



DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

8.00am Eucharist & 9.30am Sung Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18th 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: AHB 83 / TiS 96. Tune, Laudate Dominum.

1. **Sing praise to the Lord! praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, you angels of light;
all heaven adore him by whom you were made,
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.**
2. **Sing praise to the Lord! praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, sing praise for new birth;
praise him who has brought you his grace from above;
praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.**
3. **Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he has done.**
4. **Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along;
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!**

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77 *alt*
based on Psalms 148 & 150

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

He is Risen Indeed! ALLELUIA!

The Sentence

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

The Confession & Absolution

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and
confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

silence

Almighty God,
**our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power, forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise is said or sung.

**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 Priest sings or says the Collect

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
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 Acts of the Apostles [11. 1-18]

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

Psalm 148. 1–6

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

A Reading from the Revelation to John [21. 1-6]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Tune, Calhoun Melody.

- 1. Let us praise God together, let us praise;
let us praise God together all our days:
He is faithful in all His ways,
He is worthy of all our praise,
His name be exalted on high!**

2. **Let us seek God together, let us pray;
let us seek His forgiveness as we pray:
He will cleanse us from all sin,
He will help us the fight to win,
His name be exalted on high!**
3. **Let us serve God together, Him obey;
let our lives show His goodness through each day:
Christ the Lord is the world's true light —
let us serve Him with all our might,
His name be exalted on high!**

James Edward Seddon (1915 - 1983)

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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [13. 31-35]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,

"Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

The Sermon

Let us affirm our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Give thanks to the Lord
Rejoice and praise his name.

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

The risen Lord gives new strength to his people
and offers them life and peace.

Alleluia! The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you. Alleluia!

All may exchange a Greeting of Peace.

Hymn: AHB 191 / TiS 246. Tune, Christe Sanctorum.

- 1. Christ is the world's light, he and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.**
- 2. Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;
no one can serve him and despise his brother.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.**

3. Christ is the world's life, he and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother —
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.
4. Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother:
Glory to God on high.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000

Offertory Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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.

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.
By his death, he has destroyed death
and by his rising to life again has restored us to eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying / 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.**

And now, Father, we pray that we
who receive these your gifts of bread and wine
according to our Saviour's word
may be partakers of his body and blood. ✠
For on the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father,
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." ✠

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 which is shed for you and for many
for the remission of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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 your 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.**

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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread, then says

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung

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

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

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

The invitation to Communion is given:

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**

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

An invitation is extended to all Christian people to make their Communion here today. To receive a blessing and not communion, simply keep your hands behind your back as the signal that this is what you seek.

Reflection song:

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices may be given at this point

Hymn: AHB 68 / TiS 134. Tune, Praise, my soul..

- 1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!**
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!**
- 3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!**
- 4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!**
- 5. Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!**

Henry Francis Lyte 1793–1847 alt.
based on Psalm 103

The Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
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.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!