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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 20, Sunday, 26th October 2025

Presenter: Liesl Homes

Focus Reading: Joel 2:23-32 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18.

Message. 11 minutes 30 seconds

"YOU TAKE OVER! ... Empowered by the Spirit"

Discussion Starters

1. What opened for you from these readings?
2. Share a time when God has stood by you (including when others have not).
3. Individually and corporately, what sins are there to repent, what words of encouragement to speak?
4. Who could you share this story (from Q2) of God's faithfulness with, including outside the church?

Readings for this day

Joel 2:23-32 God promises to repay the people for all their sufferings, never allowing them to be put to shame again, and pouring out God's spirit on them.

Psalms 65 Is a song of praise and thanksgiving to God for forgiveness of the nation's iniquity for acts of deliverance, and for acts of creation.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18: Paul speaks of being deserted by everyone but God, who rescued him from the lion's mouth.

Luke 18:9-14 The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. One cannot receive God's deliverance unless one is willing to divest oneself of the arrogance of the Pharisee and stand with those who, though not valued by society, are valued and welcomed by God.

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All Age Address: Rev Michael Earl

Length 5 minutes 30 seconds

Precis of All Age Address

"Being Open to God!"

The Pharisee was like the shiny box with a closed lid on it. The tax collector was like the plain unadorned basket open to God to fill, change and care for him. This is the way we need to be if we want to follow Jesus – open and not self seeking, which begins and ends with God's love.

Leisl Homes

I am a candidate for Minister of the Word. Originally a Victorian, I live in Sydney, and my student placement this year is at Bowral-Mittagong Church, where I work 3 days per week. I am married to Hilton Donovan, a Gumbaynggir and Dunghutti man of the north coast. I am passionate about social justice, connecting with those who are marginalised, Aboriginal reconciliation, and everyone knowing they are loved and valued just as they are. I enjoy a good bushwalk or singalong, and eating Hilton's excellent cooking.