



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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

6th April 2025

Eucharist 8.00 a.m. & Sung Eucharist 9.30 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: TiS 693 [tune, 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.'**

Deirdre Browne 1936–

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.

Sentence

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126.6

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

Christ,
whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair,
you humbly took a basin and towel
and washed the feet of your friends:
wash us also in your tenderness,
that, embracing your service freely,
we may accept no other bondage
in your name. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah [43. 16–21]

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126.

**When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.
Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.
Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.
They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness,
bringing their sheaves with them.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [3. 3-14]

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh—even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual Hymn: TiS 660. Tune, set or Bonnie George Campbell.

- 1. Myrrh bearing Mary from Magdala came,
seeking her Jesus, with spirit aflame;
he had commanded her sickness depart,
she now would thank him for newness of heart.**
- 2. Myrrh bearing Mary to Bethany came,
seeking her Jesus who called her by name;
there she anointed his feet and his head
with precious oils that were meant for the dead.**
- 3. Myrrh bearing Mary to Calvary came,
seeking her Jesus who hung there in shame;
and as the careless and heedless passed by,
hopeless and helpless she watched her Lord die.**

4. **Myrrh bearing Mary to death's garden came,
seeking her Jesus who'd borne the world's blame;
heart sick, she stood, till she heard the Lord's voice:
'Mary!' he said, 'I am risen; rejoice!'**

Rae E. Whitney 1927-

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [12. 1-8]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.

The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

Jesus, friend and intercessor,
you were anointed as the Saviour of the world;
we pray for the peoples of all nations:
for all who suffer hardships of war, famine, disease;
for leaders of nations and all who exercise authority;
for all who work to create a more just world.

**Break open our hearts,
that we too may pour out our lives for you
and bring your message of justice to your people.**

You were anointed as the chosen one of Israel;
we pray for your church:
for all who suffer persecution for their faith;
for missionaries, pastors and evangelists;
for all who bring your good news to others.

**Break open our hearts,
that we too may pour out our lives for you
and bring your gospel of salvation to your people.**

You were anointed as God's beloved Son;
we pray for those we hold dear and all with whom our lives are bound:
for our families and friends; for those with whom we work;
for all lonely and alienated members of our community;
for all who make our community a more compassionate place.

**Break open our hearts,
that we too may pour out our lives for you
and bring your message of love to your people.**

You were anointed to bring good news
to the captive and healing to the sick;
we pray for all in trouble or distress:
for all who are weighed down by pain or grief;
for all who are sick or facing death;
for all who bring release and healing to your people.
We pray especially for

**Break open our hearts,
that we too may pour out our lives for you
and bring your words of comfort to your people.**

You were anointed for death,
but dying and rising you bring new life to others;
we give you thanks for all who have died in the faith:
for Mary of Bethany and your friends of every age;
for all who have offered to you the fragrance of their life and love.
This week we remember especially

**May we, like them, break open our lives, that,
offering to you all we hold precious,
we may find our eternal treasure in you.**

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 OK

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

**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.**

cf Psalm 51

The priest declares God's forgiveness

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **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 just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and 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—TiS 510. Tune, Rockingham.

My God, your table now is spread, your cup with love will overflow;
be all your children to it led, and let them all its sweetness know.

A sacred feast which Jesus makes, rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
How happy those who here partake that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Still let your table honoured be, and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see that here its sacred pledges tastes.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn TiS 683 [tune, Omni Dei]

- 1. God! When human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.**
- 2. Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving;
all the failures we confess.**

3. **You in us are bruised and broken;
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.**
4. **Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.**
5. **Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!**

Frederik Herman Kaan 1929—

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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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