

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYNS
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—30th October 2022

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (65. 17-25)

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred
will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 149

1. O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
3. Let them praise him in the dance:
let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
4. For the Lord takes delight in his people:
he adorns the meek with his salvation.
5. Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
let them sing for joy upon their beds.
6. Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
7. To execute vengeance on the nations:
and chastisement upon the peoples,
8. To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
9. To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:
such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.
Praise the Lord.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1. 11-23)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6. 20-31)

GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and
weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to
those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for
those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, of-
fer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat
do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs
from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for
them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For the gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon