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PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

9.30am Sung Eucharist & 11.00 Eucharist  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12th 2024

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: AHB 291(i) /TiS 369. tune: Llanfair TiS 388

1. **Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, a while to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!**
2. **There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene, Alleluia!  
let the King of glory in! Alleluia!**
3. **Heaven now its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne Alleluia!  
still calls humankind his own. Alleluia!**
4. **See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
see! he shows his prints of love; Alleluia!  
hark! his gracious lips bestow Alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!**
5. **Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads; Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!  
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!**
6. **There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!  
partners of your endless reign; Alleluia!  
there your face unclouded view, Alleluia!  
find our heav'n of heav'ns in you. Alleluia!**

Charles Wesley 1707–88 alt.

*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!**

Christ has ascended on high.

**He reigns for ever. Alleluia.**

*The Sentence*

Jesus prayed, 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

John 17.11

Let us pray.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,  
look upon us now in power and mercy.  
May your strength overcome our weakness,  
your radiance transform our blindness,  
and your Spirit draw us to that love  
shown and offered to us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Confession & Absolution*

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without sin.

He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us.

Through him we approach the throne of grace  
with confidence, and confess our sins.

cf Hebrews 4.15,16

**O King enthroned on high,  
and Spirit filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
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,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [1. 15-17, 21-26]**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the

baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

## Psalm 1.

Plain = Lectern side    *Italics = Pulpit side*    **Bold = All**

Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners,  
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

*But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.*

They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.

*Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.*

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

*Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

**For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

## A reading from the First Letter of John [5. 9–13]

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** tune, North Coates.

- 1. Holy Spirit, hear us; help us while we sing;  
breathe into the music of the praise we bring.**
- 2. Holy Spirit, prompt us when we try to pray;  
nearer come, and teach us what we ought to say.**
- 3. 3 Holy Spirit, teach us through the words we read;  
bring to life the Bible with the light we need.**
- 4. 4 Holy Spirit, give us each a lively mind;  
make us more like Jesus, gracious, pure and kind.**
- 5. 5 Holy Spirit, help us daily, by your might,  
what is wrong to conquer, and to choose the right.**

William H. Parker

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [17. 6-19]

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

Father I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

*The Sermon*

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon*

Let us reaffirm 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.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,  
living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,  
drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels  
those who have died trusting your promises ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your  
service ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia!**

*All may exchange a Greeting of Peace.*

**Offertory Hymn: AHB 443/TiS 521 (tune: Song 1)**

- 1. Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed  
that all your church might be for ever one;  
may at each eucharist this prayer be made  
with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.'  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**
- 2. For all your church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make all our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace:  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**
- 3. We also pray for wanderers from your fold;  
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to your church which still one faith must keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**
- 4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease  
may we be one with all your church above,  
one with your saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with your saints in one unbounded love;  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

William Henry Turton 1856–1938 alt.  
Arrangement from the English Hymnal by permission Oxford University Press

### *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

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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.  
He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Michael, Paul, George and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**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*

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

*Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*The invitation to Communion is given:*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.  
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
Alleluia.**

*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.*

*After Communion Hymn: tune, Franconia*

1. Christ bids us break the bread and share the cup he gave,  
in token of the blood he shed for those he died to save.
2. It was for us he came, to bear, by human birth,  
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame, for every child of earth.
3. The Saviour crucified in glory rose again:  
we here remember him who died, ascended now to reign.
4. Our hearts his word obey, in thankfulness and love:  
we feed on Christ by faith today and feast with him above.
5. O Christ, once lifted up that we might be forgiven,  
we take the bread and drink the cup and share the life of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

**Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Notices may be given at this point*

Concluding Hymn: [tune: Laus Deo]

1. **Send, O God, your Holy Spirit  
on your people gathered here.  
Fill our lives with gentle courage;  
let your love cast out our fear.**
2. **Every perfect gift is given  
by the God whose name we bear  
to equip the saints of Jesus  
for the saving work we share.**
3. **Gifts of wisdom, gifts of knowledge,  
gifts of faith and healing grace,  
gifts that in the Spirit's power  
will reveal the Saviour's face.**
4. **All God's children, all Christ's people,  
all the saints, receive this word!  
Claim the gift, the faith, the promise,  
build the body of the Lord.**

Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

*The Blessing and Dismissal*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works 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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**