



Sunday Service
Sunday 20th June 2021
The Third Sunday after Trinity

The Long Wait
Genesis 21 : 1 - 7

Introduction

Welcome to our praise and prayer at St Peter's today. Many in our nation will be celebrating Father's Day on this Sunday and today we remember that God our Father always keeps His promises.

Opening Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that during seasons of waiting, we will keep firm in the hope that you set before us; and that through your Holy Spirit we will live for the glory of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. In whose Name we pray. Amen.

Bible reading

¹ Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶ Sarah said, 'God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.' ⁷ And she added, 'Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

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Talk : The Long Wait – Genesis 21 : 1 – 7

- The Long Wait – How do we behave in times of waiting?
- God keeps His promises – Do we believe this?
- The right response – How do we respond to God's blessings?

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126 : 3

Prayers

Father God, the protector of all who place their trust in your Son, guide us at all times with compassionate love to uphold your truths and to live in the hope that brings eternal life. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

God our Saviour, as we live in the age between your ascension into heaven and your second coming to bring all to completion; guide us and sustain us to hold fast to your promises of eternal life, today and every day. By your Holy Spirit may we live sharing your self-giving love with our families, our communities and the peoples of all nations. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

May God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love, unite us in faith and truth and defend us on every side to faithfully do your will. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and for ever more. Amen.

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