



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 33}

17th November, 2024

Eucharist 9.30 a.m.

Hymn: TiS 187. Tune, Darwall.

- 1. Let all creation dance in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance, unfolding space and time,
for nature's art in glory grows,
and newly shows God's mind and heart.**
- 2. God's breath each force unfurls, igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls, with whirlpools dense and dark.
Though moon and sun seem mindless things,
each orbit sings: 'Your will be done.'**
- 3. Our own amazing earth, with sunlight, cloud and storms
and life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms,
is made for praise, a fragile whole,
and from its soul heaven's music plays.**
- 4. Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet
and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete.
In hope be strong, all life befriend
and kindly tend creation's song.**

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–
based on Psalm 148.

The Welcome & Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence

Do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we wear?' Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6.31, 33

This Prayer of Preparation may be said.

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

Confession

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.**

Hymn of Praise (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
Creator God,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works,
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son 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 book Genesis [1. 26-28]

Then God said,
'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and
let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of
the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'
So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he
created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them,
and God said to them,
'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have
dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over
every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

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

Psalm 8

**O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

**Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.**

**You have founded a strong defence against your
adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,**

**What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?**

**Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.**

**You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,**

**All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,**

**The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great
waters.**

**O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [8. 19-23]

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

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

Gradual Hymn: TiS 745. Tune, Seek Ye First.

1. **Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God’s righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia.
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.***
2. **Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.***
3. **We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia.
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.***

Karen Lafferty 1948—
based on Matthew 6.33, 7.7 & Deuteronomy 8.3
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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [6. 25-34]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?’

Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

Sermon

Time of silence for reflection

Affirmation of Faith.

Let us together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

The response to "Loving God" is "hear our prayer."

The minister says the prayers

The priest says

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 for ever. 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: TiS 155. Tune, O Store Gud.

1. **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. **When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, . . .

3. **But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die—I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away our sin:**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, . . .

4. **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, . . .

Based on Carl Gustaf Boberg 1859–1940
tr. from a Russian version Stuart Wesley Keene Hine 1899–1989 alt.

Offertory Prayer

We give what we have, but not all

– **help us to be more generous.**

We serve as we are called

– **help us to see when you are calling us further.**

We love within our limits

– **help us to break down those barriers,**

so that we may love and serve you and give wholeheartedly.

We hand you our gifts on a plate,

you gave us your love on a cross.

Help us to reconcile the difference between our giving and yours,

for Jesus' and the world's sake. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life. ✠**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all. ✠**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord. ✠**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Reflection Hymn: TiS 548. Tune, Gonfalon Royal 332

1. Eternal light, shine in my heart;
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support;
eternal wisdom, make me wise.
2. Eternal life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, help me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath;
eternal Saviour, come to me;
3. until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.

*Christopher Martin Idle 1938–
from a prayer by Alcuin 735–804*

Let us pray.

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Make us good stewards of creation,
with justice in our hearts, courage in our actions
and power in our speech to bear witness to the truth.
Protect us with your glory,
unite your church in loyalty and love,
and bring us home with all your saints to feast with you for ever.

**Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn—TiS 188. Tune, Hanover or Paderborn.

- 1. Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.**
- 2. Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.**
- 3. Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.**
- 4. Now, people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.**

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956–

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.

**Anglican Diocese of Wangarratta
Stewardship Program**



10 NOV: Committed to Community

17 Nov: Committed to Creation

24 Nov: Committed to Christ

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