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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 10, 1st August 2021

Presenter

Rev Elizabeth Raine

Focus Readings

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Message

7 minutes 10 seconds

“Politics and Power”

Discussion Starters

- 1** This is a story of how power is used and abused. How would you describe the behaviour of David? Of Nathan? Of Bathsheba?
- 2** How do you think we should respond as Christians when we hear such stories today?
- 3** In what ways does the story raise issues about the treatment of women in our society? How can the church help change this?
- 4** Should our churches seek to recover the role of the prophet, as the conscience of the government and rulers in our world today?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 51:1-12 In this lament, the psalmist acknowledges and confesses his sin. Having been conceived in sin, he asks God to cleanse him until he is whiter than snow.

Ephesians 4:1-16 Paul reveals the true strength of the church – the body of Christ which is its unity. We are unified by God’s grace, being loving and patient toward one another, and playing our part alongside one another to build and edify the body.

John 6:24-35 So often the object of our concentration is muddled in the materialistic environs that have become our world. We forget that the things that matter most are not materialistic, but spiritual. Jesus here reminds his followers that he is “the bread of Life”.

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All Age Message

“Baking with Darren”

Length 8 Minutes 10 seconds

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Jesus often talks about himself as “bread”. Putting the ingredients together and making bread takes time and effort. It is a slow process and doesn’t happen quickly. The longer the dough is kneaded the stronger it gets. The more time we spend with Jesus the stronger we get and when we share the ‘bread’ we have made with neighbours we share Jesus too.

Resources

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 51:1-12 pages 289-290

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