



# A TALE OF TWO CITIES

**ISAIAH**

An integrated sermon, community group  
and personal Bible reading series

Term 2, 2025



## Welcome!

This term we'll be completing our Isaiah sermon series, covering chapters 40-66 on Sundays. Each sermon during school term weeks will be followed by an application-focused study for community groups to dig deeper into that particular passage. These studies will be provided to the leaders in the week leading up.

This all-in-one booklet has space for you to take notes during both the sermons and group studies. It also provides a personal reading plan for the term, breaking down the long passages we'll cover each week into smaller daily readings. This will help you to get more out of the sermons and studies, as well as allowing you to engage with parts of each chapter that we won't be able to cover in-depth on Sundays.

Finally, we've provided a prayer with each daily reading, to help us respond to God in a way guided by his word. These prayers include praise, thanks, confession and petitions - whatever each passage drives us towards. They will hopefully allow you to get more out of Isaiah and be a helpful aid in establishing or freshening up your own personal devotion time.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Title</b>
27 April	Isaiah 40-41	Comfort my people
4 May	Isaiah 42-44	A tale of two servants
11 May	Isaiah 44-46	Carry or be carried?
18 May	Isaiah 47-48	A tale of two cities
25 May	Isaiah 49-51	In the day of salvation
1 June	Isaiah 51-53	The suffering servant
8 June	Isaiah 54-55	My ways are higher than yours

6 July	Isaiah 56-58	Righteousness revealed
13 July	Isaiah 59-61	Arise, shine!
20 July	Isaiah 62-64	The city no longer deserted
27 July	Isaiah 65-66	A city of rejoicing

## Getting our bearings in Isaiah 40-66

The book of Isaiah divides neatly into two main sections.

**Chapters 1-39** are set during the prophet Isaiah's own lifetime, coinciding with the reigns of kings Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah in Judah, the southern kingdom of Israel (740-687 BC). Judah is a weakening nation at this time, living under the shadow of the expanding Assyrian empire. During this period the people of the northern kingdom of Israel are deported by Assyria (722 BC) and the southern kingdom comes under severe threat. Instead of trusting God against the might of Assyria, Judah prefers to rely on foreign alliances, which prove futile.

This section begins with God presenting his case against his faithless and immoral people (chapters 1-12) before announcing his judgment against all nations of the earth (chapters 13-27) and imploring his people to trust in his strength rather than human powers (chapters 28-35). It finishes with God delivering his people from the power of Assyria (chapters 36-37) but declaring that judgment will ultimately come at the hands of another emerging world power – Babylon (chapters 38-39).

**Chapters 40-66** speak into a context after Isaiah's lifetime. Scholarly opinions differ as to whether these chapters were written by Isaiah or a later writer. Either way, the message of future judgment awaiting God's people gives way to a message of hope and restoration for God's people now exiled in Babylon (587-539 BC). God declares to his people that Babylon will be destroyed and Jerusalem will be rebuilt under the order of King Cyrus. Jerusalem will ultimately be a glorious city, unlike the corrupt, faithless city that endured God's judgment. God will dwell in this city, people from all the nations will be attracted to its light, and God's perfect judgment and salvation will be fulfilled. This restoration will centre on the work of a chosen, obedient servant who will bring justice to the nations and bear the sins of his people.

Like the first half of Isaiah, chapters 40-66 have several "horizons" of fulfilment. The prophecies are partially fulfilled through the return of the exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem. But there are further horizons pointing to the life, death and resurrection of the suffering servant Jesus Christ, the inclusion of Gentiles in God's kingdom, and the future glory to come.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Key event(s)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
740 BC	Death of king Uzziah & Isaiah's commissioning	Isaiah 6
722 BC	Northern kingdom of Israel deported	2 Kings 17
712 BC	Hezekiah's illness, prayer and healing	Isaiah 38
701 BC	Sennacherib lays siege to Jerusalem	Isaiah 36
600s BC	Isaiah's death	
587 BC	Southern kingdom of Israel exiled	2 Kings 25
538 BC	Exiles return to Jerusalem under Cyrus	Ezra 1

## **Community Groups**

Our community groups have three key purposes:

- Understanding and applying the Bible
- Upholding one another, our church and the wider world in prayer
- Deepening in gospel-centred community

Most of our groups meet weekly, though some are fortnightly. We have men's, women's and mixed groups, as well as groups devoted to particular demographics such as young adults and retirees.

If you're not in a group yet but would like to be, you can get in touch with Mark ([mark.curran@trinity.church](mailto:mark.curran@trinity.church)) to see what options are available.

