

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta  
**Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys**

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 20}**

**20th August, 2023—Ante Communion 11.00am**

Holy 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.**

*Sentence*

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Isaiah 56.1

Hymn: AHB 492/TiS 580. tune, Mannheim

- 1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.**
- 2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe:  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**
- 3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

James Edmeston 1791–1867

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

*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*)

God of freedom,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty  
of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 [45. 1-15]**

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all

that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

### **Psalm 133**

Lectern side (Left)

**Pulpit side (right)**

*All together*

Behold how good and how lovely it is:  
when families live together in unity.

**It is fragrant as oil upon the head,  
that runs down over the beard:**

fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,  
that ran down over the collar of his robe.

**It is like a dew of Hermon:**

**like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.**

***For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:  
which is life for evermore.***

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [11. 13-32]**

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, ‘Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.’ That is true. They were broken off

because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

‘Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;  
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.’

‘And this is my covenant with them,  
when I take away their sins.’

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** tune, Sussex (EH 385) or Shipston (AHB 94)

- 1. Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,  
as the gospel words unfold;  
we, in all our age-long seeking,  
find no firmer truth to hold.**
- 2. Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,  
heard by simple folk and wise,  
word of freedom, word of duty,  
word of life beyond our eyes.**

3. **Word of God's forgiveness granted  
to the wild or guilty soul,  
word of love that works undaunted,  
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**
4. **Speak to us, O Lord, believing,  
as we hear, the sower sows;  
may our hearts, your word receiving,  
be the good ground where it grows.**

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983).

Words: From The English Hymnal, 1906,

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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [15. 21-28]  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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

For the church

We give thanks for the life work and witness of . . . . .

In the Anglican Church of Australia cycle of prayer we pray today for . . .  
. . . . .

In Our Diocese we pray for Clarence our Bishop and for Michelle & family. Today we pray for and give thanks for the work and ministry of: .  
. . . . .

We pray for . . . . .

**Strengthen your people for their witness and work in the world,  
and empower your ministers faithfully to proclaim the gospel  
and to administer your holy sacraments.  
Unite in the truth all who confess your name,  
that we may live together in love  
and proclaim your glory in all the world.**

Father, hear our prayer,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

For all peoples

We give thanks for . . . . .

We pray for this week for the peoples of . . . . ., for their leaders;  
we pray for Charles our King and those who make and administer our laws.

**Give wisdom to those in authority in every land,  
and guide all peoples in the way of righteousness and peace,  
so that they may share with justice the resources of the earth,  
work together in trust, and seek the common good.**

Father, hear our prayer,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

For our community

We give thanks for . . . . .

We pray for . . . . .

**We commend to your keeping, Father,  
ourselves and each other,  
our families, our neighbours, and our friends.  
Enable us by your Spirit  
to live in love for you and for one another.**

Father, hear our prayer,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

For those in need

We pray for those who are distressed or overly anxious; those who mourn; those who care for them; We remember before you those for whom we have been asked to pray: *Melanie. Bob C. Warren G. Wayne. Bronwyn. Neliya Don Leonard. Trent. Kaye McKenzie. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson. Josef. Michael Tomlinson.*  
*And any others we call to mind now . . .*

We give thanks for all agencies of help and healing and those who work in them.

**Comfort and heal, merciful Lord,  
all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble.  
Give them a firm trust in your goodness;  
help those who minister to them;  
and bring us all into the joy of your salvation.**

Father, hear our prayer,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Thanksgiving for the faithful departed

We give thanks for the life and work of your servants . . . . .

We remember those whose Year's Mind occurs this week.

. . . . .

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

**We praise you, Lord God,  
for your faithful servants in every age,  
and we pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ,  
may be brought to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom.**

The minister says

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 forever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: AHB 80/TiS 143. tune, St Denio

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
3. **You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life now living, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.**
4. **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart —  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.**
5. **All praise we would render: reveal to our sight  
what hides you is only the splendour of light;  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,  
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.**

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824–1908 alt.

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: AHB 58/TiS 93. tune, Austria (CD 1)

- 1. Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him;  
praise him angels in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
praise him, all you stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:  
laws, that never shall be broken,  
for their guidance he has made.**
- 2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail:  
God has made his saints victorious:  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high his power proclaim:  
heaven and earth, and all creation,  
praise and glorify his name.**

Anon., Foundling Hospital Collection  
1796/1801 *alt.*

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*

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

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