



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
24 JANUARY 2021**

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Mass Setting: *St Thomas*

Introit

Let the words of my mouth - Dulcie Holland (Australian composer)

Acknowledgement of Country

Entrance 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.

Rite of Reconciliation

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.

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

A Reading from the Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Hear the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12

5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God:

for from him comes my hope.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation:

my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my deliverance and my glory:

God is my strong rock and my shelter.

8 Trust in him at all times, O my people:

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

9 The children of Adam are but breath,

the children of earth are a lie:

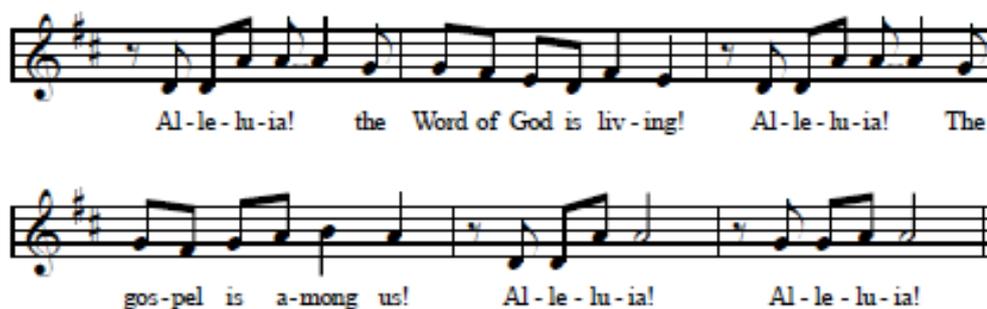
place them in the scales and they fly upward,

they are as light as air.

- 10 Put no trust in extortion, do not grow worthless by robbery:
 if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
- 11 God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say:
 that power belongs to God,
- 12 That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness:
 for you reward each one of us according to our works.

The Gospel

[Mark 1:14-20]



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The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us join together in this affirmation:

**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!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says.

Let us pray for the world and for the church:

A minister continues.

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.**

We remember with love and thanksgiving
those have loved you before us, including Ken Harper,
and those whose year's mind occur at this time:

Robert John Stuart Duff, Kevin McLennan, Olive McAteer and Edna Hastings. Thank you for their example of faith and service. Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Together 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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel:
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace in a COVID-safe manner.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory hymn: Made in God's likeness (TIS 671)

**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.

Patricia Lewis, 1938-

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.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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:

All 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.

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.”

All 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.

All 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 HOLY COMMUNION

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)

**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 elevates the consecrated elements and calls the people of God to the Table of Jesus.

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

Communion Anthems

Author of Life Divine - Clifford Boyd (Australian composer)

Milingimbi - Australian Aboriginal People of Arnhem Land, arr. R Eather

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

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

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Final hymn: *Lord of earth and all creation* (TIS 672)

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.

The priest says

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 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.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Laudate Dominum – Rosalie Bonighton (Australian composer)

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