## **Feedback**

Have you found this integrated series helpful? Could it have been improved? Let us know! Email Mark ([mark.curran@trinity.church](mailto:mark.curran@trinity.church)) or pass on your thoughts to your community group leader.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday April 21 |** Isaiah 40:1-11

*God of all comfort, whose word endures forever,  
We praise you for your sovereign power and thank you for your tender care. We rejoice in the good news that our sins have been paid for, not by our own efforts, but because you have revealed your glory and brought salvation through Jesus. Help us to seek our comfort and security in the hope that the gospel alone offers. Amen.*

### **Tuesday April 22 |** Isaiah 40:12-20

*Eternal and almighty God,  
Who is like you in power and wisdom? You have created everything that exists. From the tallest mountain to the deepest ocean, you know and control it all. The nations of this world are nothing compared with you. Forgive us for the ways in which we forget your incomparable nature. Help us to grasp your infinite strength and understanding. Amen.*

### **Wednesday April 23 |** Isaiah 40:21-31

*Our everlasting and incomparable God, creator of the heavens and earth, Though we grow tired and weary, you never do. Though we lack understanding, your wisdom is without limit. Thank you that though you sit enthroned far above the earth, you care deeply for those who have put their hope in you. Please empower us today with the strength we need to live for your praise and glory. Amen.*

**Thursday April 24 |** Isaiah 41:1-10

*Faithful and mighty Lord,  
Thank you for the ways that you strengthen, help and uphold us. We rejoice that you have chosen us not because of our worth, but because of your gracious generosity and mercy to us. Thank you for the assurance we have in Christ that you will never reject those whose trust is in you. Help us to live thankfully and without fear, knowing you are with us. Amen.*

**Friday April 25 |** Isaiah 41:11-20

*God our holy and life-giving redeemer who will never forsake us,  
On a day when we're reminded of the horrors of war, we praise you that you are powerful over all opposition and give thanks that you have secured us victory over the ultimate enemies of sin, Satan and death. Help us to increasingly see, understand and delight in the new life you have secured for us with your mighty hand. Amen.*

**Saturday April 26 |** Isaiah 41:21-29

*Our sovereign king,  
You alone know what the future holds, and you alone hold the future in your hands. In you alone is true security found. Forgive us for the hopes we have put in the idols of our age, in things that are worthless and detestable. Give us eyes to see the ways in which we seek our security in things apart from you, and draw our hearts back to you. Amen.*

## **Sunday April 27 Sermon | Isaiah 40-41**

My notes:



## **Community Group study | Isaiah 40-41**

### **Church prayer points for the week**

- Our next Life course kicks off on Monday May 5. Pray for bold invitations to be made, for many to come along and hear about what life with Jesus is about, and that God's Spirit would be powerfully at work in bringing people to put their trust in Jesus and be saved.
- As our Community Groups kick off this week, pray that it would be a rich time in each of our groups digging deep into the book of Isaiah, prayerfully applying it to our lives today and lovingly sharing life with one another.
- Pray that our AGM this Sunday (May 4) would be more than just a governance requirement, but a greatly encouraging celebration of God's work in the life of our church that galvanises everyone in our church family to continue partnering together sacrificially and expectantly in the gospel.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday April 28 |** Isaiah 42:1-9

*Lord God, creator of the heavens, whose name alone is worthy of all glory, Thank you for the precious gift of Jesus, your chosen and Spirit-filled servant, who faithfully brings justice to all the nations on earth, and who opens the eyes of the blind. Help us to live gratefully in the knowledge that he has freed us from captivity to sin, and use us to shine his light to those around us. Amen.*

### **Tuesday April 29 |** Isaiah 42:10-25

*Triumphant and glorious God, who turns darkness into light and makes the rough places smooth,  
May all peoples everywhere on earth joyfully proclaim your praise. By your grace, help us to listen carefully to your word and to follow your ways, today and every day, that you might receive the glory you alone deserve. Amen.*

### **Wednesday April 30 |** Isaiah 43:1-13

*Our holy and eternal God, who alone reveals, saves and proclaims, We praise you for creating us by your mighty power, redeeming us by the precious blood of your son, and for your presence with us through your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the assurance that we are precious, honoured and loved in your sight, and that we are safe in your hand. Help us to live fearlessly in the knowledge of your goodness to us. Amen.*

**Thursday May 1 |** Isaiah 43:14-28

*God our holy creator, redeemer and king,  
We confess that we have not lived for you as we ought. We are sorry for  
the sins with which we have burdened you and the offences with which  
we have wearied you. Thank you for the assurance in the gospel that you  
are a merciful God who remembers our sins no more when we lay our  
burdens on Jesus. Strengthen us in that wonderful assurance. Amen.*

