



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

9 August 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost

A generous faith community—centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842.

Welcome to worship for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

<i>President</i>	The Revd Camellia Flanagan, TSSF
<i>Preacher</i>	The Dean
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	The Dean
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mr Robert Eather



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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Introit

Cantors

Rector potens, verax Deus (Plainsong)

Invocation and Greeting

The presiding minister 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.

Prayer of Approach

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.

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Cantor: Lord, have mercy
 Lord, have mercy
Cantor: Christ, have mercy
 Christ, have mercy
Cantor: Lord, have mercy
 Lord, have mercy.

Confession

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.

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 Gloria

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.

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God and ruler of all creation,
give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your presence
even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face all trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life
and come at the last to your eternal peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 37.1-14a,17b-20,23-24,28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.'

So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal

has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.'

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

Psalm 105. 1-6, 16-22

1. O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
2. Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.
3. Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
4. Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.
5. Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
6. O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.
16. Then he called down a famine on the land:
and destroyed the bread that was their stay.
17. But he had sent a man ahead of them:
Joseph who was sold into slavery,
18. Whose feet they fastened with fetters:
and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.
19. Till the time that his words proved true:
he was tested by the Lord's command.
20. Then the king sent and loosed him:
the ruler of nations set him free;
21. He made him master of his household:
and ruler over all his possessions,
22. To rebuke his officers at will:
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

Alleluia, alleluia.
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt? When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Nicene 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray to God with hope and thanksgiving ...

At times it seems as if the church is indeed a small boat adrift on a stormy sea. Guide and bless Murray our Bishop, Tiffany our Diocesan Archdeacon and Greg our Dean. May the risen Lord come to us as he came to the disciples on a dark and dangerous night so long ago.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for a world and a nation ravaged by pandemic and fear. Grant us generous hearts, courageous leaders, and a deep sense of responsibility for the welfare of our neighbours. Bless the ministry of our OpShop as it provides for those most at risk, and keep our volunteers safe as reach out to others.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our town and the nearby villages, for our schools and for our community service clubs. We pray especially for all those involved in planning for the 2020 Jacaranda Festival as they face the disappointment of cancellation due to the pandemic.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We bring before you those affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health workers, and remembering also those who have requested our prayers at this time: Cheryl Cook, Betty Ford, Gladys Gray, Jack Hammer, Joan Marr and Val Rogers.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for life of Rex Child and we remember with thanksgiving Nona Brown, William Henry Stevenson (Third Bishop of Grafton), Reginald Parker and Freda Kennedy whose year's mind occur this week.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please join me as we pray the Cathedral Prayer together:

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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The president says

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Hymn

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising (TIS 620)

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising
in every city for your love and care;
inspire or worship, grant the glad surprising
that your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,
strong in your strength to venture and to dare,
to lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,
seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
as once you wept above Jerusalem,
seeking to gather all in love and pity,
and healing those who touch your garment's hem.

Bradford Gray Webster 1898-1991

The gifts 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name.
for ever praising you and 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body 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
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise.

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 celebrant 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, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace

The celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

Communion Anthem

Tantum Ergo (Gabriel Fauré)

Notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The president says

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for our pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

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.

Blessing and 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.**

A minister says

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

Piano Postlude

Voluntary in A minor - Allegro - (William Walond)

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COVID-SAFE CHURCH LIFE

For the time being, we are continuing to have a single service each week: in the Cathedral at 9.00am on Sundays. This is subject to a careful health management plan, and services will be suspended should there be any reported COVID-19 cases in the local area.



There are a number of new requirements that we need to observe under the current NSW Public Health order as well as further instructions from the Bishop.

In addition to the ban on congregational singing, from last weekend we were also required to reduce the choir to just one person singing at any time and to ensure that person is 3m away from the congregation. This has required some additional changes to the Sunday morning liturgy, and we shall now have just the one hymn. This will be at the offertory and will only be sung by a cantor.

The service will begin with an Introit and conclude with the postlude. The sanctuary team will enter from the Vestry doors rather than a procession from the West End.

In addition, we are now encouraged to wear face masks while attending worship, and especially in situations where it is not possible to maintain the recommended 1.5m social distance.

We understand this to mean masks are not required when reading, leading the intercessions, preaching or presiding at the Altar as we have made careful arrangements to ensure appropriate social distancing since the COVID restrictions first applied in March. The priest who is serving the Sacrament will wear a face mask while doing that ministry.

Please remember that there can be no informal gatherings before or after the service.

Physical distancing (2 empty seats between people not in the same household) is required during services.

When work on the Cathedral roof begins shortly, we will access the Cathedral via the front steps and the Baptistry door as the ramp and northern side door will be enclosed in the security fencing.

REX CHILD

The Cathedral community was saddened to learn of Rex's recent passing and we extend our condolences to Nita and their extended family. Along with Rita, Rex was a well-known and much-loved member of the Southgate community as well as a stalwart of the Cathedral. Due to the current COVID pandemic there has not been the usual opportunities for celebrating Rex's life as we would wish, and this adds to the grief as well as deepening the impact of the pandemic.

ORGAN WORKS HAVE COMMENCED

Work on the rebuild of the organ console has begun. The old console has been dismantled and removed so that the rebuild can occur off-site. For the next few weeks we shall enjoy music from the grand piano while the organ is under repair.

SANCTUARY SEATS RESTORED

The three chairs for the ministers of the Altar have been repaired and re-stained as they were literally falling apart and had become unsafe to use. We appreciate the fine work of Miss Belles Furniture Restorations in taking such good care of these items. The cost of this work has been generously covered by an anonymous donation.

