



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10 August 2025

Gathering in God's name

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Entrance Hymn

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Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

Invitation to 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, with a sincere and a true heart.

The Collect of the day

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
 says the LORD ;
 I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
 and the fat of fed beasts;
 I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
 or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
 who asked this from your hand?
 Trample my courts no more;
¹³ bringing offerings is futile;
 incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
 I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
 my soul hates;
 they have become a burden to me,
 I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
 I will hide my eyes from you;
 even though you make many prayers,
 I will not listen;
 your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
 remove the evil of your doings
 from before my eyes;
 cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;
 seek justice,
 rescue the oppressed,
 defend the orphan,
 plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
 says the LORD :
 though your sins are like scarlet,
 they shall be like snow;
 though they are red like crimson,
 they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
 you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
 you shall be devoured by the sword;
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24

- ¹ *The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.*
- ² *From Zion, perfect in beauty:
God has shone out in glory.*
- ³ *Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.*
- ⁴ *He calls to the heavens above:
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.*
- ⁵ *'Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'*
- ⁶ *The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.*
- ⁷ *'Listen my people, and I will speak:
O Israel, I am God your God,
and I will give my testimony.*
- ⁸ *'It is not for your sacrifices that I reprove you:
for your burnt-offerings are always before me.*
- ²³ *'O consider this, you who forget God:
lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to save you.*
- ²⁴ *'He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and to him who keeps to my way
I will show the salvation of God.'*

Second Reading

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even

though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 12.32-40

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Keep awake and be ready,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Naomi Cooke

Offertory Hymn

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Cathedral Prayer			
Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage, prayer and discovery. 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.			
Prayers for those in need			
Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Amy McArdle Mervyn Kingsley	Ruth Kingsley John McAnally Roy Ford Jodi Holland	John McFarlane Sally Healey Cathy Eggins Francis TeTana	Aneta Jones Grace Clague Kahla Clague Ressinda Flower Patrick Fleming
Remembering those who have died			
Recently Departed: Reginald Eather			
Year's Mind: Nona Brown, Enid Williams, Laurel Morton, Reginald Parker, William Henry Stevenson 3 rd Bishop of Grafton & Freda Kennedy.			

Around the Parish this Week	
Today	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au
Birthdays this week	Let us know when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral &/or via Zoom</p> <p>Evening Prayer 5.15 Mon- Fri Zoom only Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)</p> <p>Wednesday Worship 10.00am</p> <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 Dean Naomi or Deacon Grant.</p>
Next Sunday	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au
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YEAR 2025

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

JUL

2 - Taize 8.30am
 6 - Family Service 4pm
 6-13 NAIDOC Week
 8 - Parish Council
 12 - Cathedral Quiet Day

 19- Men's BBQ Brekkie
 25 - 141yrs since Dedication
 27- Dedication Festival
 Bishop Murray visiting
 27 - 1.30 NAIDOC Gathering (Ballina)

AUG

3 - Family Service 4pm
 6 - Taize 8.30am
 15- Parish Executive Meeting

SEP

1-4 Oct Season of Creation
 3 - Taize 8.30am
 5 - Parish Council
 7 - Family Service 4pm
 20 - Men's BBQ Brekkie

OCT

1 - Taize 8.30am
 5 - Family Service 5pm
 10 - Parish Executive Meeting
 24-2Nov Jacaranda Festival
 26 - Organ Recital 3pm
 26 - Ecumenical Service 6.30pm

NOV

All Saints & All Souls
 2 - Family Service 5pm
 5 - Taize 8.30am
 11 - Parish Council
 15 - Men's BBQ Brekkie
 23 - Christ the King

DEC

3 - Taize 8.30am
 6 - Family Service 5pm
 12 - Parish Executive Meeting
 Carols & Lessons
 Christmas Services