

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
30th April, 2023—9.30am Eucharist

Processional Hymn AHB 623/TiS 388. tune, Gwalchmai and Alleluias

1. **Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.**
5. **Shepherd, seek the sheep that strayed, alleluia,
come to contrite Peter's aid, alleluia;
strengthen him to be the rock, alleluia;
make him shepherd of your flock, alleluia.**
7. **Though we see his face no more, alleluia,
he is with us as before, alleluia:
glory veiled, he is our priest, alleluia,
his true flesh and blood our feast, alleluia.**
8. **Christ, the victor over death, alleluia,
breathes on us the Spirit's breath, alleluia.
Paradise is our reward, alleluia,
endless Easter with our Lord, alleluia!**

James Quinn 1919–
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The Acclamation

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

The Welcome & Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord.

'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10.11

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Two Great Commandments

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Kyrie eleison

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

Hymn of Praise (sung or said)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

The Collect

Let us pray

O God,
whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Help us when we hear his voice
to know him who calls us each by name,
and to follow where he leads;
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostle [2. 42-47]

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23—*remain seated*

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.**

**'Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Scottish Psalter 1650

A Reading from the First Letter of St Peter [2. 1-10]

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Jesus said; 'I am the Good Shepherd.
I know my sheep and they know me.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [10. 1-10]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Sermon

A time of silence for reflection may follow the sermon

Creed

**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

*Our Intercessions today are in preparation for the Coronation
on Saturday.*

Almighty God, you reign over all things in wisdom, power, and love.
Hear our prayers which we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Charles our King, that you may pour upon him abundant gifts to
help him fulfil the promises made at his coronation:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

That he will have the grace, wisdom, and strength to live a life of
service to you and to his people:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

That he will seek to uphold the values of love, joy and peace,
and always seek to follow you, our heavenly King:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

That he may lead with patience, kindness and generosity,
governing with humility and with a servant heart:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

That in being anointed for service to his God and his people,
you may bless him with faithfulness, gentleness and self-control:
Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

For Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales,
the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family;
that they may love and support the King
as he bears the burden of his office:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,
for all who will play a part in the Coronation,
and for all who will work to support it and our celebrations
with their care and service,
that they may be given the strength
to carry out the duties entrusted to them:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

For the building up of the Church, for all Clergy,
for the building up of all Christian people,
and for mutual understanding and fellowship
between all people of faith:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

For this land Australia, for His Majesty's other Realms and Territories,
for the whole Commonwealth of Nations,
for their governments and ministers,
and for all who are called to public service,
that they will seek justice, mercy, and peace:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world,
for the welfare of all people,
for those who care for others and for the environment,
and for all in need:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Concluding prayer

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and
a true heart.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

In Eastertide Peace Greeting goes like this:

Christ is risen.
He is Risen indeed!

Offertory Hymn—AHB 81. tune, St Columba or Dominus Regit Me

- 1. The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**
- 2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker 1821–77
based on Psalm 23

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant, and exalted him in glory.
By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying/singing:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. ✠

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The bread which we break
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**

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.

Draw near with faith,
to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Alleluia!

Communion Meditation TiS 659

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways
he's waiting for me.

*I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.*

*The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes.*

And while on the journey to where we are going
he promised to be there to help us along,
and over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Brian Kerry Boniwell 1949—
based on Psalm 23

After making communion, there is often quite wait before we move on to the next part of the service. What is a person to do with all this time in which NOTHING seems to be happening”?

One can always PRAY.

But about what, and for what, and for whom?

One could go through the prayers on the back page of the pewsheets. Or you could just sit quietly with God and allow your thoughts to wander and offer each thought as a prayer.

Above all, it is best to NOT TALK to your neighbours at this point in case they are trying to pray and feel compelled to be nice and respond to you.

This is called ‘guarding the other persons silence’ and is a tremendous habit to practise.

Other good things to do at this point in the service are to re-read the Scripture Lessons & Psalm and the Hymns.

Before you know it, the time will have been filled in and the next thing will be starting and you may be upset that there is now something else to do.

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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Concluding Hymn—AHB 10/TiS 59. tune, Old 100th

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.**
- 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**
- 3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**
- 4. For why* the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from earth and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.**

** 'For why' means 'because'*

Words: William Kethe (died 1594), 1561

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

As we gather in celebration of the coronation of King Charles, we pray that you will bless him richly in the years ahead.

Guide him and all the members of the Royal Family with your peaceable wisdom.

Faithful God,

fill them with your hope and joy.

We pray for all who serve our local community.

May they be ambassadors of goodwill, building friendships and cooperation.

Faithful God,

fill them with your hope and joy.

We ask your blessing on our homes and families, on our schools, children and young people.

May our neighbourhoods be places of hospitality, peace and trust.

Faithful God,

fill them with your hope and joy.

We pray for older people in our community, and especially the isolated and housebound, that they may be known, honoured and cherished.

Faithful God,

fill them with your hope and joy.

We commend to your care the sick and vulnerable, and any who despair.

May the joy of our nation's celebration renew them in heart and mind.

Faithful God

fill them with your hope and joy.

We pray for all who come to this place of prayer, whether in times of joy or sorrow, find it a place of healing and hope.

Transform our lives by your grace, and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers for the Coronation

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, in company with our King,
we rededicate ourselves to your service.
Take our minds and think through them,
take our lips and speak through them,
take our hearts and set them on fire
with love for you and your kingdom;
that here we may have your peace,
and in the world to come may see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless, we pray, Camilla the Queen Consort,
William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales,
and all the Royal Family.
Endue them with your Holy Spirit;
enrich them with your heavenly grace;
prosper them with all happiness;
and bring them to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**