



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

**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Eucharist, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 9.30am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Processional Hymn—TiS 148. tune, Te Laudant Omnia

- 1. All things praise you, Lord most high,  
heaven and earth, and sea and sky;  
all were for your glory made,  
that your greatness thus displayed  
should all worship bring to you:  
so we praise you, Lord, anew.**
- 2. All things praise you — night to night  
sings in silent hymns of light;  
all things praise you — day by day  
hymns your power in burning ray;  
time and space are praising you:  
so we praise you, Lord, anew.**
- 3. All things praise you: heaven's high shrine  
rings with melody divine;  
lowly bending at your feet,  
seraph and archangel meet,  
know their highest bliss to be  
ever praising: so may we.**
- 4. All things praise you, glorious Lord,  
great Creator, powerful Word,  
omnipresent Spirit, now  
at your throne we humbly bow,  
lift our hearts in praise to you:  
so we praise you, Lord, anew.**

*George William Conder 1821–74 alt.*

*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 at.

*The Sermon*

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

*The Creed*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

*On the screen.*

## 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.

Lord, inspire us  
**and fill us with Your grace.**

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.*

Offertory Hymn—AHB 601/TiS 534. tune, Cresswell

- 1. Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with friends, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way.**  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.*
- 2. Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark.**  
*Refrain*
- 3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
'This is my body, this is my blood',  
love, only love, is his sign.**

*Refrain*

4. Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my life's blood.'  
Love, only love, is his news.  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.*
5. Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love, is his name.  
*Refrain*
6. Love is his name, love is his law.  
Hear his command, all who are his:  
'Love one another, I have loved you.'  
Love, only love, is his law.  
*Refrain*
7. Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one.  
Love, only love, is his word.  
*Refrain*

Luke Connaughton 1917-79 alt.

*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.**

J J J

**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:

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**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:

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**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 sing*

**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.**

*Communion Reflection, tune ROCKINGHAM Tis 342*

*My God, your table now is spread,  
your cup with love will overflow;  
be all your children to it led,  
and let them all its sweetness know.*

*A sacred feast which Jesus makes,  
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!  
How happy those who here partake  
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.*

*Still let your table honoured be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.*

Philip Doddridge 1702–51 alt

## 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

**After Communion Hymn**—TiS 165. tune, Marching or Shipston

- 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 the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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