



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

**The Third Sunday before Advent**

Eucharist, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 9.30am & 11.00am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Processional Hymn—TiS 473. tune, Leoni

- 1. Community of Christ,  
who make the Cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life  
for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race  
and every song.**
- 2. Community of Christ,  
look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry,  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash  
your neighbour's feet.**
- 3. Community of Christ,  
through whom the word must sound—  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.**
- 4. When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;  
our currency be love and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.**

*Shirley Erena Murray 1931—*

*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*

Watch and be ready,  
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

*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.**

*Introduction to The Confession and Absolution*

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.

*Time for reflection and preparation*

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*)

Eternal God,  
you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand:  
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,  
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes  
we may go out joyfully to meet him,  
and with him enter into the marriage feast  
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### **A Reading from the Prophecy of Amos [5. 18-24]**

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;  
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,  
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

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

### **Psalm 70**

O God, be pleased to deliver me:

**Lord, make haste to help me.**

Let them be put to shame and confounded who seek my life:

**let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.**

Let them turn away for shame: who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

**Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:**

let those who love your salvation say always 'God is great.'

*As for me, I am poor and needy: God, be swift to save me.*

*You are my helper and my deliverer: Lord, make no delay.*

## **A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [4.13-18]**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

*Gospel Acclamation*

*cf Luke 21.34*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Stay awake, praying at all times*

*for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of man.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [25. 1-13]

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

*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.

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.*

Offertory Hymn—TiS 518. tune, Evelyn

1. **For the bread and for the wine,  
for the pledge that seals him mine,  
for the words of love divine,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.**
2. **For the feast of love and peace,  
bidding all our sorrows cease,  
foretaste of the kingdom's bliss,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.**
3. **This the bread and this the wine,  
yet to faith the solemn sign  
of the heavenly and divine!  
We give you thanks, O Lord.**
4. **Till he comes we take the bread,  
type of him on whom we feed,  
him who lives and once was dead:  
we give you thanks, O Lord.**
5. **Till he comes we take the cup;  
as we at his table sup  
eye and heart are lifted up:  
we give you thanks, O Lord.**

6. **For that coming here foreshown,  
for that day to us unknown,  
for the glory and the throne,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Horatius Bonar 1808-89 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.**

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**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:

JJJ

**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:

JJJ

**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, AHB 447/TiS 525. tune Laus Deo, Stuttgart or Omni Die*

*You we praise, high priest and victim,  
of our hearts the shepherd-king;  
living, dying, rising, saving:  
now let alleluias ring.*

*Here we see the mystery telling  
of your wondrous love for all;  
here in prayer and sacred symbol  
we your boundless love recall.*

*Here in adoration bending  
we receive the grace you give,  
join the angels' song unending,  
feed by faith on you, and live.*

*Praise to you, eternal Saviour,  
praises from the earth ascend;  
praises from the saints in heaven,  
alleluias without end.*

William Robinson 1888–1963 *alt.*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### Notices

After Communion Hymn—AHB 480/TIS 571. tune, Song 34

- 1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue,  
you, Lord, alone resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.**
- 2. Each task your wisdom has assigned  
still let me cheerfully fulfil,  
in all my works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.**
- 3. You may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance view,  
and labour on at your command,  
and offer all my works to you.**
- 4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to your glorious day;**

5. **for you delightfully employ  
all that your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.**

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*

*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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