Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (OS 18)

6th August, 2023—Ante Communion 11.00amHolv Eucharist, Second Order, APBA p. 119ff.

The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Welcome & Greeting

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

Hymn: AHB 469/TiS 557. tune, Morning Hymn

- 1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun your daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay your morning sacrifice:
- 2. Glory to you that safely kept and have refreshed me while I slept; grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake I may of endless light partake.
- 3. Lord, I my vows to you renew; disperse my sins as morning dew; guard my first springs of thought and will, and with yourself my spirit fill.
- 4. Direct, control, suggest, this day all I design or do or say, that all my powers, with all their might, in your sole glory may unite.
- 5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below, praise God above, you heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken 1637–1711 alt. Reproduced with permission.

Sentence

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

Psalm 145.18-19

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.'

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

Gloria

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. Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray (a brief silence for reflection on the theme of the day)

O God, giver of life and health, whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice: refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book Genesis [32. 22-31]

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm 17. 1-7, 16

Lectern side (Left) Pulpit side (right) All together

Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry: listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.

Let judgement for me come forth from your presence: and let your eyes discern the right.

Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time: though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.

My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others: for I have kept the word of your lips.

My steps have held firm in the way of your commands: and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.

I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words.

Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, saviour of those who come to you for refuge:
who by your right hand deliver them
from those that rise up against them.

And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just: when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [9. 1-8]

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise

are counted as descendants.

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

Gradual Hymn: AHB 334/TiS 429. tune, Bread of Life

- 1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea; beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord, my spirit longs for you, O living Word.
- 2. Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me as when you blessed the bread by Galilee; then shall all bondage cease, all shackles fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Mary Artemisia Lathbury 1841–1913 alt.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [14. 13-21] Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard [that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children

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

This Affirmation of Faith may be used.

We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming to call all to account.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls, equips and sends out God's people, and brings all things to their true end.

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reflection

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: (Particular intercessions/thanksgivings maybe offered.)

Father, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings maybe offered.)

Creator of all,

lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings maybe offered.)

God of hope,

comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings maybe offered.)

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for Mary, Michael, George, Paul and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered and the prayers conclude with)

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 129/TiS 201. tune, Gwalchmai

- King of glory, King of peace,
 I will love thee;
 and, that love may never cease,
 I will move thee.
 Thou hast granted my request,
 thou hast heard me;
 thou didst note my working breast,
 thou hast spared me.
- 2. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
 Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
- 3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

 Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee: ev'n eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert 1593-1633

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Confession and Absolution

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4.16

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have broken your holy laws and have left undone what we ought to have done. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you; 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

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices

Hymn: TiS 188. tune, Hanover (CD 3)

- 1. Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand, where sun turns to gold the grass of the land, let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell their joy in the One who made everything well.
- Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm, where green things grow lush and oceans are warm, let every sea-creature and tropical bird exult in the light of the life-giving Word.

- 3. Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain, where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain, let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.
- 4. Now, people of faith, come gather around with songs to be shared, for blessings abound! Australians, whatever your culture or race, come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956-

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The service may conclude with this blessing.

May the God of peace equip us with everything good for doing his will, working in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord:

thanks be to God.

