



DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA  
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday after Ascension)

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### *Greeting*

Christ has gone up on high.

**Alleluia.**

God raised Christ from the dead  
**and enthroned him at his right hand  
in the heavenly realms.**

God put all things in subjection beneath his feet  
**and gave him as head over all things to the Church.**

We died, and our life lies hidden with Christ in God.

**We set our minds on things above.**

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,  
**we too will be revealed with him in glory.**

cf Ephesians 1.20,23; Colossians 3.1-4

Opening Hymn: AHB 401 / TiS 641 (tune: Suantrai) *John 15:12-17*

1. **'This is my will, my one command,  
that love should dwell among you all.  
This is my will, that you should love  
as I have shown-that I love you.**
2. **No greater love can be than this:  
to choose to die to save one's friends.  
You are my friends if you obey  
what I command that you should do.**
3. **I call you now no longer slaves;  
no slave knows all his master does.  
I call you friends, for all I hear  
my Father say you hear from me.**

4. **You chose not me, but I chose you,  
that you should go and bear much fruit.  
I chose you out that you in me  
should bear much fruit that will abide.**
5. **All that you ask my Father dear  
for my name's sake you shall receive.  
This is my will, my one command,  
that love should dwell in each, in all.'**

James Quinn 1919-  
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Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray

**Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Confession & Absolution*

Christ has entered heaven itself there to appear before God on  
our behalf.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith,  
and confess our sins to the God of grace.

**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*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples  
that they might be one, as you and he are one:  
grant that your Church,  
being bound together in love and obedience to you,  
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,  
that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [16. 16-34]**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.'

And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

**Psalm 97 1-7, 10-11.**

**The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:  
let the multitude of islands be glad.**

**Clouds and darkness are round about him:  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne.**

**Fire goes before him:  
and burns up his enemies on every side.  
His lightnings light the world: the earth sees it and quakes.**

**The mountains melt like wax before his face:  
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.  
The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:  
and all peoples have seen his glory.**

**They are ashamed,  
all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:  
all gods bow down before him.**

**The Lord loves those that hate evil:  
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,  
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

**Light dawns for the righteous:  
and joy for the true of heart.**

### **A Reading from the Revelation to John [22. 12-21]**

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

*Gradual Hymn*

1. **We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love.  
They will know we are Christians by our love**
2. **We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
and save each one's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love.  
They will know we are Christians by our love.**
3. **We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love.**

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [17. 20-26]  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,  
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

## *Concluding prayer*

Jesus Christ,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;

**for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please stand*

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

*All may exchange a Greeting of Peace.*

**Hymn:** AHB 301 / TiS 378 [tune, St Magnus]

- 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now:  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.**
- 2. The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal light;**
- 3. The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.**
- 4. To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace is given:  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.**
- 5. They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.**
- 6. The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly 1769—1854

### *Offertory Prayer*

Father, by your Holy Spirit  
you keep the Church in unity and truth.  
As we break bread together,  
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,  
now and for ever. **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.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

You have highly exalted him,  
and given him the name which is above all other names,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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." ✠

Great is 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 may be 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 your 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.

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 170 [tune: Camberwell]**

- 1. At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
this the Father's pleasure that we call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**
- 2. Humbled for a season, to receive a Name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.**
- 3. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him make new  
all that is not holy, all that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**
- 4. When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again  
in his Father's glory, there with him to reign,  
then may we adore him, all before him bow,  
as our hearts confess him King of Glory now.**

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77 alt

*The Blessing and Dismissal*

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts  
and bring you to reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**