**Friday May 2 |** Isaiah 44:1-8

*Lord almighty, our king and redeemer, the first and the last,  
Who is like you, Lord? Apart from you there is no God. You have chosen us,  
formed us, poured out your Spirit on us and declared us to be yours.  
Thank you for the privilege of being your people. Help us to fix our eyes on  
you today, living with you as our one sure foundation. Amen.*

**Saturday May 3 |** Isaiah 44:9-23

*Creator God,  
We may laugh at the thought of bowing to a wooden idol, but we are  
equally guilty of looking to the idols of our modern day for what only you  
can provide. Convict us of the idols to which we look for our joy and  
security, and move our hearts to sing for joy as we remember the  
redemption that is freely ours in Christ. Amen.*

## **Sunday May 4 Sermon |** Isaiah 42:1 - 44:23

My notes:

**Church prayer points for the week**

- With Mothers Day coming up this Sunday, give thanks for the mothers and all women God has used to care for us and point us to Jesus. Pray for mums of all ages and stages in our church family as they strive to be godly, grace-filled mothers parenting in response to the gospel. Pray for all for whom Mother's Day is a difficult time, that God would bring comfort and hope in the midst of the pain.
- Give thanks for our musicians, who sacrificially serve us each week as they lead us in praising our great God together in song. Pray that their service would be sustainable, encouraging and spiritually uplifting for them, and that God is glorified through their ministry.
- Pray for wisdom, patience and confidence in God as Maggie adjusts to her new role in Alice Springs. Pray for gospel fruit among the indigenous communities she serves, as more and more people come to know Jesus as their Lord and saviour.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday May 5 |** Isaiah 44:24-28

*Lord God, maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens and spreads out the earth,*

*We praise you for your mighty creative power: for forming us in the womb and creating all that we see and know. And we give you thanks for the redemption you have achieved for your people through your mighty power, boundless wisdom and enduring love. May we seek true wisdom and hope in you alone. Amen.*

### **Tuesday May 6 |** Isaiah 45:1-8

*God of all righteousness and salvation,*

*Apart from you there is no God. You alone have formed the light and created the darkness. You alone bring prosperity and create disaster. You alone can work your redemptive purposes even through the rule of those who do not acknowledge you. Please work powerfully through the governments and rulers in our country and world today, so that people may know that you are the Lord. Amen.*

### **Wednesday May 7 |** Isaiah 45:9-17

*Holy Lord, maker of all things,*

*It is you who has made the earth and created mankind on it. There is no other God apart from you. Thank you that in Jesus we are saved with an everlasting salvation and will never be disgraced or put to shame. Help us to live out today and every day in light of this sure hope. Amen.*

**Thursday May 8 |** Isaiah 45:18-25

*Our righteous God and saviour, creator of the heavens,  
In you are deliverance and strength - our boast is in you alone. Thank you  
for all the ways you have revealed yourself to us: through your mighty  
creative power, through your perfect and truthful word, and through your  
son Jesus Christ. May you bring people from all the ends of the earth to  
turn to you and be saved. Amen.*

**Friday May 9 |** Isaiah 46:1-7

*Our incomparable God, without equal, who carries and sustains us,  
We confess that in our modern way, we are guilty of worshiping idols -  
idols that cannot answer us or save us, and which place heavy burdens  
on us. Change our hearts Lord, and move us to wholeheartedly worship  
you, in the confidence that you hear our prayers, and that through Jesus  
you have borne the ultimate burden of our sin and guilt. Amen.*

**Saturday May 10 |** Isaiah 46:8-13

*Sovereign and faithful God,  
We praise you for your good and certain purposes. You make known the  
end from the beginning and your purposes will always stand. What you  
have said, you will bring about. Thank you that your promise to bring  
righteousness and salvation to your people has been proved true in  
Jesus. Help us to live with confidence in your redemptive purposes. Amen.*

## **Sunday May 11 Sermon |** Isaiah 44:24 - 46:13

My notes:



## **Community Group study | Isaiah 44:24 - 46:13**

### **Church prayer points for the week**

- Our Term 2 Onboard course begins this weekend, for everyone who has joined our church recently. Pray that all who come along would feel connected into the life of our church and joyfully committed to the mission and vision of our church under God.
- With Mens convention and Grace women's conference coming up, pray that these would be greatly encouraging and transformative times in God's word and in Christian community together.
- Pray for our gospel partners D&T in Asia, as they seek to live out the gospel and make Jesus known in a context where overt evangelism and biblical teaching is dangerous. Pray that they would be salt and light in this part of the world, and that the relationships they are forming with unbelievers would bear eternal kingdom fruit.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday May 12 |** Isaiah 47:1-4

