



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 19}

11th August, 2024—Eucharist 9.30 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

Hymn: AHB 48 / TiS 123. Tune, Finlandia.

- 1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain.
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**
- 3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore
the trust and hope that strengthened you before.**
- 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Katharina von Schlegel 1697 -?
trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick 1813-97 alt

The Welcome & Greeting

We meet in the name of God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Sentence

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Ephesians 5.1–2

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

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. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us:
and write your law in our hearts
by your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect

Let us pray

Grant, O Lord,
that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need,
and may turn from every false satisfaction
to feed on the true and living bread
that you have given us in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Second Book of Samuel [18. 5-9, 14-15, 31-33]

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that

day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

¹⁴ Joab said, "I will not waste time like this with you." He took three spears in his hand and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹ Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

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

Psalm 130.

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

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;

*O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.*

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?

*But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.*

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.

*My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.*



**O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.**

**He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.**

The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [4. 25—5.2]

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Gradual Hymn: AHB 337 / TiS 430. Tune, Capel.

- 1. Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal.**
- 2. Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day they show
their wisdom, passing human thought,
as in their truth I grow.**
- 3. Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.**
- 4. Your words are perfected in One,
yourself, the living Word;**

**within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.**

George Currie Martin 1865–1937 alt.
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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [6. 35, 41-51]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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

Sermon

Time of silence for reflection

Creed

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 all people and for the Church throughout the world.

The minister says

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

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the church

For all peoples

For our community

For those in need

Thanksgiving for the faithful departed

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Hear us, Father,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11.25

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 416 / TiS 495. Tune, Spiritus Vitae or St Clement.

- 1. Father, we give you thanks, who planted
your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus your Son to us imparts.**
- 2. Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,
and giv'n us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the bread eternal;
yours is the power, be yours the praise.**

3. **Over your church, Lord, watch in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in your love, unite it,
cleansed and conforming to your will.**
4. **As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in the broken bread made one,
so may your world-wide church be gathered
into your kingdom by your Son.**

From the Didache c. 110
tr. Francis Bland Tucker 1895–1984 alt.

Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

Wheat and grape, this bread and wine,
are part of the riches of your earth.

**You are worthy, O Lord our God,
to receive glory and honour and praise
for you created all things
and by your will they have their being.**

We thank you, Father, that you formed us in your own image,
creating us male and female
and loving us even when we rebelled against you.
Above all, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ.
You gave him to be the Saviour of the world.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived on earth in obedience to you,
suffering death on the cross for our sins.
You raised him from the dead in glory;
through him you sent the Spirit as he had promised.

We give you thanks for the living hope
you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom we praise with our lips and in our lives,
saying / singing:

♪ ♪ ♪ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Loving Father,
we praise you that, on the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave you thanks.
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, gave you thanks
and, giving it to his disciples, said,
Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. ✠

Therefore, with these holy gifts we celebrate his offering of himself
made once for all on the cross,
we rejoice in his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and we look for his coming again:

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

Father, accept this offering of our duty and service,
this memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these your gifts
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. ✠

Grant that we who eat this bread and drink of this cup
may, with the hosts of angels
and all the company of heaven,
proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

The Invitation to Communion is given

Come, let us receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
given for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Reflection Hymn: AHB 432 / TiS 510. Tune, *Rockingham*.

1. *My God, your table now is spread,
your cup with love will overflow;
be all your children to it led,
and let them all its sweetness know.*
2. *A sacred feast which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
How happy those who here partake
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.*
3. *Still let your table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see
that here its sacred pledges tastes.*

Philip Doddridge 1702–51 alt.

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 for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn—Tune, Sicilian Mariners.

- 1. Glory, honour, endless praises
here we offer, King of kings.
You are source of all our being,
Lord of all created things.**
- 2. Glory, honour, endless praises
to the Lamb who has been slain:
by your blood you ransomed sinners,
set your people free again.**
- 3. Called to serve from every nation,
kings and priests, we praise you, Lord,
and to Father and to Spirit
lift our hearts with one accord.**

Edwin Le Grice (1911 1992)
based on Revelation 4, 5 (A Song of Praise)

The Blessing & The Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
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:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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