



20th Sunday aft. Pentecost-11 Oct 2026

St Matthew's-Holland Park

When We Lose Sight of God

Human impatience and idolatry versus God's faithful, persistent love - and the invitation to return our minds and hearts to what is truly worthy.

Exodus 32:1-14 - The Golden Calf

What's happening: Moses is on the mountain receiving God's law. The people grow impatient, pressure Aaron into building a golden calf, and worship it. God's anger burns. Moses boldly intercedes and God relents.

Main point: Impatience breeds idolatry - we manufacture gods when the real one feels absent. But Moses shows us that bold, faithful intercession matters and moves God.

Wonder: What do we construct when God feels slow or silent? Do we dare intercede for others the way Moses did?

Psalms 106 - We Forgot

What's happening: The Psalm opens with praise then pivots to honest confession - Israel exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox. They forgot what God had done.

Main point: Forgetting is the root of unfaithfulness. We don't usually abandon God dramatically - we simply stop remembering what he has done.

Wonder: What are we forgetting that matters most?

Philippians 4:1-9 - Think on These Things

What's happening: Paul, writing from prison, urges a divided community to reconcile, rejoice, and release anxiety through prayer. Then the practical command: discipline your mind toward what is true, honourable, just, and beautiful.

Main point: Anxiety and idolatry are both misdirected focus. Peace is a practice, and it begins with deliberately choosing what we dwell on.

Wonder: If your thought life were visible this week, what would it reveal you actually worship?

Matthew 22:1-14 - The Wedding Banquet

What's happening: A king throws a wedding feast. Invited guests refuse or ignore the call. The invitation opens to everyone from the streets. But one guest arrives unchanged - no wedding clothes - and is removed.

Main point: Receiving the invitation is not enough - transformation is expected. We can be physically present but spiritually unchanged.

Wonder: Is it possible to accept the invitation while remaining completely untransformed?

The Thread Every reading names the same drift - toward distraction, idolatry, anxiety, and complacency. Every reading calls us back. The Philippians passage is the hinge: *we are always becoming what we consistently attend to.*

Takeaway: What you give your attention to is what you worship - so choose, deliberately and daily, to fix your mind on what is true, good, and worthy.

Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, Psalm 106:19-23, Matthew 22:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9; [20th Sunday After Pentecost. October 11th, 2026. Sermon by Christopher Holdsworth, Exodus 32:1-14, Psalms 106:1-6, Psalms 106:19-23, Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalms 23:1-6, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14 - Sermon-Proper-23A-English.pdf](#)
[The Parable Of The Wedding Feast: Meaning And Lessons \(Matt 22:1-14\) - Evergrowing Christians](#)

Congratulations to our Raffle prize winners: Heather Eller won the **First Prize** [a Lindeman's Gentleman's Cab Sav +\$50 Bunnings Gift Card valued at \$68.00; and also the **Third Prize** [Op Shop Mega Sale Pamper Pack valued at \$38.00]; **Mulan Maroney won the Second Prize** [Beliinni Rose Prosecco and \$20 Bunnings Gift Card valued at \$40.00.

Thanks to Tina and James for their gift of the Luxury Brisbane River cruise on the MV Island Princess. The wonderful hospitality and evening was enjoyed by everyone. The view from Brisbane River makes our city look spectacular.

Bible Study Lady Chapel Friday 10am

Ladies Study Wednesday Night see Janice E or Heather W

Wednesday Mid-week Service 10.30

Christian Meditation Wednesday 14 Oct.

Men's Breakfast 7am 1st Thursday of month

Behind the scenes thx: Choir and Musicians Maria, Clyda, Ivan and Graham

21st Sunday aft. Pentecost: 18 October

Matthew 22.15-33

Exodus 32.122.15-33

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

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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.