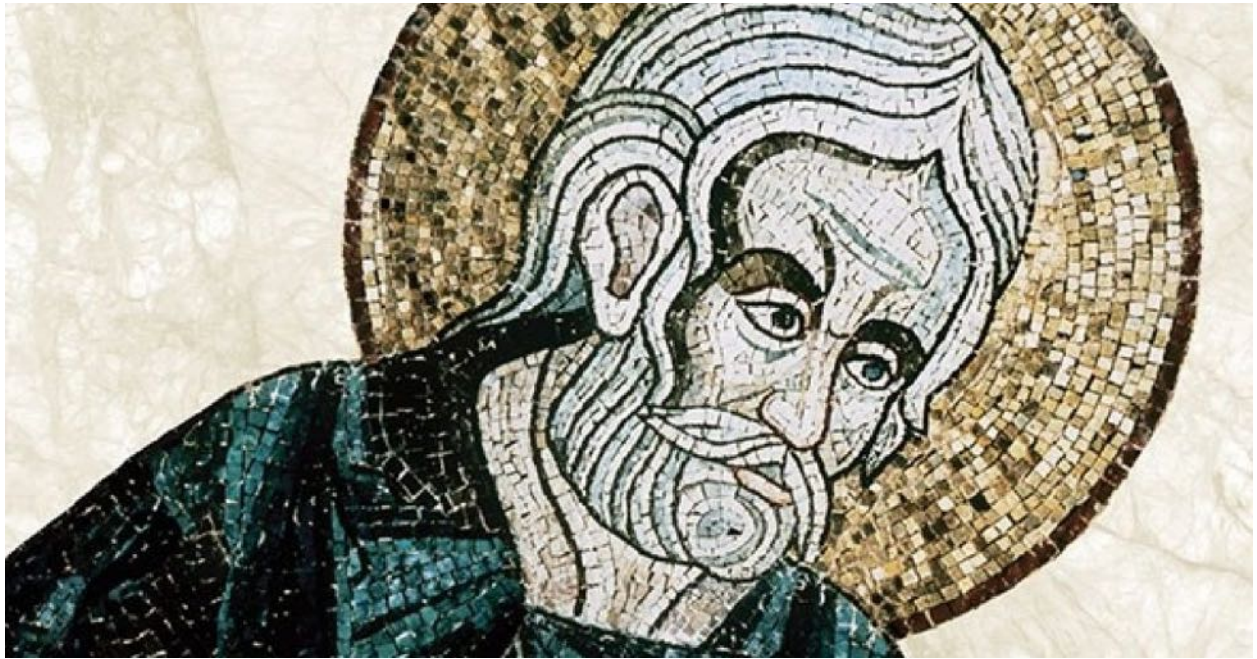
CATHEDRAL ROOF WORKS

The Cathedral has been a hive of activity lately, and there will soon be even more action about the place as work gets underway on the replacement of the roof and related water goods for the Chapel and the North Transept.

Contracts have been signed and all is set for work to commence later this month. An \$85,000 grant from Heritage NSW will assist with the project, with total costs estimated to be around \$225,000. The balance of costs will be covered the Cathedral Trust Funds, so we would very much welcome gifts to assist us with these essential works.



DEAN'S FORUM: John among the Gospels

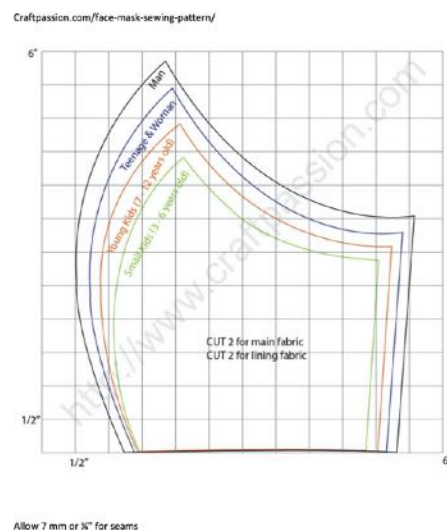


Last Sunday's session in the Dean's Forum series is now available as a video for people to download and watch at their own convenience. This session explores some of the distinctive features of the Gospel according to St John. You can download video as well recordings from earlier sessions at:

<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/dean-s-forum>

FACE MASKS FOR OP SHOP

As we see increasing use of face masks in everyday situations, we are looking for supplies of washable masks that can be sold through the Cathedral OpShop at reasonable prices for people to stay healthy. There are patterns available from various places, including Spotlight, but please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about how you might assist with this project; even if just to donate material for others to sew.



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Ruth Kingsley
Joan Marr
John McAnally

Kay Metcalfe
Eileen Rogan
Val Rogers
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed: Rex Child

Year's Mind: Nona Brown, William Henry Stevenson (3rd Bishop of Grafton), Reginald Parker, Freda Kennedy

Cathedral Prayer

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Around the Parish this Week

Today

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.00am – Cathedral Live Online:

<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/this-sunday>

Weekdays

Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer will continue to be said at 8.30am and 5.30pm. We gather using Zoom with people from across the Diocese often joining us. Please email us for the link if you wish to join this online prayer community from time to time.

Both the **Bookshop** and the **OpShop** have now re-opened. Other parish activities remain suspended, unless otherwise advised.

Please ensure that we have your **email address** and **mobile** number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support.

If you have a Facebook account, please join us in the private [Grafton Anglicans Facebook Group](#) for a more interactive online community.

If you need **pastoral care** or other support, please call either the Dean or Rev Camellia.

PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Next
Sunday

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.00am – Cathedral Live Online:

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