



Services – Sunday 13 June, 2021

Pentecost 3

9.30am Five Dock – Rev Don Everhart

Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9

Theme: " "

We are glad to have you with us today in worship. It is our hope that you will not only learn more about God, but that you will encounter Him and experience His presence, love and grace for you.



DIARY DATES

Monday Bible Study will not meet this week owing to the Public Holiday.

A reminder that Communities for Communities are holding a fun day this afternoon . Free tickets from: communitiesforcommunities.com.au

Church Roster

The roster for the period July to December is due to be prepared.. Would you please give information to the church office (fddr@tpg.com.au) regarding any dates you may be unavailable during this period.

Wednesday 16 June at 11.30am
PAC will meet in the church.

God's Strength

Psalm 121

When I gaze at the ancient mountain,
their huge strength steadies my trembling.
The strength of God made the galaxies
and shaped this dear old planet.
You can never stumble out of God's care;
For this Lover never falls asleep.
The one who looks after you is awake,
always alert to the children's cries.
Your God cares for you,
closer than your own right hand.
Even the fiery sun will not harm you,
nor the barren face of the moon.
God will keep you going in hard times,
treasuring your very being.
When you leave for work in the morning,
and when your return home at evening,
God will surely be with you,
this day and forever.

Sharing

One of the most difficult lessons a small child has to learn is to share what they have with another child. It is easy to jealously guard what is ours for our self – for our own exclusive use.

And yet it is true that we are never so well off as when we are sharing our belongings, our property, our happiness with other people. To share our possessions, whatever they are, with other people is to be responsible for two blessings – ours and the others.

A man once received an irrigation field by bequest. He observed that the water, having enriched his own land flowed onto his neighbour's land and gave him an excellent crop too. Both farmers had an abundant crop.

But the next year, the fortunate man jealously guarded his gift. He blocked the water from running on to his neighbour's land. The neighbour of course had a very poor harvest, his crop destroyed by drought. The other man's crop was also destroyed because there was no outlet for his water, and his land became water-logged.

Selfishly keeping things for ourselves destroys our own happiness. Sharing our resources means blessing for ourselves as well as others.

Jesus said:

"Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you what credit is that to you?

Even sinners love those who love them. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Luke 6: 30–32, 35, 36