

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 22}

3rd September, 2023—Eucharist 8.00am & 9.30am
Holy Eucharist, Second Order, APBA p. 119ff.

Hymn: AHB 93/TiS 153. tune, Abbot's Leigh

- 1. God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
and who breathes through all creation,
God is love, eternal Love.**
- 2. God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**
- 3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

Timothy Rees 1874–1939 *alt.*

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The Welcome & Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and with your spirit.

See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called the children of God.

You are my sons and daughters,
this day I have begotten you.

See what love the Father has given us.

As many as received him,
to them he gave power to become the children of God.

See what love the Father has given us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called the children of God.**

cf 1 John 3.1

Sentence

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16.24–25

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.**

Confession and Absolution

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'
As sisters and brothers in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Matthew 5.24

**Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

cf Luke 15

May the God of love bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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,
whose Son has shown the way of the cross
to be the way of life:
transform and renew our minds
that we may not be conformed to this world
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice
through 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 Exodus [3. 1-15]

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this

great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?'

God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you." '

God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Psalm 105. 1-6, 23-26

Lectern side (Left)

Pulpit side (right)

All together

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

tell among the peoples what things he has done.

Sing to him, O sing praises:

and be telling of all his marvellous works.

Exult in his holy name:

and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

Seek the Lord and his strength:

O seek his face continually.

Call to mind what wonders he has done:

his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

O seed of Abraham his servant:

O children of Jacob his chosen one.

Then Israel came into Egypt:

and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

There the Lord made his people fruitful:

too numerous for their enemies,

Whose hearts he turned to hate his people:

and to deal deceitfully with his servants.

Then he sent Moses his servant:

And Aaron whom he had chosen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [12. 9-21]

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;

for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: AHB 496/TiS 583. tune, Breslau

- 1. 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'**
- 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**
- 3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**
- 4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**
- 5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Charles William Everest 1814–77 *alt.*

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [16. 21-28]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you,

there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

Sermon

Time of silence for reflection

Creed—tune, Sussex, AHB 66

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

- 1. I believe in God the Father
who created heaven and earth;
holding all things in his power,
bringing light and life to birth.**
- 2. I believe in God the Saviour,
Son of Man and Lord most high,
crucified to be redeemer,
raised to life that death might die.**
- 3. I believe in God the Spirit,
wind of heaven and flame of fire,
pledge of all that we inherit,
sent to comfort and inspire.**
- 4. Honour, glory, might and merit
be to God, and God alone!
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One-in-Three and Three-in-One.**

Michael Perry (1942 - 1996)
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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Father, hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We remember this week:

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord.
And may Light Perpetual shine upon them.

The priest says

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 forever. Amen.**

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.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 77/TiS 137. tune, Lucerna Laudoniae

1. **For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***
2. **For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
*Christ, our God,***
3. **For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
*Christ, our God,***
4. **For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
*Christ, our God,***
5. **For each perfect gift divine to our race so freely given,
graces all of your design,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
*Christ, our God,***
6. **For the church that evermore, lifting holy hands above,
offers up on every shore the pure sacrifice of love,
*Christ, our God,***

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835–1917 alt.

Offertory prayer response: **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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

You sent him from heaven to take our flesh:
born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
he was revealed as your Son.

He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might break the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

(3 notes, then sing)

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

Holy and gracious God, accept our sacrifice of praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat:
this is my body which will be given for you.' ✠

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.' ✠

In remembrance of his death and resurrection,
with this bread and this cup,
we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit
upon the celebration of your Church:
gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries,
filling them with your Spirit
and confirming them in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory
through Jesus your servant.

**All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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 gifts of God for the people of God.
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.

Communion Reflection:

*Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.*

*Saved by that body and that holy blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.*

*Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.*

*Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the victim, and himself the priest.*

*Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.*

Latin, from the *Antiphony* of Bennchar, 7th cent.
tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. **Amen.**

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn: TIS 152. tune, Ode to Joy

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

- 2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
call to praise you joyfully.**
- 3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
You our Father, Christ our Brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.**

Henry van Dyke, 1907 (1852-1933)

The Blessing

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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