



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 22}
1st September, 2024—Eucharist 9.30 a.m.

Hymn: TiS 135. Tune, All Things Bright and Beautiful

***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful—
the Lord God made them all.***

1. The wildflowers in their beauty,
the mountain ranges tall,
the billabongs and rivers,
and friendly birds that call. ***Chorus***

2. The cold wind in the winter,
the bright, life-giving sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden—
he made them every one. ***Chorus***

3. The coloured walls of gorges,
the gum trees green and tall,
the rocks, and pools, and palm trees,
the sparkling waterfall, ***Chorus***

4. The many-coloured corals,
the creatures of the sea,
of the bushland, field or desert,
on farms, or roaming free, ***Chorus***

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty
who has made all things well. ***Chorus***

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818–95 (vv. 2 *alt.*, 5, and refrain)
Brian Black 1926– (vv. 1 and 3)
Compilers (v. 4)

The Welcome & Greeting

Blessed be the name of God, God of our ancestors,
God of the generations yet to come.

**Blessed be the Creating God, Redeeming Son
and the Sustaining Spirit.**

Come, let us worship God,
who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

We praise God for the wondrous Creation.

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ,
who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

**We give glory to God,
who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

Come let us move with the Holy Spirit,
striving to establish justice and produce the first fruits of hope.

**We praise God for the abundant life
that is assured to all Creation.**

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all,
we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

Who created in love.

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

Who reconciles all of Creation.

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

Who inspires new life and instills hope.

Introduction to Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 8.22,23

Consider the birds of the air;
they do not sow or gather into barns,
yet our heavenly Father feeds them.

Lord, have mercy.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they do not toil nor spin,
yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Christ, have mercy.

How little faith we have.

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleans you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

**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

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,
and enlighten our hearts
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,
that when he comes in glory to be our judge
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or

God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,
you created humankind in your own image
and entrusted the whole world to human care:
give us grace to serve you faithfully,
that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation,
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

The Song of Solomon [2. 8-13]

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

Psalm 45. 1-2, 6-9

My heart is astir with gracious words; □
as I make my song for the king,
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

You are the fairest of men; □
full of grace are your lips,
for God has blest you for ever.

Your throne is God’s throne, for ever; □
the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity; □
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia; □
from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad.

Kings’ daughters are among your honourable women; □
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The Letter of James [1. 17-27]

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation
or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us
birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits
of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen,
slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s
righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank
growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted
word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive
themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are
like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at

themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Gradual Hymn: Tune, Sussex (AHB 304).

- 1. Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our age-long seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**
- 2. Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**
- 3. Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**
- 4. Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grow.**

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark
[7. 1-8, 14, 15-21-23]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups,

pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

Sermon

Time of silence for reflection

Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

The minister says

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

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*For the church. For all peoples. For our community. For those in need
Thanksgiving for the faithful departed*

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

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.**

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 77 / TiS 137. Tune, Lucerna Laudoniae.

1. **For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***
2. **For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
*Christ, our God, . . .***
3. **For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
*Christ, our God,***
4. **For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
*Christ, our God,***
5. **For each perfect gift divine
to our race so freely given,
graces all of your design,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
*Christ, our God,***
6. **For the church that evermore,**

**lifting holy hands above,
offers up on every shore
the pure sacrifice of love,
*Christ, our God,***

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835–1917 *alt.*

Offertory Prayers

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 following may be sung

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer,
fruit of the earth, works of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God, Blessed be God, Blessed be God forever. Amen.
(repeat)

Blessed are you Lord God of all creations,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer,
fruit of the earth, works of our hands, it will become the cup of life.

Blessed be God, Blessed be God, Blessed be God forever. Amen.
(repeat)

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 of all of Creation.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth,
all things, came to be.

Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements,
and you brought forth life in forms innumerable,
including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you.
As we have turned from your way,
so we turn again to the warmth of your love.
Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks
for the glories of your creation given into our care,
and for the opportunities we have to share that richness

with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation
and the songs of praise of all your creatures
both in heaven and on earth we praise
you now and forever singing:

**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.**

In the night that Jesus was betrayed,
he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth,
and gave thanks to God.
He broke the bread
to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.
He gave it to his friends and said:
Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me. ✕

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth,
and gave thanks to God, Creator.
He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood.
He gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins.
Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me. ✕
So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

♪♪♪ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation;
we who need reconciliation one with another;
we who hope for reconciliation with all creation,
draw close to this mystery.

In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again.
In the breaking, there is an opening up;
in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing;
in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts,
for his second coming,
keep us close to this vision that we have seen.
Through the giving in the bread and wine,
reconcile us to our world.
Send upon us, and upon all your creation,

the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep.
Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.
Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son,
your Word made flesh. ✕

By whom, and with whom and in whom,
in the unity of your Creative Spirit,
with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe,
we stand before you and worship you, God of all,
in songs of everlasting praise,

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine;
**So, Lord may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth**

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

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

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

The Invitation to Communion is given

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

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

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Reflection Hymn: AHB 431. Tune, Martyrdom (1).

1. *How happy are thy servants, Lord,
who thus remember thee!
What tongue can tell our sweet accord,
our perfect harmony?*
2. *Who thy mysterious supper share,
here at thy table fed,
many, and yet but one we are,
one undivided bread.*
3. *One with the living bread divine
which now by faith we eat,
our hearts and minds and spirits join,
and all in Jesus meet.*

Charles Wesley 1707–88

Let us pray

God our creator,
you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:
as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,
so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,
that the world may praise you for your goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord of all Creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
Fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
And commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn—TiS 187. Tune, Darwall.

1. **Let all creation dance in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance, unfolding space and time,
for nature's art in glory grows, and newly shows
God's mind and heart.**
2. **God's breath each force unfurls, igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls, with whirlpools dense and dark.**

Though moon and sun seem mindless things,
each orbit sings: 'Your will be done.'

3. Our own amazing earth, with sunlight, cloud and storms and life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms, is made for praise, a fragile whole, and from its soul heaven's music plays.
4. Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete. In hope be strong, all life befriend and kindly tend creation's song.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–
based on Psalm 148

The Blessing & The Dismissal

May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

or

God the Creator has blessed
you with all that you need in this life:
Go into the world with courage
that you might be the channels through which
the Lord can bring relief to others;
and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father,
the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit be with you,
that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

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

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