



DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
The Parochial District of Wangaratta West and The Warbys

The First Sunday in Lent

9th March 2025

Sung Eucharist 9.30 a.m. & Eucharist 11.00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn TiS 591, tune Heinlein

1. **Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:**
2. **let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain.**
3. **And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.**
4. **Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.**

George Hunt Smyttan 1822–70 and
Francis Pott 1832–1909 alt.

The Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Priest Welcomes and Greets the People

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

The Beatitudes: God calls all people to follow the way of truth and life.

Silence is kept between each Beatitude.

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Trisagion is said.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

The Collect

Let us pray

O saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land:
so guide us that, following our Saviour,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;
through your Son, 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

A Reading from the Book Deuteronomy [26. 1-11]

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91. 1-2, 9-16

**Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,**

**They will say to the Lord
'You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'**

**The Lord himself is your refuge:
you have made the Most High your stronghold.**

**Therefore no harm will befall you:
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

**For he will command his angels:
to keep you in all your ways.**

**They will bear you up in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.**

**‘You have set your love upon me,’ says the Lord,
‘and therefore I will deliver you:
I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.**

**‘When you call upon me I will answer you:
I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.**

**‘With long life I will satisfy you:
and fill you with my salvation.’**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [10. 4-13]

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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

Gradual Hymn: TiS 252. Tune, Sussex (AHB 304).

- 1. When he was baptized in Jordan
Jesus knew his chosen role:
ready now for time of testing
in the desert of the soul.**
- 2. Starved of bread to feed the body,
starved of rest to feed the brain,
starved of friends to feed the spirit,
Jesus daily bore the strain.**
- 3. During six long weeks of trial
evil masquerades as good:
points false roads to instant lordship,
tempts him with the Word of God.**
- 4. He attacks the great impostor:
evil shall not win the day!
Ready now to serve his calling,
sets his face Jerusalem way.**
- 5. When our turn comes to be tempted,
as we meet each vital choice,
make us wise and make us willing,
Lord of life, to heed your voice.**

Bernard Arthur Braley 1924–
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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [4. 1-15]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'

Jesus answered him, 'It is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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

Sermon

A time of quiet for reflection may follow 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

The priest says

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

The minister continues with prayers for the world, our nation, the Church, those in need and thanksgiving for the Faithful Departed.

The prayers conclude with

Accept our prayers though 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.**

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin:

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me:

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.

Jesus, forgive my sins.

**Forgive the sins that I can remember,
and also the sins I have forgotten.**

**Forgive the wrong actions I have committed,
and the right actions I have omitted.**

**Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation,
and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.**

**Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements,
and those when I have failed to boast of your works.**

**Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others,
and the leniency I have shown to myself.**

**Forgive the lies I have told to others,
and the truths I have avoided.**

**Forgive me the pain I have caused others,
and the indulgence I have shown to myself.**

Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.

Early Irish

The priest declares God's forgiveness

May God our Father forgive you your sins
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory hymn: AHB 440/TiS 519, tune Unde Et Memores.

- 1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's hill,
and having with us him who pleads above,
we here present, we bring before you still
that only offering perfect in your eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**
- 2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of your grace,
our prayer so halting, and our faith so dim:
for now between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of your Son our Lord.**

3. **And so we come; O draw us to your feet,
most patient Saviour, who can love us still;
and by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill;
in your own service make us glad and free,
and may we in your presence ever be.**

William Bright 1824–1901 alt

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 everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

Therefore with saints and angels,
and with all the company of heaven, we praise you singing / saying,

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. ✠

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 you 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.' ✠

Jesus Christ is Lord.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

With this bread and this cup,
we remember the saving death of your Son,
his resurrection and ascension, and his promise to be with us for ever.
In the power of the Holy Spirit, bring us to eternal life with Christ,
as we look for his coming in glory,
and for the heavenly banquet prepared for all your people.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith,
to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume to come to your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Communion Reflection 593/502. Tune Anima Christi.

*Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with waters gushing from thy side.*

*Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.*

*Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.*

Anon. Latin, 14th cent.
tr. J. Hegarty, S.J., d.1834 alt.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The priest may say a prayer of thanksgiving
all say this prayer together.*

Father of all we give you thanks and praise
**that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn TiS 684. tune, Picardy

- 1. Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.**
- 2. Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.**
- 3. Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.**

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956–

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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