



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
**The Parochial District of
Wangaratta West and The Warbys**
The Fifth Sunday in Lent,
Passion Sunday, March 26th 2023

Passiontide. Traditionally the last two weeks of Lent, extending from Passion Sunday to Holy Saturday (Easter Eve). It was customary during this period for all crucifixes, pictures, and images in church to be veiled in purple (the crucifix only being unveiled on Good Friday), and for the 'Gloria Patri' to be omitted from the Psalms, the Introit, and the Venite.

Since 1969 in the Roman Catholic Church Passion Sunday as such has been dropped from the calendar and the observance combined with that of Palm Sunday; the veiling of crucifixes etc. is optional and in any case confined to Holy Week; and there are no observances peculiar to the period as a whole.

In English pre-Reformation practice the Lenten array of unbleached linen gave place in Passiontide to a deep red as the liturgical colour, but in modern usage Lenten purple continues throughout, except on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

Cross, F. L., & Livingstone, E. A., eds. (2005). In The Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church (3rd ed. rev., p. 1237). Oxford University Press.

PLEASE OBSERVE 2 MINUTES OF QUIET REFLECTION
BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS

Please stand when the ministers enter

The priest welcomes and greets the people

**Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.**

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

Scripture Sentence

**'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord;
'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'**

John 11.25–26

Hymn, AHB 60/TiS 131. tune, Rivaulx

1. **Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.**
2. **Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.**
3. **Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is saved from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your quickening power extend.**
4. **Thrice holy – Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.**

Edward Cooper 1770–1833

The Commandments

In this Lenten Season let us hear again commandments which God has given to his people and which form us as God's people.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.

**You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**God is Spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and in truth.**

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

**Christ is risen from the dead:
set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.**

Honour your father and mother.

**Live as servants of God;
let us work for the good of all,
especially members of the household of faith.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Live peaceably with all;
overcome evil with good.**

You shall not commit adultery.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

You shall not steal.

Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

You shall not be a false witness.

Let everyone speak the truth.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

**Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’
Love your neighbour as yourself,
for love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Kyries—if sung, repeated 3 times

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect is said by the priest

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel [37. 1-14]

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

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

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;

**O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.

**My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.

**He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [8. 6-11]

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Hymn, AHB 323/TiS 410. tune, Blauenwern 165 (ii).

- 1. Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding on a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.**

2. **Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ;
you we praise with endless worship
for your fruit and gifts unpriced.**
3. **Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry,
quickenings, strengthening and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending, you we worship and extol.**

Timothy Rees 18874–1939 alt.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [11. 1-45]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight?

Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?'

They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The Sermon

Silence for Reflection may follow the sermon

The Apostles Creed is said, all standing.

During Lent, Christians are encouraged to think seriously about what it means to be a Baptised Person.

The Creed we use for Lent is the Apostles Creed, the statement of faith made at Baptism and Confirmation. It is written in the first person, i.e. I Believe.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith receive the prayers we offer.

Come, Lord, like the wind, move us, direct us.

Come as the breath, fill us, refresh us.

Come to your church which without you is dull and dry,
and fill us with your Spirit.

Call us out of death and darkness into life and light.

We pray for the renewal of your church in its devotion and mission,
for all who proclaim your life-giving powers and share in your
redeeming love.

Come, Lord, restore, renew, **revive your people.**

We pray for all whose hope is lost, who feel cut off from life,
for refugees and displaced peoples,
for all who flee from oppression and tyranny,
for all who are made homeless,
for all who have suffered abuse or violence.

Come, Lord, restore, renew, **revive your people.**

We pray for areas where communities have broken down
or have died.

We pray for friends and loved ones who are worn out,
for relationships that are in danger of dying.

Come, Lord, restore, renew, **revive your people.**

We pray for all who are ill, for all who are in weakness,
for all who are bereaved.

We remember those for whom we have been asked to pray:
Chris E. Trent. Kate Jessup. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef.
Neliya Don Leonard. Kaye McKenzie.

We remember all who have given up on life.

We pray for the disturbed, for the mentally ill,
for all who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death.

We pray for all who suffer torture or violence.

Come, Lord, restore, renew, **revive your people.**

We give thanks for all who set us an example of love and vitality
and who have now entered your greater glory.

May we be inspired by their lives and seek to live
to your praise and glory.

We remember this week those whose Years Mind occurs:
Christine Denton. Treanor. Mrs Bedford. Keith Truscott. Charlie
French. Florence Toll. Maud Paterson. Sarah Humphreys. Gregnall
Spurr. Colin Johnson.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Holy Father, you have challenged the powers of darkness,
through your son, and have committed your church to share in your
redeeming works; grant that we, who bear witness to your saving
power in words, may do so in deeds;

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The priest stands and declares God's forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy upon you.

Pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to the joy of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a COVID Safe sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 48. tune Finlandia

1. **Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
2. **Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**
3. **Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.**

4. **Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Katharina von Schlegel 1697 -?
trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick 1813-97 alt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us
to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience,
now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory.

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

(♪ ♪ ♪ - count 3 notes then sing)

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

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through the dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread
and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.' ✠

After supper he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.' ✠

We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. ✠

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship
of Christ's Body**

**to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest break the bread, saying

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray

**We do not presume to come to your table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

The priest gives the Invitation to Communion

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.

Reflection Hymn

Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise: sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield, 1835-1914.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the
least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn AHB 249/TiS 331. tune, Picardy

1. **Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
of his flesh the mystery sing:
of the blood all price exceeding
shed by our eternal King,
destined for the world's redemption
from a Virgin's womb to spring.**
2. **Born for us, and for us given,
born to live like us below,
he, a man with us abiding,
lived the gospel seed to sow;
and at last faced death undaunted,
his self-giving love to show.**
3. **On the night of that last supper,
seated with his chosen band,
first the passover observing
he fulfils the law's command,**

**then as food to his disciples
gives himself with his own hand.**

- 4. Word made flesh! His word life-giving
gives his flesh our food to be,
wine as his own blood he offers;
then, though senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart awakens
to behold the mystery.**
- 5. Therefore we, before him kneeling,
this great sacrament revere;
ancient forms all have their ending
for the newer rite is here;
faith its aid to sight is lending:
though unseen, the Lord is here.**
- 6. Glory let us give and blessing,
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing
while eternal ages run,
and the Spirit's love confessing,
who from both, with both is one.**

Thomas Aquinas c.1227–74,
tr. Edward Caswall 1814–78 and others

Blessing

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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