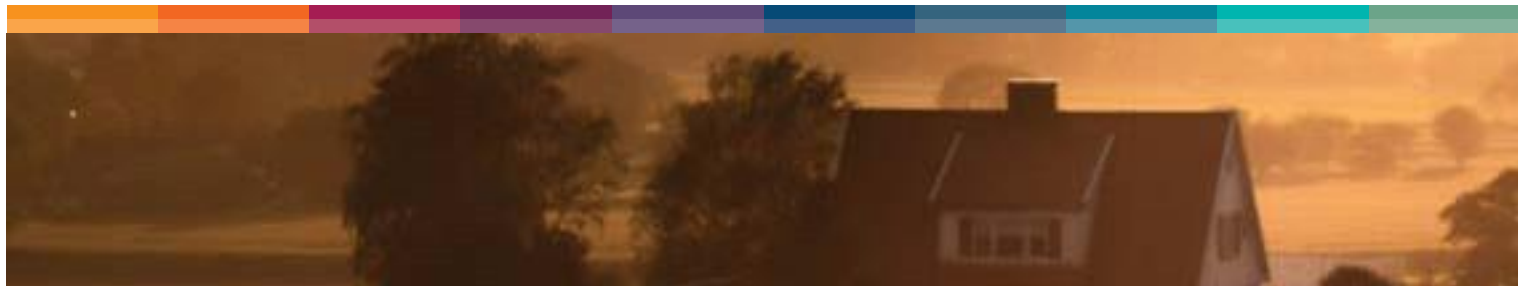
Absolution:

The Scriptures reminds us that we serve
a God of mercy and forgiveness.
May you know God's forgiveness in your lives,
and go forward to be bearers of forgiveness in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers:

Let us pray to our God who welcomes all, in whose image we are made and who hears the
desires of our hearts.

Faithful God, you have entrusted us to share with you the mission of your Church.
We pray for Church throughout the world and in our place...
Bless us with wisdom and grace to do our work well.
Generous God,



pour out your love.

We give thanks for the pioneers and benefactors of Anglicare who began the work that continues today.

Make us all faithful in keeping their vision alive. Generous God,

pour out your love.

We give thanks for the skills and service of Anglicare Board members, praying for them and their Chair Mark Brandon-Baker.

Bless them with insight and energy as they work together.

Generous God,

pour out your love.

We pray for the CEO Trevor Ament and give thanks for the dedication and compassion of Anglicare staff as they work closely with clients.

Bless them with fairness, resilience and love.

Generous God,

pour out your love.

We give thanks for all volunteers who contribute so richly to the work of Anglicare, and for the time, skills and care they offer.

Bless them with strength and refreshment in their labours. Generous

God,

pour out your love.

We pray for the clients of Anglicare and especially those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

We give thanks for everything that is received and learnt from them.

Bless us all with grace that we may see Christ's face in all your children.

Generous God,

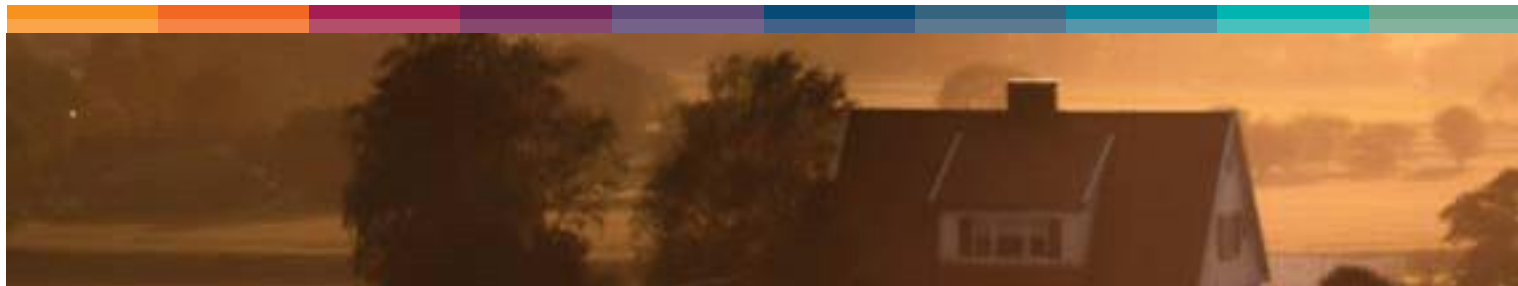
pour out your love.