*Lord Almighty, our redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
You are powerful over all nations and rulers, and your coming judgment  
will be completely just. Thank you that no evil we see, experience or hear  
of will be unpunished on the day that you take vengeance. Help us to live  
with confidence in your just purposes, and with thankfulness that Jesus'  
death has spared us from the judgment that our own sin deserves. Amen.*

### **Tuesday May 13 |** Isaiah 47:5-11

*God of all wisdom and knowledge,  
You have promised disaster for all who trust in their wickedness, who take  
for themselves the glory that you alone deserve, and who are confident in  
their own security. Thank you that all evil committed against your people  
and all people everywhere does not go unnoticed by you, and will not go  
unpunished by you. When we are overwhelmed by the evil in our world,  
help us to trust in your ultimate justice. Amen.*

### **Wednesday May 14 |** Isaiah 47:12-15

*Our just God,  
As we look at the world around us, those who do evil so often appear to be  
powerful, successful, comfortable and unstoppable, keeping on in their  
wicked ways. Yet their strength and wisdom is but stubble in your eyes,  
and nothing they have can save them from your coming judgment. Help  
us to see and be comforted by the futility of all who oppose you. Amen.*

**Thursday May 15 |** Isaiah 48:1-11

*Lord Almighty, whose announcements always come to pass, whose glory is yielded to no other.*

*We thank and praise you for your patience and mercy in your dealings with your people. Though we have been stubborn and treacherous, invoking your name without truth or righteousness, yet for your name's sake you have delayed your wrath. Move our hearts to praise you in response to your glory and grace. Amen.*

**Friday May 16 |** Isaiah 48:12-16

*God, the first and the last,*

*Your hand has spread the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. No idol has spoken or acted as you have. You have not spoken in secret, but have revealed yourself to us in your word, which you bring to fulfilment in Christ. May we be people who listen carefully to you and trust in your plans and purposes. Amen.*

**Saturday May 17 |** Isaiah 48:17-22

*Lord and redeemer, the Holy One, who teaches us what is best and directs us in the way we should go,*

*We thank you for the victory and peace that you have secured for us through the death and resurrection of your Son. In response to your redemptive grace, work in our hearts and minds to pay attention to your commands and walk in your ways. Amen.*

## **Sunday May 18 Sermon |** Isaiah 47-48

My notes:

**Church prayer points for the week**

- Pray that we would be a church family deepening together in our love for God as we grasp how wide, long, high and deep is Christ's love for us (Ephesians 3:18). Pray that every part of each one of our lives would flow out of genuine love for God in response to his grace and goodness to us.
- Pray for our high schoolers who are part of Seek Youth (our Friday night youth group) and our Sunday gatherings, that each one of them would know Jesus as their Lord and saviour, grow in their love for Jesus and remain in Jesus for their whole lives.
- Give thanks for the growth of Trinity Church Campbelltown since it was planted from our church three years ago, and for all the ways God has been at work there - including numerous people coming to faith in Jesus. Pray for continued growth and encouragement, and that God would be glorified through this church.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday May 19 | Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Holy God and faithful redeemer,  
We praise you for the precious gift of your chosen servant, our Lord Jesus Christ, the true light for all nations. Though he was despised by people, he will be worshiped by kings forever. Help your people to shine the light of Jesus to the surrounding world, that your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen.*

### **Tuesday May 20 | Isaiah 49:8-21**

*God of all comfort and compassion,  
You will never forget or forsake us. We are your precious children, engraved on the palms of your hands. Thank you for this wonderful assurance that is ours in Christ. Thank you that in Jesus we experience your favour, salvation and freedom. Deepen our joy as we take these awesome truths to heart. Amen.*

### **Wednesday May 21 | Isaiah 49:22-26**

*Sovereign Lord,  
You alone are the Lord. No one who hopes in you will be disappointed. We praise you for Jesus, who has plundered Satan and rescued us from the power of sin by his saving sacrifice. Help us to fix our eyes on the assurance of Jesus' final victory over sin and Satan, when all mankind will know that you are our saviour and redeemer. Amen.*

**Thursday May 22 |** Isaiah 50:1-11

*Sovereign Lord, our rescuer and deliverer,  
Because of our sins and transgressions, you ought to send us away. And yet instead of being disgraced, we can be confident of deliverance, because Jesus has borne the shame and guilt of sin in our place. Thank you that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and that Satan's power to accuse us was extinguished at the cross. Amen.*

