



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Wangaratta West and The Warbys

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

16th February 2025

8.00 a.m. Eucharist & 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: TiS 101. Tune, Omni Dei.

- 1. Come, you people, come adore him
God in Holy Trinity,
God the Father, Son and Spirit,
ever blessed unity.**
- 2. All your glory, God almighty,
to the Son and Spirit given,
ere upon the world's creation
dawned the newborn light of heaven:**
- 3. holy, holy, we adore you
one in power, in nature one;
God the Father, God the Spirit,
God the co-eternal Son.**
- 4. By your Son the wide creation
rose where chaos held its sway;
by the Spirit, God Almighty
swept eternal night away.**
- 5. Son, the Father's love revealing,
Son, through whom the Spirit came,
blessed Godhead, endless glory
be to your exalted name!**

Hymn from the Russian Church
tr. John Brownlie 1859–1925 alt.

The Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6. 23

The Prayer of Preparation

**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 eleison is said or sung

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

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.**

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 Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis (said or sung)

**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
Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah [17.5-10]

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,

whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalm 1

**Blessed are they
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:
nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**

**But their delight is in the law of the Lord:
and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

**They are like trees planted beside streams of water:
that yield their fruit in due season.**

**Their leaves also shall not wither:
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

**As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.**

**Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up
at the judgement:
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [15. 12-20]

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Gradual Hymn: TiS 437. Tune, Liebster Jesu.

- 1. Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.**
- 2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
only you work good within us.**
- 3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;
hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.**

Tobias Clausnitzer 1619–84
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [6. 17-26]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

The Sermon

A time of silent reflection may follow the sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

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

cf Ephesians 3

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.

*You are invited to share a Greeting of Peace,
with your neighbours.*

Offertory Hymn—TiS 254. Tune, St Botolph.

- 1. O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.**
- 2. As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,
so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.**
- 3. As wind and storm their master heard
and his command fulfilled,
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest-tossed be stilled.**

4. **And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.**
5. **In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.**
6. **O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.**

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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 PRAYER

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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.
All power is yours.
You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.
In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.
Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.
As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free
to be his body in the world.
On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples he took bread
and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you. ✠
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me. ✠
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the body and blood of your Son, ✠
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour 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 this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei is said or sung

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 priest says

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in
remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

after communion hymn, TiS 502.

1. *Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
body of Christ, be my true saving guest;
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in your tide;
wash me with water flowing from your side.*
2. *Strength and protection may your Passion be;
O blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me:
deep in your wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
so shall I never from you parted be.*
3. *From the foul enemy my soul defend;
in death's dread moments be my loving friend;
call me, and bid me come to you on high,
when I may praise you with your saints for ay.*

Anon. Latin, 14th cent.
tr. J. Hegarty, S.J., d. 1834 *alt.*

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn: TiS 732. Tune, Sing Alleluia.

- 1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!**
- 2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
in Christ the world has been redeemed!**
- 3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.**
- 4. Therefore we celebrate the feast,
therefore we celebrate the feast.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
therefore we celebrate the feast.**
- 5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
sing alleluia to the Lord!**

Linda Stassen-Benjamin 1951.

The Blessing & Dismissal

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 the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.