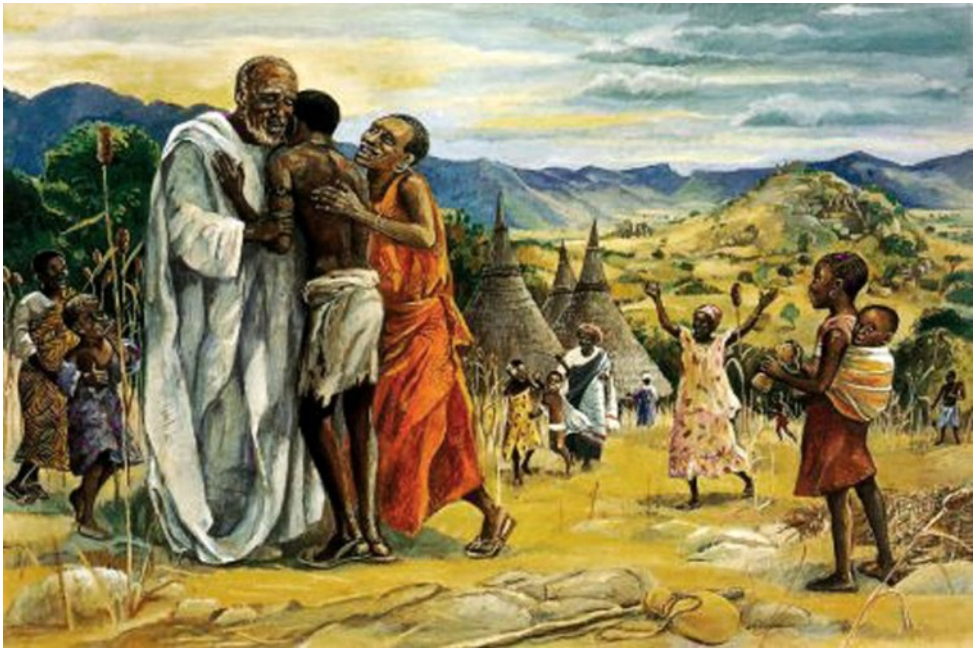




Diocese of Wangaratta
Combined Anglicans of Wangaratta & District

10.00am Choral Eucharist
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30th 2025
MOTHERING SUNDAY



JESUS MAFA. Prodigal Son,
from Art in the Christian Tradition,
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

*Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence. R̄*

*O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. R̄*

*A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me. R̄*

*Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. R̄*

Absolution

God is slow to anger and full of compassion,
forgiving all who humbly repent
and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord.
God therefore forgives you in Christ Jesus,
in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

Trisagion—Thrice Holy, say together

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

The Collect

Let us pray.
God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
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 Joshua [5. 9-12]

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river,
The LORD said to Joshua,
'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.'
And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the
Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in
the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very
day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and
parched grain.

The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land,
and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the
land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm 32.1-2, 5, 7, 11



Response: *Blessed are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt.*

Blessed are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt.

*Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!*

*Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!*

R

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.*

R

*Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow,
they shall not reach them.*

R

*Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.*

R

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [5. 16-21]

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gradual Hymn: Come As You Are

1. **'Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are; feel quite at home,
close to my heart, loved and forgiven.
Come as you are: why stand alone?**
2. **'No need to fear, love sets no limits;
no need to fear, love never ends;
don't run away shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.**
3. **'I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?**
4. **'Come as you are: that's how I love you;
come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;
all will be well, just come as you are.'**

Words: Deirdre Brown (1936-)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [15. 1-3, 11b-32]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!"

Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this

brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.””

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

The Sermon

The Creed is said, all standing.

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

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bring together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Collect for Mothering Sunday

We give thanks for the Church, our mother, who brought us to birth in
the family of Christ, through the waters of baptism.
We pray that all Christians will hear again God's call
to mother those in need, and bring them home to God.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in authority in our nation and in our world.
May they learn from the example of Jesus Christ that true power
is the power to feed the poor and the hungry, to make a home for the
homeless and to offer hospitality to the broken-hearted.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community.
May we see each other as brothers and sisters, called to sit at God's
family table together. Let us work together for that great day when
God comes again to restore heaven and earth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer today, in mind, body or spirit.
In particular, we pray for those who have lost a motherly presence,
and for those who have never known a mother's love.
May they find consolation in God, the one in whom every family on
earth finds its home.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have loved us and nurtured us in faith.
May we be bold to share what we have received.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all those who have gone before us
into the many mansions of the Father's home.
May we learn from them to trust God's care and provision for us,
all the days of our life and into our death.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

THE LICENSING AND COMMISSIONING

*The Reverend David Still will be Licensed and Commissioned as
Senior Associate Priest (non-Stipendiary) of the Parish of Holy
Trinity, Wangaratta.*

At the appropriate point, The Dean addresses those present:

Will you support David in this ministry?

