

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7th May, 2023—11.00am Ante Communion

Prelude to the Worship Service

After the ministers have taken their places we will sing

**God save our gracious King! Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious, happy and glorious,
long to reign over us: God save the King!
Thy choicest gifts in store, on him be pleased to pour;
long may he reign:
may he defend our laws, and ever give us cause,
to sing with heart and voice, God save the King!**

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.

Opening Hymn TiS 347/AHB 262. tune, Fulda [137 or 189]

- 1. We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinners' hope though all deride:
for this we count the world but loss.**
- 2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**
- 3. The cross—it takes our guilt away,
it holds the fainting spirit up,
it cheers with hope the gloomy day
and sweetens every bitter cup:**

4. **it makes the coward spirit brave
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes all terror from the grave
and gilds the bed of death with light;**
5. **the balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

Thomas Kelly 1769–1855 alt.

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray

**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.’

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 minister may say this Word of Assurance

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous:
and he is the perfect offering for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world:

1 John 2:1,2

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
Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
who 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 Acts of the Apostle [7. 55-60]

Standing before the high priest and the council,
Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the
glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he
said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the
right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout

all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31. 1-5, 17-18

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.
2. O deliver me in your righteousness:
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.
3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
4. Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:
**bring me out of the net
that they have secretly laid for me,
for you are my strength.**
5. Into your hands I commit my spirit:
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
17. All my days are in your hand:
**O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.**
18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

A Reading from the First Letter of St Peter [2. 11-25]

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone.

Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [14. 1-14]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples]

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and

the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

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.**

A time for reflection

Offertory Hymn—TiS 365/AHB 282. tune, Orientis Partibus

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ has broken every chain;
hark! the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!**
- 2. He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal Lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say: Hallelujah!**

3. He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hallelujah!
4. He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through all the church it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings: Hallelujah!
5. Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven: Hallelujah!
6. Christ, our paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, your ransomed people feed.
At the end of earthly strife
raise us, Lord, to endless life. Hallelujah!

Michael Weisse 1488–1534
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Lord, as you have called us to walk in your way,
make us the people that you would have us be,
guide us that we may do what you would have us do,
that we may reveal your truth, and lead others to the fullness of life,
that we may be a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of
darkness into his marvellous light.

Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

Guide us in the path of life.

We pray for all who are in positions of authority,
especially King Charles III,
for all who will be called upon to make difficult decisions this week.
We remember those who make decisions
that affect the life of this planet. We pray for all who do research into
healing and the renewal of the earth.
Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

Guide us in the path of life.

We praise you for all who have enriched our lives,
for all who have built up our community,
for those who extended our vision, for all who taught us the truth,
for those who set us on a good path.

We pray for our families and friends, for the people we work with
and those we spend our leisure-time with.

Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

Guide us in the path of life.

We pray for all who are confused about the truth, or about life,
for all whose minds are disturbed, for all who have lost their way.

We pray for all who live a lie and cannot face reality.

We pray for all who are not at peace.

We come to you with all who are troubled in heart.

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

Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

Guide us in the path of life.

Lord Christ, as you have gone before us and prepared a place for us,
lead us until we come fully into your kingdom
and walk before you in that life which is eternal.

We remember those whose Years' Mind is this week;
'Digger' Snowdon, John Wilmot, Keith & Linda Rowan,
Hilda Brough-Smyth, Ethel Nugent, "Maud" Alexander, Gerald
Kousbroek, Pat Forge, Jenny Wenham, Jean Wyllie, Mary Kerris,
Estelle Whipps.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Concluding prayer

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 SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,
**by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Concluding Hymn—TiS 226/AHB 161. tune, Metzler

- 1. Thou art the way: by thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and they who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by thee.**
- 2. Thou art the truth: thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.**
- 3. Thou art the life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.**
- 4. Thou art the way, the truth, the life:
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.**

George Washington Doane 1799–1859 alt.

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!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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From the Coronation Liturgy

The Presentation of the Bible

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland:

Sir: to keep you ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God
as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes,
receive this Book,
the most valuable thing that this world affords.
Here is Wisdom;
This is the royal Law;
These are the lively Oracles of God.

The Oath

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Your Majesty,
the Church established by law, whose settlement you will swear to
maintain, is committed to the true profession of the Gospel, and, in so
doing, will seek to foster an environment in which people of all faiths and
beliefs may live freely. The Coronation Oath has stood for centuries and is
enshrined in law.
Are you willing to take the Oath?

The King:

I am willing.

*The King places his hand on the Bible,
and the Archbishop administers the Oath.*

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the Peoples of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, your other Realms and
the Territories to any of them belonging or pertaining, according to their
respective laws and customs?

The King:

I solemnly promise so to do.

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Will you to your power cause Law and Justice, in Mercy,
to be executed in all your judgements?

The King:

I will.

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges as by law do or shall appertain to them or any of them?

The King:

All this I promise to do.

The things which I have here before promised I will perform and keep.
So help me God.

Archbishop of Canterbury:

Your Majesty, are you willing to make, subscribe and declare to the statutory Accession Declaration Oath?

The King:

I am willing.

The King:

I Charles do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful Protestant, and that I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant succession to the Throne, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law.

A short anthem is sung during the signing of the Oath.

Anthem

‘Prevent Us, O Lord’, William Byrd

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The King’s Prayer

God of compassion and mercy
whose Son was sent not to be served but to serve,
give grace that I may find in thy service perfect freedom
and in that freedom knowledge of thy truth.
Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children,
of every faith and conviction,
that together we may discover the ways of gentleness
and be led into the paths of peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**