**Friday May 23 |** Isaiah 51:1-3

*Compassionate Lord,  
You have been ever faithful to your people, giving us blessing, comfort, joy and gladness throughout the generations. We thank and praise you for your goodness in all seasons. By your grace may we seek you, pursue your righteousness and find our joy and gladness in you alone. Amen.*

**Saturday May 24 |** Isaiah 51:4-11

*God who brings justice to the nations, whose salvation will last forever and whose righteousness will never fail,  
As we lift our eyes to the heavens and grasp your mighty strength, may we not fear the reproach of mortals or be terrified by their insults, but instead take your instruction to heart and await your coming salvation, on that day when all sorrow and sighing will flee away. Amen.*

## **Sunday May 25 Sermon | Isaiah 49:1 - 51:11**

My notes:



**Church prayer points for the week**

- Pray that we would be a church family characterised by love for one another, just as Jesus has loved us. That everyone who needs care, community and support would receive it in abundance and see the love of Christ genuinely reflected in our community.
- Pray for all of our children, that as they learn about Jesus each week in Minis and Trinity Kids (and at home), they would grasp his love for them in the gospel and build their lives on him from a young age.
- Pray that God would work powerfully through Bush Church Aid to strengthen his church and see the gospel flourish in rural Australia as more people come to know Jesus. Pray particularly for the McDonald family and their ministry in Roxby Downs, that God would be using them to lead more people to Jesus in that town.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday May 26 |** Isaiah 51:12-16

*Lord Almighty, our maker and our comforter,  
It is you who set the heavens in place and laid the foundations of the earth. And yet how easily we can forget your mighty power and live in fear of other people. In those times when we are tempted to fear mere mortals, help us to remember that we are your people and we can depend on you. Amen.*

### **Tuesday May 27 |** Isaiah 51:17-23

*Just and sovereign God,  
We confess that we are as deserving of your rebuke and wrath as your people in Isaiah's time. But we praise you for Jesus, who has taken the cup of your wrath from our hands and drunk from it himself, so that we never need to. And we thank you for the assurance that all evil in this world will one day be dealt with by your justice. Amen.*

### **Wednesday May 28 |** Isaiah 52:1-12

*God who reigns and comforts,  
How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! You have redeemed your people not with money, but with the precious blood of Jesus. May we be people who joyfully proclaim your salvation to the ends of the earth, that the nations may hear and believe. Amen.*

**Thursday May 29 |** Isaiah 52:13-15

*God of all nations,*

*We praise you for Jesus, your wise and perfect servant, and our saviour. For our sake he was disfigured beyond human likeness. Yet now he is exalted as the king of kings; raised and lifted up for the nations to see and glorify. Help us today to fix our eyes on Jesus. Amen.*

**Friday May 30 |** Isaiah 53:1-9

*Jesus, our sacrificial lamb and exalted king,*

*We confess that like sheep, we have all gone astray. Thank you that you took up our pain and bore our suffering. That you were pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. That you were punished by God to secure us peace with God, even though you had done no wrong. As we remember your sacrifice for us, help us to live wholeheartedly in your service and for your glory. Amen.*

**Saturday May 31 |** Isaiah 53:10-12

*Jesus our righteous king,*

*For our sake you poured out your life unto death. You were numbered with the transgressors. You bore the sin for many and made intercession for our transgressions. You were crushed as an offering for sin, yet you see the light of life in your resurrected glory. Help us to live gratefully and obediently as those who you have justified, whose iniquities you have born, and who will one day see you face to face. Amen.*

## **Sunday June 1 Sermon |** Isaiah 51:12 - 53:12

My notes:

**Church prayer points for the week**

- Pray for our Trinity Church Modbury young adults, and the leaders of our young adult community groups, that God would be growing this demographic both in number and Christian maturity as we prepare to begin an evening service.
- Give thanks for the ways that God has been at work at Trinity Church Golden Grove since it was planted in 2016. Pray that the church would grow to the point of being able to contribute strongly to sending a core team to plant further in Adelaide's north.
- Give thanks for all who lead and serve on our Sunday and midweek ministry teams. Pray that God would work through these teams and those who lead them to build our church body to maturity in Christ as each part does its work.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday June 2 |** Isaiah 54:1-8

*Lord Almighty, our maker and redeemer,  
Though our sin against you is worthy of shame, disgrace and rejection,  
you are a God of everlasting kindness and infinite compassion. Thank you  
for calling us back to you through Jesus. As we grasp your grace to us,  
help us not to live in fear and desolation, but with joyful confidence in  
your promise of everlasting redemption. Amen.*

