

Throughout October, Giving in Grace invites us to reflect on what it means to be a generous faith community, centred around Jesus and engaged in compassionate action for the common good. Together, we will consider how we share our time, gifts and financial giving to sustain the worship, ministry and service of our Cathedral, now and into the future



Giving in Grace Prayer

Generous God,
from whom all things come,
open our hearts to one another,
and teach us to receive your gifts with gratitude
and to share them with generosity.
As we consider our own giving,
help us to offer our time, our gifts and our
resources
for the ministry of this Cathedral parish
and the good of the community we serve.
Shape us as a generous people,
and draw us more deeply into the life of Christ,
who gave himself for us and for the world. Amen

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Creationtide 5 - St Francis of Assisi

4 October 2026

Gathering in God's name *Page 119 (Green "A Prayer Book for Australia")*
Setting: Christ Church Mass – Philip Mathias (1954-)

Introit

Gaudeamus - Plainsong

Entrance Hymn

462 TIS Now we come, our heavenly Father

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Sentence – Francis of Assisi

You, Lord, are all that I have; I have promised to keep your word. I have sought your favour with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

Psalm 119.57–58

The Collect

Generous God,
whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness:
make us ever thankful for your goodness,
and grant that we,
remembering the account that we must one day give,
may be faithful stewards of your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect - Francis of Assisi

O God,
whose blessed Son became poor
so that we through his poverty might become rich:
deliver us from an inordinate love of this world,
so that, inspired by the devotion of your servant N,
we may serve you with singleness of heart,
and attain to the riches of the age to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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

Psalm 19

*¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
² One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
³ There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.
⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.
¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:*

¹ Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard. ² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. ¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Jesus says, I chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit that will last.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance."

³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Sermon **The Very Reverend Naomi Cooke**

Offertory Hymn 100 TIS All creatures of our God and King
(text based on 'Canticle of the Sun' of St Francis)

The Great Thanksgiving See insert

The Lord's Prayer Page 141

Communion anthems Ave Verum – Rev. Dr Antonio Grimaldi (1897-1949)
O Salutaris Hostia - Plainsong

Post Communion & Blessing See insert

Notices

Mission Hymn 473 TIS Community of Christ

Organ Postlude Lasst uns Erfreuen– Elizabeth Hill (1903-1946)



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Remembering those who have died			
Recently Departed: The Reverend Christian Ford (former Rector of Lismore Parish 2016-2023), Rowan Wicks			
Year's Mind: Dorothy Eggins, Andrew Davison, Alan McFarlane, Beryl Livermore, Joshua Allen, Marilyn Copeland, Cheryl Norton, Dennis Cook, Angus Wild, Robert Howard, Betty Carlton, Jack Cromack & Keith Zietsch.			

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Around the Parish this Week	
Today	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CREATIONTIDE 5 ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DAY 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online
Birthdays this week	Happy Birthday Penny Bird & Nita Child. Happy Wedding Anniversary John & Robyn Higham 
Weekdays	Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Mon - Fri Zoom only Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri) Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri) Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat) Wednesday at 10.00am Please ensure that we have your contact info so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Dean Naomi or Deacon Grant.
Next Sunday	TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - 9.00am FAMILY SERVICE 5.00PM

Blessing of the Pets

For you to say to your pets at home

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and Giver of all life: May your blessing be upon these and all animals. May our love and care for them reflect your compassion and safekeeping of all creation. Grant these animals health, peace, and safety. Strengthen us to love and care for them following the good example of Francis of Assisi, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Source: Episcopal Church Book of Occasional Services



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Insert to be used during
The Season of Creation.
1st September – 4th October.



Invitation to Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take creation and God's gifts for granted.

Collect for Season of Creation

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

Father, we plead with confidence

his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;

we remember his dying and rising in glory,

and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you

these gifts of your creation;

May they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,

form us in the likeness of Christ,

and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints

to the vision of that eternal splendour

for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May God
who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine,
lead us and feed us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PLEASE RETURN AT THE END OF THE SERVICE FOR REUSE – THANK YOU