We give thanks for the contribution parishes make to the life and work of Anglicare, in addressing the needs and hopes of local communities.

Strengthen these relationships and bless them with a common sense of your love for all people.

Generous God,

pour out your love.



We give thanks for Anglicare partners in government and community who shape policy and direct resources, particularly as funding is so crucial and limited. Bless them with understanding, integrity, inclusiveness, and justice. Generous God,
pour out your love.

We give thanks for others who support the work of Anglicare, financial donors, those who pray, and for their desire to reach out in loving service. Bless them with empathy, courage and passion. Generous God,
pour out your love.

**We make our prayer through the one who came among us
as the friend of the poor,
the conscience of the rich,
and Saviour of sinners high and low alike,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Greeting of Peace:

Blessed are those who make peace, they shall be called children of God.
We meet in God's name and share God's peace.

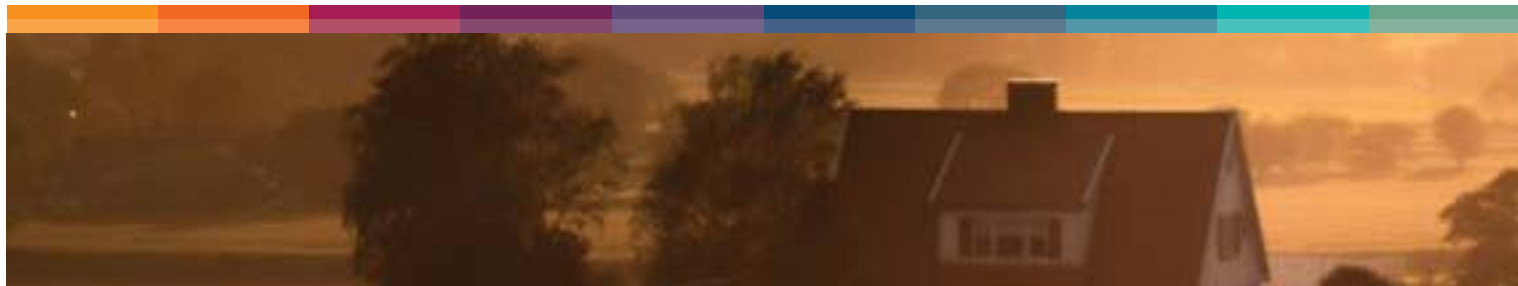
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Prayer:

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept
all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Preface:

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.

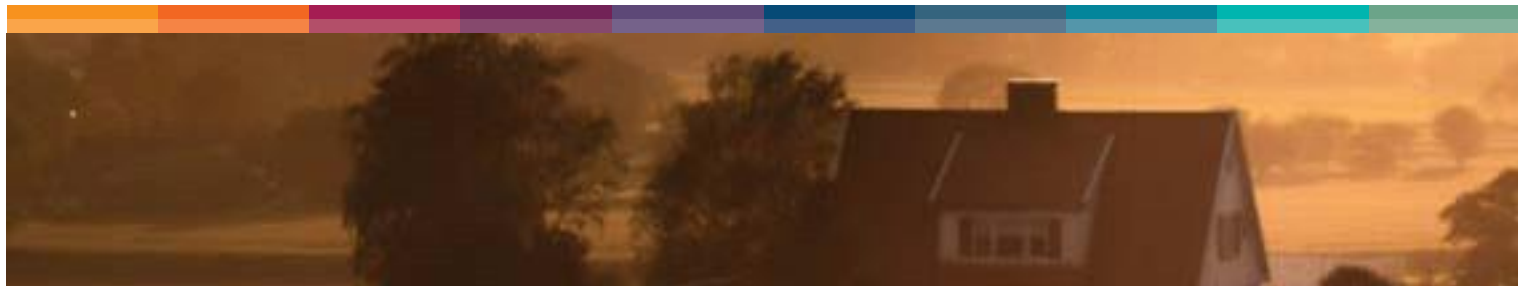
It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere;
for you see the plight of the oppressed
and your ears are open to the cries of the poor.

