



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 23}

8th September, 2024—Eucharist 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am.

Hymn: Tune, Abbot's Leigh (93).

1. **Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**
2. **Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**
3. **Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**

G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

The Welcome & Greeting

Blessed be the name of God, God of our ancestors,
God of the generations yet to come.

**Blessed be the Creating God, Redeeming Son
and the Sustaining Spirit.**

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all,
we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

Who created in love.

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Saviour Jesus Christ,

Who reconciles all of Creation.

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

Who inspires new life and instils hope.

Introduction to Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 8.22,23

Consider the birds of the air;
they do not sow or gather into barns,
yet our heavenly Father feeds them.

Lord, have mercy.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they do not toil nor spin,
yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Christ, have mercy.

How little faith we have.

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleansing you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Revelation to John [11. 19—12.6, 10]

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

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

Psalm 45. 10-17

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

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.

*The king desires your beauty:
he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.*

The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.

*The king's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.*

In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.

*They are led with gladness and rejoicing:
they enter the palace of the king.*

**In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.**

**And I will make known your name to every generation:
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.**

The Letter of Paul to the Galatians [4. 4-7]

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Gradual Hymn: Tune, Quem Pastores. 177

- 1. Virgin-born, we bow before thee;
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
blessèd was she in her child.**

2. **Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;
blessèd was the hand that led thee;
blessèd was the parent's eye
that watched thy slumbering infancy.**
3. **Blessèd she by all creation,
who brought forth the world's Salvation,
blessèd they for ever blest,
who love thee most and serve thee best.**
4. **Virgin-born we bow before thee;
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
blessèd was she in her child.**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [1. 46-55]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

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.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
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 / TiS 526. Tune, Living Lord.

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.**
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.**
- 3. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's son;
led out to die on Calvary, risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.**
- 4. Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.**

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford 1925–
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Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God of all of Creation.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God our Saviour, it is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,
and especially on this feast of the blessed Virgin Mary
to echo her praise of your loving-kindness.

For you have truly done great things over all the earth,
and your gracious mercy is from age to age.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant,
you gave the world through her
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
the author of our salvation.

Through him the hosts of angels adore you
and rejoice in your presence for ever.

May our voices join with theirs
in the triumphant chorus 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 he was betrayed Jesus 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.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine;

**So, Lord may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth**

**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 peace.**

The Invitation to Communion is given

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Reflection Hymn: AHB 431. Tune, Martyrdom (1).

1. *How happy are thy servants, Lord,
who thus remember thee!
What tongue can tell our sweet accord,
our perfect harmony?*
2. *Who thy mysterious supper share,
here at thy table fed,
many, and yet but one we are,
one undivided bread.*
3. *One with the living bread divine
which now by faith we eat,
our hearts and minds and spirits join,
and all in Jesus meet.*

Charles Wesley 1707–88

Let us pray

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;

**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 firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn—AHB 131 TiS 203. Tune, St Elisabeth.

- 1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
 Lord of all creation,
 Son of God, and Mary's son:
 you will I cherish,
 you will I honour,
 you are my soul's delight and crown.**
- 2. Fair are the meadows,
 fairer still the woodlands
 robed in the greenness and bloom of spring:
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 he makes the saddest heart to sing.**
- 3. Fair are the flowers,
 fairer still the children
 in all the freshness of youth arrayed;
 yet is their beauty
 fading and fleeting;
 Lord Jesus, yours will never fade.**
- 4. Fair is the moonlight,
 fairer still the sunshine,
 fair is the shimmering starry sky:
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines clearer
 than all the heavenly host on high.**
- 5. Jesus, all beauty,
 heavenly and earthly,
 in you is wondrously found to be;
 none can be nearer,
 fairer or dearer
 than you, my Saviour, are to me.**

The Blessing & The Dismissal

God the Creator has blessed
you with all that you need in this life:
Go into the world with courage
that you might be the channels through which
the Lord can bring relief to others;
and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father,
the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit be with you,
that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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