### **Tuesday June 3 |** Isaiah 54:9-13

*God of all compassion and peace,  
Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, your unfailing  
love for us will not be shaken, nor your covenant of peace removed. Thank  
you for the assurance we have in Christ that you will never punish us for  
our sin, but rather that we can enjoy your peace. Amen.*

### **Wednesday June 4 |** Isaiah 54:14-17

*Gracious God,  
In Christ you have established us in righteousness, with no need to fear  
your judgment. Help us to fix our eyes on the eternal hope we have in  
Jesus - that we will be vindicated in your presence, that no tongue will be  
able to accuse us, and that fear and terror will one day be removed from  
all your people forever. Amen.*

**Thursday June 5 |** Isaiah 55:1-5

*Faithful and loving God,*

*We praise you for the true delight and rich satisfaction that you alone can provide us, through Jesus your promised king. We confess that so often we seek our satisfaction in things that do not satisfy, when you have provided for us richly and freely in Jesus. Help us today to listen to you and seek what truly satisfies. Amen.*

**Friday June 6 |** Isaiah 55:6-7

*Merciful God,*

*We bring before you the people we know and love who don't yet know and love you. By your grace, would they seek you while you may be found, and call on you while you are near. Move them to forsake their unrighteous ways and thoughts, to turn to you and accept your free and merciful pardon through Jesus. Amen.*

**Saturday June 7 |** Isaiah 55:8-13

*Eternal and sovereign God,*

*Your thoughts are not our thoughts, and our ways are not your ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are your ways and your thoughts higher than ours. We thank you for your word, which does not return to you empty, but which accomplishes all that you desire. Help us today to behold your holiness and trust in the power of your word. Amen.*

## **Sunday June 8 Sermon |** Isaiah 54-55

My notes:



**Church prayer points for the week**

- Give thanks for those who lead and serve on our welcoming team, and for all who are active in welcoming new people on Sundays. Pray that everyone who visits us would be welcomed in a way that reflects Christ's love for us.
- Pray for the Trinity Church Modbury staff team - Stephen, Mark, Sally, Ben and Debbie. Pray that they would lead and serve our church family with wisdom, grace, integrity, love, and a prayerful dependence on your word.
- Pray for three people you know who don't yet know Jesus, that God would work mightily and mercifully in their hearts, bringing them to recognise Jesus as their Lord and saviour. Pray that our church would genuinely love the lost, and that we would see many saved.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday June 30 | Isaiah 56:1-8**

*God of all nations,  
You have promised a day when your faithful people of all tribes and  
tongues will come to your holy mountain; when your house truly will be a  
house of prayer for all nations. Give us your heart for the nations, that we  
might prayerfully long and strive for more and more people everywhere to  
be gathered to you. Amen.*

### **Tuesday July 1 | Isaiah 56:9-12**

*All knowing and all seeing God,  
Thank you for Jesus, our good shepherd, who laid down his life for his  
sheep, that we might be saved. When leaders let us down and when  
people use their power for evil, help us to look to him with confidence and  
gratitude, knowing that in him we lack nothing. Amen.*

### **Wednesday July 2 | Isaiah 57:1-13**

*Our just God,  
Whoever walks uprightly and takes refuge in you will enter into your peace  
and receive an inheritance beyond measure. And all who are unfaithful to  
you and mock you will be exposed and perish. In the face of the many  
evils around us, help us to long for that day when the righteous in Christ  
are spared. Amen.*

**Thursday July 3 |** Isaiah 57:14-21

*Our high and exalted God, who lives forever, whose name is holy,  
You live in a high and holy place, yet you are also with the one who is  
contrite and lowly in spirit. You are enraged by our sinful greed, yet you  
will not accuse us forever. You have seen our ways, yet you will heal us  
and bring us peace. Thank you for your mercy to us in Jesus. Amen.*

**Friday July 4 |** Isaiah 58:1-7

*God whose ways are right and whose commands are perfect,  
We confess of those times when we have humbled ourselves on the  
outside, but have not truly humbled our hearts before you. When we have  
acted in a way to be seen, but not obeyed you from our hearts. May we be  
people who stand against injustice and oppression for the glory of your  
name. Amen.*

**Saturday July 5 |** Isaiah 58:8-14

*Our glorious Lord,  
As you have provided richly for our greatest need through Jesus, would  
you grow in us a heart for the hungry and oppressed, and for all needy  
people everywhere. May our prayers to you be sincere, flowing from a  
heart that delights in your glory and seeks the good of all people. Amen.*

## **Sunday July 6 Sermon | Isaiah 56-58**

My notes:

