

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL • GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds

A Liturgy for

Australia Day



Third Sunday after the Epiphany 26 January 2020

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton..

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us tonight.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of 'common prayer' in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves ('our souls and our bodies') for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are with us for this service: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



Visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news and information www.graftoncathedral.org.au

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Milingimbi – Australian Aboriginal People of Arnhem Land, arr. R Father

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn

Where wide sky rolls down (TIS 188)

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.

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.

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.

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-

Call to Worship

Our land is alive with the glory of God

Desert sands hum and gum trees dance

Brown grasses sing and mountains breathe their stillness.

All created things add their rhythm of delight and even the stones rap out their praise.

Let our voices mingle with the song of the earth May our hearts join the beat of her joy

For our triune God is with us:

Our creator surrounds and upholds us. Christ Jesus walks beside and upholds us. The Spirit moves within and between us. Blessed be God, our wonder and our delight.

Jenny Tymms

The Priest greets the people.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession

Though Christ has called us into one body the oneness of the peoples of this land has been broken by acts of oppression and the failure of compassion.

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore confess our brokenness, confident in God's power and promise to make us whole.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word, and deed: Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us: Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life: Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The 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 Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest! 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. Glory to God, ... 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. Glory to God, ... 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. Glory to God, ...

The Collect of the Day

Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

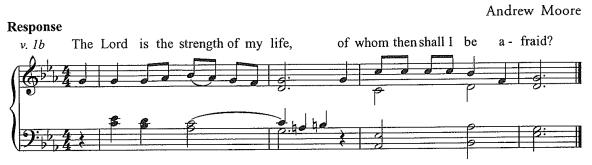
Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian."

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 27



1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear?:

the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,

came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid,

And though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

- 3 One thing I have asked from the Lord and that alone I seek:
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
 and to seek his will in his temple.
- 4 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.
- And now shall he lift up my head
 above my enemies round about me;
 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 6 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me. My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

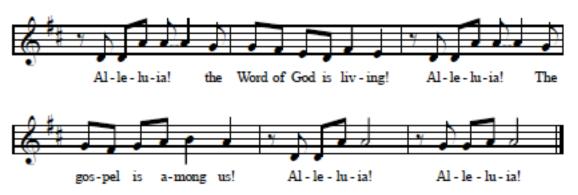
Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel Reading.



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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 4:12-25

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the gospel of the Lord, praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the loving Creator, whose generous providence has been above all, beneath all and in all the moments and days of this twenty first century, and will be at work in all ages to come.

We believe in Jesus Christ, whose saving grace finds, heals and reconciles millions of lost sinners, including even us, and who calls us to the ministry of reconciliation.

We believe in the Spirit of truth, whose tireless energy is at work through all the upheavals, achievements, disappointments, joys and discoveries of this era.

We believe in this wonderful God, who loves our land and its people and is weaving through the tangled affairs of our nation, a purpose outreaching anything we could imagine.

We believe that our belief is a precious gift to be treasured, nurtured, shared and dared to the praise and glory of God forever.

Amen and Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Priest says.

Let us pray for the world and for the church:

God, we thank you for this beautiful land. Help us never to take your gifts for granted. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

We are so many and so varied in this land. Help us to become a caring people. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

We pray for the peace and prosperity of Grafton, for every city and community across our land, and for all people of faith and goodwill, Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

So many parts of our world are hurting. Show us how to bring justice and peace. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

From ancient times your spirit has been at work in this land. Help us to become a nation of faithful people. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

As we gather around the Table of Jesus may his life flow through us and touch other people. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

As our schools go back after the holidays, bless the teachers and students in the year ahead. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

Many people in this land are hurting. Give strength to those fighting fire and drought, comfort those who have lost homes and farms. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

Touch us all with your grace that we might be truly alive. We pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

Many people have loved you before us. Thank you for their example of faith and service. Loving God, **Hear our prayer**.

We conclude our prayers as we say the Cathedral Prayer:

Living and eternal Christ,
bless the ministry of this Cathedral
as a place of pilgrimage and prayer.
May our doors always be open to pilgrims,
may our hearts always be open to one another,
and may our minds always be open to new truth.
Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life,
your death and your resurrection,
now and always. Amen.

COMMISSIONING

The Dean will introduce Leanne Harvey to the Cathedral community, who will accept her new appointment and will then be commissioned for the role of Associate Minister (Children, Families and Youth).

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Birds in the mountains [TIS671]

Made in God's likeness, moved by the Spirit, called to create a new world for the Lord, called to create a new world for the Lord.

Birds in the mountains sing of your praises, called in the morning to tell of your love; bellbirds and whip-birds sing of creation, celebrate always that Christ is the King.