We will, by God's grace.

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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: Called To Create

***Made in God's likeness, moved by the Spirit,
Called to create a new world for the Lord,
Called to create a new world for the Lord.***

- 1. Birds in the mountains sing of your praises,
Called in the morning to tell of your love;
Bell-birds and whip-birds sing of creation,
Celebrate always that Christ is the King.**

2. **Summoned at noontide come now and follow,
Joyfully marching wherever you lead;
Roller birds stuntmen, king-fishers' laughter
Clowns of creation in the circus of God.
*Made in God's likeness, moved by the Spirit,
Called to create a new world for the Lord,
Called to create a new world for the Lord.***
3. **Called in the night time to act in your drama,
To take on the Christ role, your script in our hearts;
Masked owl and bower-bird teach us to study
The part we must play and the gifts we can share.**
4. **Called now at all times, to wait on the Father,
Follow his lead as he partners our dance;
Brolga bird dances, retreats and, returning,
Bowling at last to his partner, the Lord.**

Words: Patricia Lewis (b 1938)
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Offertory prayer response: **Blessed be God forever.**

Incense is offered.

Like incense my prayer rises to meet you,
My arms stretch out, lifting me high.

Can a woman forget her nursing-child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Like incense my prayer rises to meet you,

The Lord promises: I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.
**Like incense my prayer rises to meet you,
My arms stretch out, lifting me high.**

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Santo! Santo! Santo! Holy! Holy! Holy!
God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna en el cielo!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna en el cielo!
Hosanna in the highest!

Setting: Missa Margarita—Dorothy Papadakos

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
Jesus came to supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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. ✠

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free. You are the Sav - iour of the world.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. ✕

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, Joseph, Michael, George, Paul
and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



Bles - sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power



are yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Cordero de Dios, tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
ten piedad de nosotros.*

*Cordero de Dios, tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
danos la paz.*

*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.*

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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.**

*All Communicant Christians are welcome to receive communion here today.
The sacrament is given in both kinds. If you do not wish to share the common cup, please
receive communion in one kind, bread only. Please do not dip the bread in the cup.
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, simply hold your hands down in front of you.*

Anthem

Laudate nomen Domini — Christopher Tye

*Laudate nomen Domini, vos servi Domini;
ab ortu solis usque ad occasum ejus.*

*Decreta Dei justa sunt, et cor exhilarant:
laudate Deum principes et omnes populi.*

Praise the name of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord;
from the rising of the sun until its setting.

The decrees of the Lord are just, and gladden the heart:
praise the Lord you princes and all people.

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith.

**Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn, Love Divine. [Tune, Blaenwern]

- 1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**
- 2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**
- 3. Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,**

**Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Blessing

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith
and that, knowing his love,
 broad and long,
 deep and high
 beyond all knowledge,
you may be filled with all the fullness of God:
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.

Postlude

Prélude (Op 29, No 1) — Gabriel Pierné

***Please come across to Purbrick Hall
and share some morning tea together.***

Welcome to Holy Trinity Cathedral as we gather for worship today.
We're glad you are joining us today, and to have your company in prayer.
As we gather we acknowledge that Holy Trinity Cathedral stands on Bangerang country.
We acknowledge the Bangerang people, offer respect to their elders, and recognize their continuing care for land, waters, and sky country in this place.

	Today	Next week
Presider	Very Rev'd Neil Hicks	The Rev'd Maureen Beattie
Sidespeople	Edwin Savery	Edwin Savery & Frank Vickers
First reading	Eva Siperki	Val Edwards
Second reading	Lauren Bowie	Matthew Schultz
Intercessions	Imogene Gillespie	Jillian Kimber
Servers	Imogene, Norm, Jillian	Norm Kenny & Jillian Kimber
Sacristy	Louise Grant & Sarah Mathias	Kieran Crichton
Morning tea	Lauren Bowie & Leonie Carr	Marguerite Keenan

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