

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 28}

15th October, 2023—Eucharist 8.00m & 9.30am
Holy Eucharist, Second Order, APBA p. 119ff.

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 heav'n 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 1852–1933 alt.
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Sentence

This is our God for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25.9.

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.

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)*

Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 Book Exodus [32. 1-14]

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them,

“I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

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

Psalm 106. 1-6, 20-24

***Praise the Lord; give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.***

Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?

**Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.**

Remember me, O Lord,
when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,

**That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,
and exult with those who are your own.**

We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.

**At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.**

And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.

**They forgot God who was their saviour:
that had done such great things in Egypt,**

Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.

***Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.***

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [4. 1-9]

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gradual Hymn A & M 356. tune Savannah (AHB 520)

- 1. Praise we now the word of grace;
may our hearts its truth embrace:
from its pages may we hear
Christ our teacher, speaking clear.**
- 2. May the gospel of the Lord
everywhere be spread abroad,
that the world around may own
Christ as King, and Christ alone.**

Sidney Newman Sedgwick (1872-1941)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [22. 1-14]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

[Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:]

‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.”’

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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.**

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: TiS 540. tune, Triumph

- 1. Christians, lift your hearts and voices,
let your praises be outpoured;
come with joy and exultation
to the table of the Lord;
come believing, come expectant,
in obedience to his word.**
- 2. See, presiding at his table,
Jesus Christ our great high priest;
where he summons all his people,
none is greatest, none is least;
graciously he bids us welcome
to the eucharistic feast.**
- 3. Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
life and work for you to bless;
yet unworthy is the offering,
marred by pride and carelessness;
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
plant in us true holiness.**
- 4. On the evening of his passion
Jesus gave the wine and bread,
so that all who love and serve him
shall for evermore be fed.
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,
feed upon the living bread.**

John Edward Bowers
Words © J. E. Bowers 1923-

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—AHB 600

*Jesus' soul, make holy souls by sin made lowly;
Jesus' body, feed us and to heaven lead us.*

*Lifeblood for us flowing, set our hearts aglowing;
cleanse us, water streaming for the world's redeeming.*

*Bitter passion, cheer us: O good Jesus, hear us;
in your wounds receive us; Jesus, never leave us.*

*From our foe defend us; in death's hour befriend us;
bid us then possess you, evermore to bless you.*

Attrib. Pope John XXII 1249-1334
paraphrased by James Quinn 1919 —

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you, not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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: TiS 168. tune, Ar Hyd Y Nos

- 1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**
- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000

The Blessing

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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