



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta  
**Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 9}**  
**2nd June, 2024—Ante Communion, 11.00 a.m.**

*Greeting*

Open our lips, O Lord,  
**and we shall declare your praise.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Sentence*

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.6

Hymn: TiS 152. tune, Ode to Joy

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call to praise you joyfully.**
- 3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest.**

**You our Father, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.**

Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933 *alt.*

*Prayer of Preparation*

Let us pray

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Two Great Commandments*

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;  
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.’

Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a  
second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

*Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*Some moments of silence*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s  
forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister stands and declares God's forgiveness*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.  
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.  
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly  
believe the gospel.

Therefore we have peace with God,  
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In this is love, not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent his Son  
to be the perfect offering for our sins.

*1 John 4.10*

*All stand. The minister says*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures for ever!**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All may exchange a Greeting of Peace.*

*Gloria in excelsis*

**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 Collect*

Let us pray

Lord God of the nations,  
you have revealed your will to all people  
and promised us your saving help:  
help us to hear and do what you command,  
that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light;  
through 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 First Book of Samuel** [3. 1-10]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

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

**Psalm 139. 1-6, 13-18**

Side A = plain. Side B = *italics* **Altogether = bold**

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
*you know when I sit or when I stand,*  
*you comprehend my thoughts long before.*

You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
*you are acquainted with all my ways.*

For there is not a word on my tongue:  
*but you, Lord, know it altogether.*

You have encompassed me behind and before:  
*and have laid your hand upon me.*

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it.**

**Where shall I go from your spirit:  
or where shall I flee from your presence?**

I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
*fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.*

You knew my soul,  
and my bones were not hidden from you:  
*when I was formed in secret,  
and woven in the depths of the earth.*

Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:  
*and in your book were all my members written;*

Day by day they were fashioned:  
*and not one was late in growing.*

**How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:  
and how great is the sum of them!**

**Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand:  
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.**

#### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [4. 5-12]**

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** TiS 179. tune, Praise, My Soul.

- 1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
power to rescue and release.**
- 2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence —  
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.**
- 3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure —  
foolishness none dare deride.**
- 4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe, when  
shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

John L. Bell 1949–  
and Graham Maule 1958–  
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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark [2. 23—3.6]  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.'

Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

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

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

In our prayers for the world this week we pray for the nations of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini.

We pray for and give thanks for the producers of food around the world and pray for a fair sharing of the world's resources.

Lord, direct all who are seeking to improve the world.

We pray for peace-makers, for relief agencies,

for all involved in scientific research,

for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

that the poor may receive what is needful for their welfare.

The Lord is our hope.

**God is our joy and strength.**

We give you thanks for the light that is revealed to us in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, enlighten your church where its vision is dim and the light of the gospel is nearly gone out.

We pray for spiritual renewal, for an increase in vision and hope.

We remember all who are prophets and visionaries today.

We pray for our Bishop Clarence and for Michelle, Kian and Kyle.

In our parish we pray for the outreach and ministry of CONTACT "Drop-In" at Glenrowan.

The Lord is our hope.

**God is our joy and strength.**

We give thanks for all who led us to you,

all who shared their insight and knowledge,

all who kept the lamp of faith burning.

We pray for those who have maintained the church,

for those who have been accepting and understanding.

The Lord is our hope.

**God is our joy and strength.**

We pray for all who have entered into weakness, into sadness or into trouble this week, all who have been injured in accidents, those

suffering from a stroke or paralysis,

all on a life-support machine at this time.

We pray for the afflicted, the perplexed,

the persecuted and all who feel forsaken.

We pray for those commended to our parish's prayers:

Mark H, Sharon W. Robert P. Zoe. Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne.



Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.

The Lord is our hope.

**God is our joy and strength.**

We rejoice that the afflicted will know affection,  
the perplexed will discover your purpose,  
the persecuted will come to your peace,  
the forsaken will be enfolded in love,  
in the fullness of your kingdom.

We pray for loved ones departed, remembering this week:  
Margaret Goff, Thelma Blair, Robin Wickham, Noel Schultz, Norman  
Wind, Daisy Moore, Beverley Vonarx, 'Jack' Menhennitt, Lillian Tait,  
'Ella' Sessions.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

Accept our prayers through 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 forever. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn—TiS 624. tune, Bonnie George Campbell**

- 1. Christ be my leader by night as by day;  
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
- 2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand,  
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**
- 3. Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;  
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-

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### *Offertory Prayer*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THESENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### *Notices*

**Sending Hymn:** tune, Duke Street.

- 1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go  
Christ to the world with joy we bring  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**
- 2. King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;  
kingship with him his servants gain  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve, to share Christ's reign.**
- 3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
the world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**
- 4. Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:  
he claims our minds, to search his ways  
he claims our lips, to speak his truth  
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**
- 5. We are his Church, he makes us one:  
here is one hearth for all to find  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)

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*The Dismissal*

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ,

**send us out with confidence in your word  
to tell the world of your saving acts,  
and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us;

May the Lord make his face to shine upon us,  
and be gracious to us.

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And, just as one of Saul's servants went and told his master (1 Samuel 21:7; 22:9–10), so the Pharisees got together with the Herodians—hardly their natural allies!—to conspire against Jesus. This incident is one of many in which the shadow of the cross falls across Mark's whole narrative.

Paul's apostolic vocation, like Samuel's prophetic one, was not meant to be comfortable. In fact, he saw his sufferings as part of the point: they were a sign of the message he had to speak. But those in whose hearts God has shone the light of his glory will, like both prophet and apostle, have no hesitation in saying what has to be said. It is not themselves that they speak of, after all, but the King, the Lord.

## SUNDAY BETWEEN 29 MAY AND 4 JUNE [9]

1 Samuel 3:1–10. 2 Corinthians 4:5–12. Mark 2:23–3:6

N. T. Wright, (2002). *Twelve Months of Sundays: Reflections on Bible Readings, Year B* (p. 74). Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Like a cathedral chorister, Samuel has been brought to live and work in the atmosphere of prayer, worship and pilgrimage. Considering the lively human interest, it's surprising this story didn't entice the great classical artists; there is one painting of it, by the seventeenth-century Gerbrand van den Eekhout, in the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

As so often in biblical 'call' narratives (Ezekiel 1, Isaiah 6, Revelation 1), there is a darker side; again as usual, the lectionary misses it out. The previous chapter introduced Hophni and Phinehas, the sons of the ageing priest Eli. Eli has been warned about their cynical corruption, but he seems incapable of putting things right. Now God chooses young Samuel, wide-eyed and eager, to declare the word of judgement. When he says 'Speak, your servant is listening,' what follows is enough to make him wish his parents had never brought him in the first place. Samuel has the unenviable task of telling his guardian the news of imminent judgement. His fearless later ministry was rooted in his earliest experiences of hearing, and then speaking, God's word.

You can omit the confrontational material in 1 Samuel if you try hard enough; but you can't do that with Mark, which from the start pits Jesus against powers and authorities, human and spiritual, actual and self-appointed. Mark's framing of these two sabbath-controversies shows what he thinks they're about. They aren't merely instances of 'legalism', with Jesus as the great teacher of a non-legal, or non-ritual, kind of religion. They are all about the new thing that is bursting into the world through his presence and authority, a new thing for which the best precedent was God's new action in and through King David (2:25–6; see 1 Samuel 21:1–9). At the time referred to, David had been already anointed by Samuel. Saul was still king, and David was on the run from him; but he still claimed the right to eat the holy bread, a sign perhaps of his coming kingdom. Jesus now claims the right to put into action his own kingdom-path which would make redundant the customs by which Israel guarded its national life.

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