



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

**Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys**

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 25}**

**22nd September, 2024—Eucharist 8.00, 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m.**

Hymn: AHB 80 / TiS 143. Tune, St Denio.

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life now living, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.**
- 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart —  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.**
- 5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight  
what hides you is only the splendour of light;  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,  
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.**

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824–1908 *alt.*

*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.**

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 Saviour 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  
cleanse 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

God and Father of all,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that the last shall be first,  
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:  
give us the wisdom from above,  
so that we may understand that in your sight  
the one who serves is the greatest of all.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**A reading from the book Proverbs [31. 10-31]**

A capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.  
She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
'Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.'  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

## Psalm 1

Side A = plain. *Side B = italics* **Altogether = bold**

Blessed are they  
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners,  
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

*But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.*

They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.

*Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.*

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

*Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

**For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

## **A reading from the Letter of James [3. 13—4.3, 7-8a]**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** TiS 15. Tune, Thornbury.

- 1. God is my strong salvation,  
what foe have I to fear?  
in darkness and temptation  
my light, my help is near;  
though hosts encamp around me,  
firm at my post I stand;  
what terror can confound me,  
with God at my right hand?**
- 2. Place on the Lord reliance,  
my soul with courage wait;  
his truth my reassurance  
when faint and desolate;  
his might my heart shall strengthen,  
his love my joy increase;  
mercy my days shall lengthen,  
the Lord will give me peace.**

James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark [9. 30-37]  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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.

**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 all people and for the Church throughout the world.

*The minister says*

God of grace,  
**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 580. Tune, Lobe Den Herren.

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation;  
all you who hear, now to his altar draw near,  
join in profound adoration.**
- 2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar;  
let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter:  
Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,  
victims with him on the altar.**

3. **Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper our work and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend us:  
ponder anew all the Almighty can do,  
he who with love will befriend us.**
4. **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!  
all that has life and breath,  
come now in praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again,  
now as we worship before him.**

Joachim Neander 1650-80  
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others

### *Offertory Prayers*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.  
Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.  
Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.  
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,



giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation.  
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth  
in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood; ✠  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
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:* TiS 522. Tune, Jackson (AHB 470/TiS 250).

1. *Christ is the heavenly food that gives  
to every famished soul  
new life and strength, new joy and hope,  
and faith to make them whole.*
2. *We all are made for God alone,  
without him we are dead;  
no food suffices for the soul  
but Christ, the living bread.*
3. *Christ is the unity that binds  
in one the near and far;  
for we who share his life divine,  
his living body are:*
4. *on earth, and in the realms beyond,  
one fellowship are we;  
and at his table we are knit  
in mystic unity.*

Timothy Rees 1874–1939

Words by permission The Community of the Resurrection

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 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 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.**

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

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