### **Church prayer points for the week**

- Pray that everyone at Trinity Church Modbury would have a deep heart for lost people, both in Adelaide's north-east and beyond. Pray that we would encourage one another in mission, with dependence on God's word and Spirit, and that we would see many people brought from death to life.
- Give thanks for how God has both shaped and used Ben over the last year and a half of his ministry apprenticeship. Pray for wisdom for Ben and Jessie as they consider what their ministry future looks like after this year.
- Give thanks for the many children and families who have been released from poverty in Jesus' name through the work of Compassion and pray that many more lives would be changed.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday July 7 |** Isaiah 59:1-8

*Just and good God,  
We confess that our sins leave us deserving to be separated from you,  
and for you to hide your face from us and not hear us. We repent of those  
times when we have rushed into sin, and when we have rejected peace,  
justice and integrity. We rejoice that your arm is not too short to save, nor  
your ear too dull to hear. Amen.*

### **Tuesday July 8 |** Isaiah 59:9-21

*Lord, our righteous redeemer,  
Apart from you there is no light, no justice, no deliverance and no hope.  
God we confess that our offences are many in your sight. Our sins testify  
against us. We have rebelled against you. And yet you have achieved  
salvation for all who repent of their sins, and poured out your Spirit. Help  
us to live in grateful, reverent, obedient fear of your name. Amen.*

### **Wednesday July 9 |** Isaiah 60:1-9

*Glorious God, worthy of all honour and praise,  
We praise you for Jesus, the light of the world, who shines your glory to a  
world living in darkness. Thank you for your heart for all nations, and your  
promise to bring people from all tongues and tribes to worship you  
forever. By your Spirit, help us to walk in your light, and to shine the light  
of the gospel to those around us. Amen.*

**Thursday July 10 |** Isaiah 60:10-22

*Lord, our compassionate saviour and mighty redeemer,  
We long for that day when you will gather all of your children to your perfect and eternal city. A city without violence, sorrow, ruin or destruction. A city of salvation and praise, where you will be our everlasting light and glory. As we navigate life in this fallen world, help us to fix our eyes on this coming day. Amen.*

**Friday July 11 |** Isaiah 61:1-7

*Sovereign Lord,  
Thank you for Jesus, who you have anointed to proclaim good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted and to comfort all who mourn. We praise you for your undeserved favour poured out to us in Jesus, and for the sure hope that one day our mourning will give way to joy, our despair will give way to praise and our shame will give way to rejoicing. Amen.*

**Saturday July 12 |** Isaiah 61:8-11

*God of justice and faithfulness,  
We praise you for the everlasting covenant you have made with your people in Christ. For the glorious and everlasting wedding that you call us all to be part of, when righteousness and praise will come from all nations. May we truly delight in you and rejoice in your blessing as we await that day. Amen.*

## **Sunday July 13 Sermon | Isaiah 59-61**

My notes:



### **Church prayer points for the week**

- Pray that in response to the gospel message that saves us, each member of our church family would not only be on mission locally, but globally as well. Ask that God would give us a heart for all nations and work through our mission partnerships to see many people in Australia and beyond come to Christ.
- Give thanks for God's work in and through Trinity Church Para Hills since it was planted in 2020. Pray that He would strengthen and grow this church for his glory, and bring many in Para Hills and beyond to know Jesus.
- Give thanks for our leadership team, who faithfully serve us throughout the year. Pray for wisdom as this team oversees both the governance and gospel vision of our church.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday July 14 |** Isaiah 62:1-7

*Faithful and powerful God,*

*We praise you for your awesome promise throughout Isaiah to transform the faithless, corrupt, desolate city of Jerusalem into the glorious, eternal city in which you delight, where nations and kings will see your glory, and where you will rejoice over your people in the everlasting marriage to come. Would you deepen our longing for this heavenly city, where our true citizenship is found. Amen.*

### **Tuesday July 15 |** Isaiah 62:8-12

*Mighty Lord,*

*We praise you for the hope we have in the gospel, secured for us through the coming of our saviour Jesus. Thank you that in him, we are a holy people, precious and redeemed in your sight. Thank you for the promise of an everlasting city, where enemies can never harm us. Fix our eyes on that day when our saviour will come once again to bring about this eternal promise. Amen.*

### **Wednesday July 16 |** Isaiah 63:1-9

*Victorious God, mighty to save,*

*You are a God of compassion, love and mercy, treating your people with goodness and kindness. And yet you are a God of wrath, trampling down sinful nations in your anger. Help us to grasp at a deep heart level both your perfect love and perfect justice, and to rejoice in the salvation you have achieved for us. Amen.*

