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Parochial District of
Wangaratta West & The Warbys
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Eucharist, 5th November 2023, 8.00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Welcome & Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence

The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23. 11-12

Prayer of Preparation

Come and worship the holy and glorious Trinity,
as we pray together:

**God of the feast,
your Wisdom calls us,
your Word teaches us
and your love feeds us here.
Give us grace to welcome one another
as you have welcomed us in Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and
with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in excelsis). tune, The Ashgrove

- 1. To God be the glory, all glory in the highest
and peace to his people who dwell here below,
Our heav'nly Father, our Lord, and our sov'reign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.
All glory and honour and glad adoration
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**
- 2. Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father
we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM.
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One.
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
From ages everlasting, the Three in One.**

The English Folk Song Mass—Malcolm Archer

The Collect

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

Creator God,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works,
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son 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 Prophecy of Micah [3. 5-12]

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets
who lead my people astray,
who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat,
but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths.
Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without revelation.
The sun shall go down upon the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;
the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame;
they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.
But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord,
and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob
and chiefs of the house of Israel,
who abhor justice and pervert all equity,
who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong!
Its rulers give judgement for a bribe,
its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money;
yet they lean upon the Lord and say, 'Surely the Lord is with us!
No harm shall come upon us.'
Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

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

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

Psalm 43

Give judgement for me, O God,
take up my cause against an ungodly people:
deliver me from the deceitful and unjust.

For you are God my refuge—why have you turned me away:
**why must I go like a mourner because
the enemy oppresses me?**

O send out your light and your truth, and let them lead me:
let them guide me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I shall go to the altar of God, to God my joy and my delight:
and to the harp I shall sing your praises, O God, my God.

*Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?*

*O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.*

A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [3. 5-13]

For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labour had been in vain.

But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Gradual Hymn AHB 339/TiS 431. tune Regent Square

- 1. Thanks to God whose Word was spoken
in the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation,
his the fires that tried its worth.
*God has spoken, God has spoken:
praise him for his open Word.***
- 2. Thanks to God whose Word incarnate
human flesh has glorified,
who by life and death and rising
grace abundant has supplied.
*God has spoken, :***
- 3. Thanks to God whose Word was written
in the Bible's sacred page,
record of the revelation showing God to every age.
*God has spoken,***

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [24. 1-14]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

5. **Thanks to God whose Word is answered
by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
life redeemed from death and sin.
*God has spoken, God has spoken:
praise him for his open Word.***

R. T. Brooks 1918–85 alt.

The Sermon

A time of silence, for reflection, follows the sermon.

The 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

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

We give you thanks for all who have encouraged and strengthened us in faith, for our early teachers, for preachers, for faithful witnesses.

We pray to you for the world-wide church, that it may lead people to your love, your peace, your joy; above all that it may draw many to know your presence and your grace.

We pray for those who suffer for their faith, and get little support.

Lord, inspire us

and fill us with Your grace.

We pray for all who are burdened by heavy loads,
for countries and individuals who are deeply in debt,
for all who live among chaos and confusion,
for all who suffer from earthquakes or famine,
for all who are subjected to wars and rumours of wars,
for displaced persons and refugees.

Lord, inspire us

and fill us with Your grace.

We give thanks for our homes and for all who have been a good support.

We remember before you our loved ones and our close friends.

We pray for a sense of joy and liberty in the communities to which we belong, that we may be forgiving and understanding in our dealings.

Lord, inspire us

and fill us with Your grace.

We pray for all who find life severe, all who are hard on themselves and on others.

We pray for all with deep burdens of guilt.

Lord, be a strength to the weak, bring hope to the fearful, and peace to the troubled.

Ease the heavy-burdened, be a guide to all who have erred and strayed.

We pray for the sick, and especially for

Lord, inspire us

and fill us with Your grace.

We rejoice in your love and forgiveness.

We pray that the departed may know your mercy and grace.

May we all come to know your loving acceptance in your glorious kingdom.

We remember this week:

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

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 for ever. Amen.**

Please stand

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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offertory Cantic—A Song of God's Love

**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.**

**In this the love of God was revealed among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.**

**In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us,
and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we ought also to love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us,
and God's love will be perfected in us.**

1 John 4.7-11, 12b

Offertory prayer:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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.

All thanks and praise, glory and honour,
be yours at all times, in every place,
holy and loving Father, true and living God.
We praise you that through your eternal Word
you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image.

You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,
and with its bounty you preserve our life.
We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race
with the promises of a gracious covenant
and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ:
born as one of us, he lived our common life
and offered his life to you in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin, brought us new life,
and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with apostles, and prophets,
with holy men and women of every age,
we proclaim your great and glorious name:

**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**

Holy God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in obedience to our Saviour Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
may be partakers of his body and blood,
and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

**As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,
renew us by your Spirit that we may be
united in the body of your Son and serve you
as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

All say

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion is given

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn—TiS 165. tune, Marching or Shipston (or any 87 87)

- 1. Praise our God, the great creator,
world evolving through his might,
darkness shattered by explosion,
filled his world with life and light.**
- 2. Great inventors splitting atoms
energy and power extend,
firing rockets, space exploring,
search his light which has no end.**

3. **King of kings beyond our vision,
none could tell what he might be;
in the image of his Father
Jesus came, and we can see.**
4. **Still he calls, for us to follow,
dare to travel by his side,
facing danger, find adventure,
take his light to be our guide.**
5. **Poet, artist and composer
capture colour all ablaze,
words of splendour tell the story,
Light of all the world we praise.**

Shirley Erena Murray 1931-

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.**

Dismissal

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

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