Throughout the ages you have called your people
to reach out in compassion
to the widow and the orphan,
to provide for the poor and for the dispossessed.

In your great love you entered our humanity,
embracing our poverty and knowing our frailty.
Son of God, born of Mary, Jesus lived our human life
and loved with your divine love.
He welcomed sinners and outcasts
and proclaimed that the little and the least
are great in the Kingdom of God.
Though rulers and powers turned against him
and he was killed, you raised him to new life.
And now you have called us to follow him,
walking his way of compassion and justice
and drawing others into your love.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he/the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**



Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful God

may we who have gathered at your table, be nourished by your life.

We who have tasted of your love, bear witness in the world.

Inspire us by your Spirit, that celebrating the work of

Anglicare today, our eyes may be opened, and our hearts stirred,

that we may go forth to [local community name] your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Anglicare Prayer for Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT:

God grant us the compassion to care deeply for others; the wisdom to discern how best to help; the energy to transform emotion into action, and the joy of wholehearted, loving service. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Anglicare Australia Prayer:

God of Life Giving Creation,

You call us to act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with you.

We pray for the member organisations of Anglicare Australia working across this vast and ancient land.

Enable us as we strive to meet human need through loving service and to build communities of resilience, hope and justice.

Encourage us to work in mutual partnership to effect positive change.

Empower the people we serve to reach their full potential, especially those who experience disadvantage and injustice.

Guide us in our advocacy for social justice

and strengthen our determination to respond with compassion.

Remind us to care for ourselves and each other

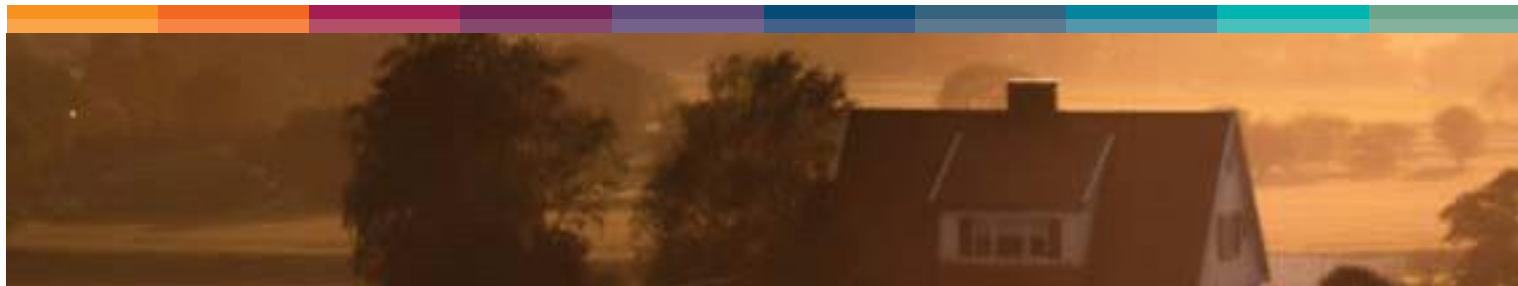
as we face the challenges of our work,

and as we seek reconciliation, healing and community transformation.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

our servant leader and friend.

Amen.



Final Blessing:

Gracious and loving God,
As we come to the close of this time of worship and
reflection,
we thank you for the ministry of Anglicare
for its witness of compassion, justice, and hope in our
communities.

Bless all who serve through its mission:
volunteers, donors, staff, and chaplains.
May their hands bring healing,
their hearts offer comfort,
and their voices speak truth with courage and grace.

May your Spirit continue to guide this parish
and all who partner in the work of Anglicare.
Let their efforts bear fruit in lives renewed,
and may their service shine with your justice and peace.

Write your law upon our hearts, O God,
that we may live as people of your covenant
faithful in prayer, steadfast in love,
and generous in mercy.

And now, may the blessing of God
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
rest upon us and remain with us always,
as we go forth to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.