Summoned at noon-tide, come now and follow, joyfully marching wherever you lead; roller bird stunt-men, king-fisher's laughter, clowns of creation in the circus of God.

Called in the night-time to act in your drama, to take on the Christ role, your script in our hearts; masked owl and bower-bird teach us to study the part we must play and the gifts we can share.

Called now at all times to wait on the Father, follow his lead as he partners our dance; brolga bird dances, retreats, and, returning, bowing at last to his partner, the Lord.

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, 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 offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink

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

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.

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of creation you have given your children the good things of Mother Earth. You spoke and the gum tree grew. Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise.

In the vast desert and dense forest, and in cities at the water's edge, creation sings your praise. Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our land. Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise.

When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and become one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed. Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew, and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other, and to your whole creation.
Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise.

Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ.
Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, singing,

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 we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us.

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 COMMUNON

The Priest breaks the bread.

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 (Lamb of God) is sung.

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 your peace.

The Priest says

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Holy things for holy people. Broken things for broken people.

All the children of God have a place at the Table of Jesus.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

If you prefer to request a personal blessing rather than receive Holy Communion please simply cross your arms in front of you.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Anthems Author of Life Divine – Clifford Boyd (Australian composer)

St Richard's Prayer – Clifford Boyd (Australian Composer)

After Communion there may be community notices.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Missional Hymn

Lord of earth and all creation [TIS672]

Lord of earth and all creation, let your love possess our land: wealth, and freedom, far horizons, mountain, forest, shining sand: may we share, in faith and friendship, gifts unmeasured from your hand.

People of the ancient dreamtime, they who found this country first, ask with those, the later comers, will our dream be blessed or cursed? Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living, hope for which our children thirst.

Lord, life-giving healing Spirit, on our hurts your mercy shower; lead us by your inward dwelling, guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia: in your will her peace and power.

Michael Rayner Thwaites (1915–) and Honor Mary Thwaites (1914–93)

The Priest says the following prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have created all humanity in your image and likeness, and have revealed your plan and purpose in calling us your friends and family. As we have shared this holy meal, inspire our hearts to see every man, woman and child given the dignity and value which is your purpose and your gift.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

The Priest says the Blessing.

The God of this ancient land, who has given us a shared future as one family, give you grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

The Deacon may say

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

Organ Postlude

Fanfare Australia – Robert Eather

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The call to worship is by Jenny Tymmes and is from Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide. http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=298

"A Creed for Now" by Bruce D Prewer in Jesus our Future (Open Book Publishers, 1998).

The preface for the Great Thanksgiving Prayer is adapted from the beautiful 'Thanksgiving for Australia' written by the Revd Lenore Parker from Yamba, and found in A Prayer Book for Australia, p. 218.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

MAJOR PARISH DATES FOR EARLY 2020

As you mark up your calendar for 2020, you may like to note the following dates ...

FEBRUARY

- 2 Dean's Forum series resumes (Introduction to the Year of Matthew)
- 23 Annual General Meeting
- 26 Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 01 Dean's Forum
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin ('Lady Day')
- 29 Parish Forum (fifth Sunday of month)

APRIL

- 05 Palm Sunday (no Dean's Forum today)
- $09 Maundy\ Thursday$
- 10 Good Friday
- 11 Easter Eve: Holy Fire & First Eucharist of Easter
- 12 Easter Day

PARISH AGM

The AGM will be held after the 9.00am service on 23 February. Please ensure that all reports for the Annual Report are sent to the Parish Office by **Tuesday**, **4 February** which will allow ample time for us to compile the business papers for distribution on Sunday, 16 February.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Our Wednesday 10.00am services resume on 5 February. Please note that the first Wednesday Worshippers' Morning Tea for this year will take place on Wednesday, 4 March

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Prayers for those in need

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Gladys Gray John McAnally

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Olive McAteer, Edna Hastings

Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ, bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

Around the Parish this Week

Today Third Sunday after Epiphany: Australia Day

9.00am – Choral Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) to be followed by a Bring & Share Morning Tea

Monday 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

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5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

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5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

7.00pm – Parish Council (Edwards Hall)

Thursday 7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park)

8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

9.30am – CVAS New Leaders Induction Service (Cathedral)

5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral)

Friday 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

Saturday 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)

Next Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral)

11.00am – Dean's Forum (Edwards Hall)

<u>Next Sunday's roster</u>: Shirley Graham & Kaye Ware (sidespeople), Reg Bultitude (Reader 1), Lyn Johnston (Reader 2 & Prayers), Bryce & Betty Gilbert (Morning Tea)



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