



DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25th 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: AHB 492 / TiS 580. Tune: Mannheim.

1. **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.**
2. **Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thous didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**
3. **Spirit of our God, descending.
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

James Edmeston 1791-1867.

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

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord.
'Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14. 27

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.

Silence may be kept.

Let us pray

**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

Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts,
dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [16. 9-15]

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

Psalms 67

**Let God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us,
that your ways may be known on earth,
your liberating power among all nations.**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.
God shall bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

A Reading from the Revelation to John [21. 10-14, 22—22.5]

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22.1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

Gradual Hymn: AHB 327 / TiS 413. Tune, All For Jesus

- 1. Holy Spirit, come confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.**
- 2. Holy Spirit, come console us,
come as advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.**
- 3. Holy Spirit, come renew us,
come yourself to make us live:
holy, through your loving presence,
holy, through the gifts you give.**
- 4. Holy Spirit, come possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

William Brian Foley 1919–

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [14. 23-29]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

The Sermon

A time of quiet for reflection may follow 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

Most merciful God, since ancient times you have promised good gifts to your people:

hear us today as we bring our prayers for the world and the church.

God of peace,

hear our prayer.

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.**

Please Stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

John 20.19, 20

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 368 [tune, Monkland - 11ii]

- 1. On this day, the first of days,
God the Father's name we praise;
who, creation's Lord and Spring,
did the world from darkness bring.**
- 2. On this day the eternal Son
over death his triumph won;
on this day the Spirit came
with his gifts of living flame.**
- 3. O that fervent love today
may in every heart have sway,
teaching us to praise aright
God the source of life and light!**
- 4. Father, who didst fashion me
image of thyself to be,
fill me with thy love divine,
let my every thought be thine.**
- 5. Holy Jesus, may I be dead
and risen here with thee;
and upon love's fire arise
unto thee a sacrifice.**
- 6. Thou who dost all gifts impart,
shine, good Spirit, in my heart;
best of gifts, thyself bestow;
make me burn thy love to know.**
- 7. God, the one God, of my heart,
I am thine, and mine thou art;
take me, blessed One in Three,
here I give myself to thee.**

Latin; Carcassonne Breviary (1745)
Translator: H. W. Baker (1861)

Offertory Prayer

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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.

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 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.**

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 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:

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.

**The disciples knew the 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:

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord:
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Repeat Verse.

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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him 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 537 / TiS 609. Tune: St Leonards

1. **May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.**
2. **May that word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.**

3. **May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**
4. **May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.**
5. **May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go. .**

Katie Barclay Wilkinson 1859 –1928

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!