



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



The Burning Bush
— Ex 3:1-12 —

Listen to the Voice of creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Climate Change and Biodiversity
Listening to the cry of plant and animal life
24 September 2022

Gathering in God's name *Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")*
Mass setting: *A Community Mass (Richard Proulx)*

Introit *Omnis terra - Plainsong*

Entrance Hymn 188 TIS *Where wide sky rolls down*

Sentence

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5.16

Invitation to Confession If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Page 120 **Merciful God**.....

The Collect of the day

O God,
from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that in your light we may see light,
and in you narrow path may not stumble;
through 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

First Reading

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed

of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16

1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:

who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 They will say to the Lord

'You are my refuge and my stronghold:

my God in whom I trust.'

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter:

and from the destroying curse.

4 He will cover you with his wings,

and you will be safe under his feathers:

his faithfulness will be your shield and defence.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night:

or of the arrow that flies by day,

6 Of the pestilence that walks about in darkness:

or the plague that destroys at noonday.

14 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,

'and therefore I will deliver you:

I will lift you out of danger,

because you have known my name.

15 'When you call upon me I will answer you:

I will be with you in trouble,

I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

16 'With long life I will satisfy you:

and fill you with my salvation.'

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

The Gospel

Luke 16.19-31

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

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

Intercessions final prayer below

Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home now and for eternity. **Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn	166 TIS <i>Sing a new song (verses 1-4)</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving 5 on page 139
The Lord’s Prayer	<i>Page 141</i>
Communion Anthem	<i>Above the moon earth rises –</i> Irish Melody arr David Iliff & R Eather
Post Communion	Page 143c
Mission Hymn	668 TIS touch the earth lightly

Organ Postlude

Finale in D minor – Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

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“Just a moment” – The Reverend Canon Camellia Flanagan TSSF

Day of Prayer for climate change and biodiversity. Listening to the cry of plant and animal life.

What person in their right mind, if they were locked up in prison, in exile would be interested in buying land? Jeremiah the unpopular prophet had warned the people of impending disaster and they did not listen. But Jeremiah listened carefully to God and trusted the plans that God had for the people. Jeremiah had limited access to people, being locked up in the courtyard of the guard in the royal Place of Judah. Even in the face of this limitation Jeremiah remained faithful. Looking toward the future for the people of Judah who were in captivity, dispossessed and suffering from the broken relationship they once had with God we find that Jeremiah is planning with God for a more prosperous future.

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah concerning the possibility of him buying a field outside Jerusalem. The city had been under siege for a year and this land was occupied by soldiers – certainly a poor investment, especially as Jeremiah was a prisoner in the palace and would have no access to the land. But God prepared Jeremiah for a visit from his cousin Hanamel, who came to him to sell his land, forced to possibly face losing his family’s inheritance. Jeremiah acted according to the provisions in the Levitical law (Leviticus 25: 23-25) and buys his cousin’s land as next of kin and redeems the land. In doing this Jeremiah demonstrated his faith in God’s promises to bring his people back from captivity and to rebuild Jerusalem. At the heart of this law of land redemption is the rule that no land will be sold in perpetuity because all land belongs to God. This was also a purchase between family members from their home town of Anothoth (Jeremiah 11:23) who have had in the past a bad relationship with Jeremiah. This land would not only link Jeremiah with his past but also his future and the purchase was a signal to a hope that Judah would have a future as it rebuilds after the period of exile. Even family relationships would be restored.

In our time we could ponder the importance of just land redistribution to those who may have been dispossessed before? Can we ponder on ways of restoring God’s harmonious order and broken relationships, such as relationships between pioneers and indigenous peoples and relationships between humans and the environment? Can we ask ourselves how can we hear the cry of plants and animals as biodiversity changes?



2 October 2022 11.00am, sausage sizzle to follow

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Prayers for those in need

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Remembering those who have died

Recently Departed: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Year's Mind: Bede Carlton, Beryl Kemmis, Lorna Hackett, Brenda Millard, Carl Roberts, Johanna Eggins, Roger Schaeffer & Cheryl Hookey

Prayer for Ordination Candidates

Gracious God, send your blessing on Amanda Larkin and Ruth Pobjoy who are called to be deacons and Aaron Coates who is called to the priesthood in your church. Guide them in their prayer and study that they may have grace and power to serve as your ambassadors, to stand beside the poor and raise up the needy and so proclaim your gospel of salvation in word and deed. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Around the Parish this Week

Today	<p>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>										
Bank Details	<p>BSB: 705 077 Acc: 00033630 Name: Anglican Parish of Grafton</p>										
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer will continue to be said at 8.30am and 5.30pm. You are welcome to join us any time you are free, either in person or via Zoom: Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Cathedral Office</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9.00am–4.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral Bookshop</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9.30am–3.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral OpShop</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.00am–4.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral Pantry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Mon, Tue & Thur</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <td>Wednesday Worship</td> <td style="text-align: right;">at 10.00 am</td> </tr> </table> <p>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 need pastoral care or other support, please call either Father Rod, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant. PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS</p>	Cathedral Office	9.00am–4.00pm	Cathedral Bookshop	9.30am–3.30pm	Cathedral OpShop	10.00am–4.00pm	Cathedral Pantry	Mon, Tue & Thur	Wednesday Worship	at 10.00 am
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Next Sunday	<p>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>										
Birthdays this coming week	<p>Happy birthday to Pam Wilkes, Kaye Ware, Edison Kent, Alan Bentley & Terry Bird.</p>										

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.