## **Thursday July 17 |** Isaiah 63:10-19

*Father in heaven,  
From the days of Abraham and Moses you have been gracious to your people, saving them by your glorious arm of power, setting your Holy Spirit among them and gaining for yourself everlasting renown. When we cannot see your zeal and might, and when we are tempted to doubt your tenderness and compassion, help us to look back to our redemption at the cross, and to know that you are always with us. Amen.*

## **Friday July 18 |** Isaiah 64:1-7

*Lord our God,  
Since ancient times there has been no God besides you - who acts on behalf of those who wait for him and who comes to the help of those who do right and remember your ways. Yet we confess that our most righteous acts are like filthy rags, and we deserve to be given over to our sins. How can we be saved? Only by the blood of Jesus. Thank you for your mercy to us in him. Amen.*

## **Saturday July 19 |** Isaiah 64:8-12

*Father,  
We are the clay and you are the potter. We are all the work of your hand. We praise you that you do not remember our sins forever and punish us beyond measure. Thank you for Jesus, our holy, glorious and everlasting temple, through whom you dwell with us and through whom we can approach your throne of grace with confidence. Amen.*

## **Sunday July 20 Sermon | Isaiah 62-64**

My notes:

### **Church prayer points for the week**

- Give thanks for all of our kids and youth leaders who serve us both on Sundays and Friday nights. Pray that God would encourage and sustain each of them in this service, and that the upcoming network leaders training day would be beneficial for all who attend.
- Pray for AFES at the Uni SA Mawson Lakes campus, that God would work powerfully through this ministry to encourage and train Christian students to proclaim Christ to the lost. Pray for a fruitful week of evangelism in the upcoming Jesus Week.
- Pray for God to grant wisdom to our state and federal governments, enabling them to lead with integrity and in a way that achieves your good purposes.

## **Personal Readings & Prayer**

### **Monday July 21 |** Isaiah 65:1-7

*Our just and righteous God,  
You are right to pay back in full the sins of each person, to measure into our laps the full payment for our deeds. We repent of the times we have walked in evil ways, pursued our own imaginations and provoked you. Thank you that you are a God who reveals yourself even when we are obstinate, and that in Jesus you have shown us your grace and mercy. Amen.*

### **Tuesday July 22 |** Isaiah 65:8-16

*Sovereign Lord,  
You have promised a day when your chosen people will inherit your everlasting kingdom. When your servants will eat, drink, rejoice and sing with joy, with our past troubles all forgotten. Yet it will also be a day when those who forsake you and refuse to listen to you will fall in the slaughter, go hungry and thirsty, be put to shame and cry out in anguish of heart. Help us to grasp in our hearts the gravity of heaven and hell, and to live accordingly. Amen.*

### **Wednesday July 23 |** Isaiah 65:17-25

*Holy God,  
Thank you for the awesome hope that we have in the gospel - of new heavens and a new earth, where the former things will not be remembered, where the sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more, where we will enjoy every blessing in your presence forever. Help us to fix our eyes on that day when we will gather on your holy mountain. Amen.*

**Thursday July 24 |** Isaiah 66:1-6

*Lord our God, maker of all things,  
Heaven is your throne and the earth is your footstool. There is nothing we  
can give to you that is not already yours. As we behold your glory, may we  
be people who are humble and contrite in spirit, who tremble at your  
word, who listen when you speak, and who choose what is pleasing to  
you. Amen.*

**Friday July 25 |** Isaiah 66:7-16

*God of comfort,  
You have promised a day when your foes will see your fury. When your  
rebuke will come with flames of fire. When you will execute judgment on  
all people. Yet on that day your servants will flourish like grass, your  
children will be comforted and your city will rejoice. Thank you for the sure  
and everlasting hope that we have in Jesus. Amen.*

**Saturday July 26 |** Isaiah 66:17-24

*Everlasting God,  
You have promised a day when all mankind will appear before you. Either  
to bow down before you and endure forever in the new heavens and new  
earth you will create. Or to face your unending judgment for their rebellion  
against you. As we grasp these eternal realities, would you give us a heart  
to see people from all nations hear of your fame, see your glory and  
receive your salvation. Amen.*

## **Sunday July 27 Sermon |** Isaiah 65-66

My notes:



### **Church prayer points for the week**

- Give thanks for the encouragement of meeting with the other north-eastern churches for our Combined Sunday. Pray that this service would be effective under God in galvanising us all in our shared vision of seeing Adelaide's north and north-east won for Jesus.
- Pray for God to be powerfully at work at Trinity Church Modbury in Term 3. That in all of our services, events, community groups, teams and individual lives, Christ would be glorified.
- As our plans to plant an evening service begin to take shape, pray for God to raise up a core team for this gathering and to be preparing the hearts and minds of people who will hear the gospel and come to Christ through this plant.







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