

# Eucharist for Sunday after Christmass 1st January, 2023

9.30am St. Michael's, Wangaratta.



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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### *The Welcome and The Greeting*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

At a manger in Bethlehem, with Mary, full of grace:

**Glory to God in the highest!**

In awe of the angels, with shepherds on a hillside:

**Glory to God in the highest!**

By the light of the star, with wise travellers at journey's end:

**Glory to God in the highest!**

On the refugee road into Egypt, with Joseph and his family:

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth!**

### *Hymn: TiS 305 / AHB 229. [tune, St John]*

1. **Let earth and heaven combine,  
their voices all agree,  
to praise in songs divine  
the incarnate deity,  
our God contracted to a span,  
incomprehensibly made Man.**
2. **Unsearchable the love  
that has the Saviour brought;  
the grace is far above  
our own or angels' thought:  
enough for us that God, we know,  
our God, is manifest below.**
3. **He deigns in flesh to appear,  
widest extremes to join;  
to bring our vileness near  
and make us all divine:  
and we the life of God shall know,  
for God is manifest below.**
4. **Made perfect first in love,  
and sanctified by grace,  
we shall from earth remove,  
and see his glorious face:**

**then shall his love be fully showed,  
and we shall then be lost in God.**

Charles Wesley 1707–88 alt.  
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*Sentence*

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered,  
he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2. 18

*Invitation to Confession*

As we come to the Lord at the start of this New Year,  
let us seek his grace to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh  
and splendour of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Absolution*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the  
world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Collect*

Almighty God, who wonderfully created,  
and yet more wonderfully restored,  
the dignity of human nature:  
in your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ,  
who came to share our human life,  
and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**A Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah [63. 7-9]**

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favour to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*For the Psalm—remain seated—TIS 152. [tune, Ode to Joy]*

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call to praise you joyfully.**
- 3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest.**

**You our Father, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.**

Henry Van Dyke 1852–1933 alt.  
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**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews [2. 10–18]**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

And again,

‘I will put my trust in him.’

And again,

‘Here am I and the children whom God has given me.’

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn TiS 293 / AHB 218 [tune, Puer Nobis]*

- 1. Unto us a boy is born!  
King of all creation,  
came he to a world forlorn,  
the Lord of every nation.**

2. **Cradled in a stall was he  
with sleepy cows and asses;  
but the very beasts could see  
that he us all surpasses.**
3. **Herod then with fear was filled:  
'A prince,' he said, 'in Jewry!'  
All the little boys he killed  
at Bethlem in his fury.**
4. **Now may Mary's son, who came  
so long ago to love us,  
lead us all with hearts aflame  
unto the joys above us.**
5. **Omega and Alpha he!  
Let the organ thunder,  
while the choir with peals of glee  
now rends the air asunder.**

Anon., Latin 15th cent.  
tr. Percy Dearmer 1867–1936 alt.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [2. 13-23]

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and

went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*The Sermon*

*A time of silence will follow the sermon, a time for reflection.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for God's faithfulness to be known in our world.

In a world of change and hope,  
of fear and adventure, faithful God, **glorify your name.**

In human rebellion and obedience, in our seeking and our finding,  
faithful God, **glorify your name.**

In the common life of our society, in prosperity and need,  
faithful God, **glorify your name.**

As your Church proclaims your goodness in words and action,  
faithful God, **glorify your name.**

Among our friends and in our homes,  
faithful God, **glorify your name.**

In our times of joy, in our days of sorrow,  
faithful God, **glorify your name.**

In our strengths and triumphs, in our weakness and at our death,  
faithful God, **glorify your name.**

In your saints in glory and on the day of Christ's coming,  
faithful God, **glorify your name.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*You are invited to share the Peace of Christ,  
in a COVID Safe way, with your neighbours*

*Offertory Hymn TiS 295, [tune Orientis Partibus—AHB 149]*

- 1. Saviour of the nations, come,  
known as Virgin Mary's son.  
God amazes all the earth  
by the wonder of your birth.**
- 2. No man's seed, no human plan  
made the Word of God a man,  
but the Holy Spirit's power  
gave the womb its fruit, its flower.**
- 3. Mary, when the time had come,  
as a virgin bore her son;  
in her body was the place  
where God set his throne of grace.**
- 4. He who from the Father came  
has returned with him to reign.  
He who went to death and hell  
rose on high, in heaven to dwell.**
- 5. By the triumph that you won —  
truly human, yet God's Son —  
heal our weak humanity,  
let us share your victory.**
- 6. From your manger new light beams,  
through the night your glory streams.  
Darkness cannot dim your light;  
faith keeps shining, always bright.**
- 7. Praise to God the Father sing,  
praise to God the Son, our king,  
praise to God the Spirit be  
now and through eternity.**



Martin Luther 1483–1546  
from *Veni redemptor gentium*, St Ambrose 340–97  
tr. David Arthur Schubert 1942–,  
John Wilfred Kleinig 1942–, and others

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God our Father, fountain of goodness, creator of all that is,  
you have made us in your own image,  
You have given us life and reason, and love for one another,  
setting in our hearts a hunger for you.

In darkness you are our light,  
in adversity and temptation our strength.  
You bear patiently with our folly and sin,  
granting us your law to guide us  
and your prophets to renew our faith.

In the fullness of time you came to us in love and mercy  
in Jesus Christ, your living Word, full of grace and truth.

He lived among us, declaring your forgiveness  
and revealing your wisdom  
in works of mercy and in his word of power.  
For us he suffered and died upon the cross,  
by death destroying death.  
You raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high,  
Through him you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your people,  
gathered together in every time and place  
to glorify your holy name.

With them and all the company of heaven,  
we join in the unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, pour out your Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who, on the night in which he was betrayed,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.' ✠

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Lord, we obey his command  
with this bread and this cup,  
by which we recall his death and resurrection,  
the source of our life and salvation.  
Grant that we, who share in this holy sacrament,  
may be united by your Spirit and grow into perfect love.  
Bring us, with those who have done your will in every age,  
into the light of your presence and the joy of your kingdom,  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The following is said or sung*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*The priest says*

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God of heaven, dwelling among us,  
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.  
By your grace keep us ever faithful  
to your Word made flesh  
that as his body in the world  
we may bring your presence to all people.

**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

*Notices*

*Final Hymn AHB 234/TiS 310 [tune, Epiphany]*

- 1. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us your aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**
- 3. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom, and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?**

4. **Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure,  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**
5. **Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us your aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

Reginald Heber, 1811 (1783-1826)

### THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
and the Blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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by Aidan Hart

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