

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 27}

8th October, 2023—Eucharist 9.30am & 11.00am

Holy Eucharist, Second Order, APBA p. 119ff.

Hymn: AHB 343/TiS 432. tune, Westminster Abbey.

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**
- 2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the Three in One adoring,
praising him eternally.**
- 3. Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God today;
with your gentle loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.**
- 4. Here bestow on all your people
what we ask of you to gain,
what we gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**
- 5. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

From *Urbs beata Hierusalem*, Latin, c. 7th cent.
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 *alt.*

Welcome & Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Acclamation

We praise you, living God:
you give strength to the earth that sustains us,
you open your hand to feed all living things.

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ:
you teach us with stories of seeds and weeds and harvest time,
you call us to accept your word and bear much fruit.

We praise you, Holy Spirit, fire of love:
you are the breath of life in every creature,
you refresh our thirsty souls with grace.

Blessed be God, Source of Wisdom, living Word, abiding Spirit,
Blessed be God for ever.

Sentence

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3.13b–14

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.**

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)*

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book Exodus [20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20]

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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

Psalm is said: Lectern side (Left), Pulpit side (right) or *All together*

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,

and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

Its rising is at one end of the heavens,

and its circuit to their farthest bound:

and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

the command of the Lord is true,

and makes wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure,

and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:

the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,

and righteous every one.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey,

than the honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,

lest they get the mastery over me:

so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

***May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:***

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [3. 4b-14]

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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*I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [21. 33-46]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

[Jesus said to the chief priests and leaders of the people]
'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard,

and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Sermon

A short time of quiet follows the Sermon

Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember this week:

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

The priest says

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 521/TiS 600. tune, North Coates

1. **O my Saviour, lifted from the earth for me,
draw me, in your mercy, at your side to be.**
2. **Lift my earth-bound longings, fix them, Lord, above;
draw me with the magnet of your mighty love.**
3. **Lord, your arms are stretching ever far and wide
to enfold your children to your loving side.**
4. **And I come, Lord Jesus: dare I turn away?
No, your love has conquered, and I come today.**
5. **Bringing all my burdens, sorrow, sin and care,
at your feet I lay them, and I leave them there.**

William Walsham How 1823–97 alt.

Offertory prayer:

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise to you,
our glorious God, for creating the world.

You made the stars, the deserts and volcanoes,
the green and growing things,

and the creatures with fins and fur and feathers.

We see your smile in every night and morning,

your promise in the rainbow,

your face in the faces of all your children.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Thank you for showing such love to your children.
When we were sinners or slaves, helpless or hopeless,
you came to the rescue and set us free.
The bible stories tell how you came and saved us:
the burning bush, the passover meal,
the Red Sea crossing, the bread in the desert,
and all of the prophets' wise words.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

And then you sent us your Son, Jesus.
He was Mary's baby, born in Bethlehem.
He grew up to feed us and heal us and teach us the truth.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

And Jesus saved the world from sin.
Evil tracked him down, his friends failed him, his enemies crucified him.
But death did not win.
You raised him from the dead and he came back to us,
full of grace and glory.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

All this is why we praise you, our living, loving God.
With angels and archangels,
and all the forgiven friends of Jesus,
we praise you with this song:

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

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

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his best friends.
He took the bread, said the blessing, broke the loaf, and told them:
This is my body. Take it and eat it and, every time you do this,
remember me. ✠

Then he took the wine, said the blessing, gave them the cup,
and told them:
This is my blood, poured out so sins can be forgiven.
Take it and drink it and, every time you do this, remember me. ✠

So we do remember our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who has done such wonderful things for us.

This is the marvellous mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And now we pray that you will send your Holy Spirit,
to make us holy, and ready to receive this holy food,
the body and the blood of Christ. ✠

Fill us with power to do your work in the world.

Give us energy for loving and blessing, befriending, forgiving,
and bringing the Good News of Jesus to your children
wherever we go.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise,

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Lord,
and with the Holy Spirit to help us sing your praises:

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray.

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Reflection

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All,
how can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
so far surpassing hope or thought?
Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart to love thee with, my dearest King,
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing.
Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead, all, O mystery of love divine.
I cannot compass all I have, for all thou hast and art are mine.
Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Frederick Faber 1814-1863

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

**Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn: AHB 115/TiS 52. tune, Sing Hosanna

1. **Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to his house with thanksgiving,
let us come before the Lord and sing!**

***Praise our Maker,
praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!***

2. **In his hands are the earth's deep places
and the strength of the hills is his;
all the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,
by his hands the dry land was formed.**
3. **Let us worship the Lord our Maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,
he will guide us by his powerful hand.**
4. **Let today be the time when you hear him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as his people did in time of old.**

Richard Thomas Bewes 1934–

The Blessing and The Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
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 the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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