



9th Sunday aft. Pentecost-26 July 2026 St Matthew's-Holland Park

God's Hidden Kingdom and Unbreakable Faithfulness

Across these readings, God is shown as faithful even when life is confusing, costly, or uncertain. The kingdom of heaven is worth everything, because nothing can separate us from God's love.

Genesis 29.15–28

What is happening: Jacob works seven years to marry Rachel, but Laban deceives him and gives him Leah instead. Jacob must then agree to another seven years of service for Rachel.

Main point: Jacob, who had earlier deceived his own family, now experiences deception himself. Yet even through complicated relationships and human wrongdoing, God continues working within Jacob's life and family.

What to wonder: How does God work through situations that are unfair or deeply disappointing? Can painful experiences help us understand the harm caused by our actions?

Psalms 105.1–11

What is happening: The psalm calls God's people to give thanks, sing praises, remember God's works, and rejoice in the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Main point: God remembers his promises. The faith of God's people is strengthened when they remember what God has already done.

What to wonder: What stories of God's faithfulness do we need to remember and share with the next generation?

Romans 8.26–39

What is happening: Paul speaks to believers who are weak, suffering, and unsure how to pray. The Holy Spirit intercedes for them, and Paul declares that nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ.

Main point: God meets us in our weakness. Even when words fail and circumstances overwhelm us, God's love remains secure.

What to wonder: How might our prayers change if we truly trusted that the Spirit is praying within us?

Matthew 13.44–58

What is happening: Jesus compares the kingdom to hidden treasure, a priceless pearl, and a great fishing net. He is then rejected in his hometown because people cannot see beyond their familiarity with him.

Main point: God's kingdom is of immeasurable value, but it must be recognised, received, and placed above everything else.

What to wonder: Could familiarity, pride, or limited expectations prevent us from recognising God at work? Do we miss immeasurable treasures in plain sight?

God's kingdom is worth everything, and God's faithful love will hold us through every disappointment, weakness, and uncertainty.

[Liturgy for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A \(Matthew\) — Pastor Jason Elder](#) [Commentary on Genesis 29:15-28 - Working Preacher from Luther Seminary](#); [Genesis 29:15-28 - Center for Excellence in Preaching](#); [Matthew 13:44-58: The Pearl of Great Price - God Centered Life](#); [Matthew 13: 44-58 - Study Through the Word](#);

Memorial Gathering for the late John Carter-Today 3pm Holland Sports Club-Mott Park
Kiwi Service resumes TODAY 3-4 p.m.

MIB Mandolins of Brisbane Concert - 3 p.m 2nd August Theme: "Australian Echos and Landscapes" Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble- Tickets \$25

Bookweek Costumes - Come and secure your child's Book week character costume from our Op Shop for no / low cost [no more than \$5] 9-noon 15 Aug.

Fund raising Luxury Brisbane River cruise on the MV Island Princess- 6-9 p.m

7th October Tickets \$120 3 hours of Drinks and hot finger food included

Bible Study Lady Chapel Friday 10am The Bible Unpacked

Ladies Study Wednesday Night see Janice E or Heather W

Men's Breakfast 7am 1st Thursday of month

Pray for Street Montrebe Street

Meditation 5 August Wednesday night 5pm

Op Shop MEGA Sale Saturday 30-31 July 1 August 9-1pm

Behind the Scenes Thanks: Counters Neil and Roy

Next Sunday Pentecost 10 9am 2 August; *Matthew 15.21-28*

Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.13-32

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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Turrbal and Jagera Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We acknowledge their continued spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respect to their Elders, past present and emerging and pray that we may continue to learn from and nurture one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.