

St Peter's Wynnum – Wardens' Warbling

5 July 2020

Home Stay Retreat

Cultivating a Pilgrim heart

John 14:1-6 (NRSV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

‘Cultivating a pilgrim heart is a precious skill. We must learn to treat everyday as an adventure, wherever we find ourselves.’

Sally Welch 27 June 2020

We are not alone as we go on our daily pilgrim journey.

John 14:16-17 (NRSV)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Psalm 16:1,2 and 11

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2. I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.’

11. You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Thank you oh my Father for giving us your Son, leaving us your Spirit till the work is done.

Enlightenment shouldn't come easy.

After a sermon in 2015, I made note of [Matthew 11:30](#) (NRSV) 'For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

In Hebrew, the Yoke is the Law. Many Laws for conducting everyday life. Over 600. Jesus's new commandment became a focal point to live by.

[Matthew 22:37-39](#)

³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

I have been coming back to this note for several weeks now. Donna's reflection brought it to light. As we transition ourselves into the next phase of our 'new normal,' we need to be mindful that to share the Triune love and grace it will be done differently.

Today we are a diverse community of worshipers. Some of us are lifelong Anglicans. We have come through changes in the version of the Bible we use. Changes to our Prayer Book. Some have come from other denominations. That has brought its own change. Now we are also reaching out to a community that may not have been baptised or been to Sunday School or church.

How we live out the new commandment and communicate the message will continue to evolve. In today's lifestyle we need to adapt how our worship service is available. Especially for those who can't experience it live.

Last year while I was undergoing chemotherapy I couldn't attend worship. Robyn came to worship by herself. We didn't have our services live-streaming or available on YouTube. Or even a podcast. I know other parents that now have to support their children participating in sport on Sundays. We now can connect and they can participate.

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