



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 21}

25th August, 2024—Eucharist 9.30 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

Hymn: AHB 343(ii) / TiS 432. Tune, Westminster Abbey. [omit v 2]

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**
- 3. Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God today;
with your gentle loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.**
- 4. Here bestow on all your people
what we ask of you to gain,
what we gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**
- 5. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

From Urbs beata Hierusalem, Latin, c. 7th cent.
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 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

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

John 6.63

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

Everliving God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called them
each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour 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 First Book of Kings [8. 20-30, 41-43]

[Solomon said] the Lord has upheld the promise that he made; for I have risen in the place of my father David; I sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the

Lord, the God of Israel. There I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the Lord that he made with our ancestors when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.’

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

‘But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

‘Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

Psalm 84 (*remain seated*) AHB 347 / TiS 44. Tune, Wiltshire.

- 1. How lovely is your dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me;
my thirsting soul longs eagerly
within your courts to be.**
- 2. Beside your altars, Lord of all,
the swallows find a nest;
happy are those who dwell with you
and praise you without rest,**

3. **and happy those whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim ways:
you are the water when they thirst,
their guide towards your face.**
4. **How blest are they that in your house for ever give you praise:
one day with you is better spent
than thousands in dark ways.**
5. **The Lord will hold back no good thing from those who justly live;
to all who trust, the Lord of hosts
will all his blessings give.**

Based on the Scottish Psalter 1650

The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [6. 10-20]

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Gradual Hymn: Tune, Sussex (AHB 304).

1. **Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our age-long seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**

2. **Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**
3. **Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**
4. **Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grow.**

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [6. 56-69]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

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 426 / TiS 505. Tune, St Michael.

- 1. Jesus invites his saints
to meet around his board;
here pardoned rebels sit, and hold
communion with their Lord.**

2. **For food he gives his flesh,
calls us to drink his blood;
amazing favour, matchless grace
of our descending God!**
3. **Our heavenly Father calls
Christ and his members one:
we the young children of his love,
and he the first-born Son.**
4. **We are but several parts
of the same broken bread;
one body has its several limbs,
but Jesus is the head.**
5. **Let all our powers be joined
his glorious name to raise;
pleasure and love fill every mind
and every voice be praise.**

Isaac Watts 1674–1748 *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 446 / TiS 523. Tune, St Columba.

- 1. Here, Lord, we take the broken bread
and drink the wine, believing
that by your life our souls are fed,
your parting gifts receiving.*
- 2. As you have giv'n, so we would give
ourselves for others' healing;
as you have lived, so we would live
the Father's love revealing.*

Charles Venn Pilcher 1879–1961

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—AHB 509 / TiS 592. Tune, Morning Light.

- 1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
as soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss;
from victory on to victory
his army he shall lead
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.**
- 2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day!
All Christians true now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.**
- 3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone:
the arm of flesh will fail you,
you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls, or danger,
be never wanting there.**

4. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long:
this day the noise of battle,
the next the triumph song.
To those who are victorious
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.**

George Duffield 1818–88 alt.

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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