



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY • 10 NOVEMBER 2019

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, GRAFTON

## WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the North Coast of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us today.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of 'common prayer' in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves ('our souls and our bodies') for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are with us for this service: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a celebration of the Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

A special welcome to students, teachers and families from Clarence Valley Anglican School as we observe Remembrance Sunday at the Cathedral.

Introit: *Da Pacem Domine* – attributed to Mozart (CVAS Group)

### Processional hymn

*God! As with silent hearts we bring* [TIS 680]

**God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind  
how hate and war diminish humankind,  
we pause, and seek in worship to increase  
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.**

**Hallow our will as humbly we recall  
the lives of those who gave and give their all.  
We thank you, God, for women, children, men  
who seek to serve in love, today as then.**

**Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,  
high hope to share with all the newly-born,  
strong love in our pursuit of human worth;  
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.**

**So, God of peace, disarm our trust in power,  
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.  
May we, impassioned by your living Word,  
remember forward to a world restored.**

Frederik Herman Kaan 1929 –

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Holy God, Shepherd of Israel, you have chosen us:  
**we come to you with love.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you laid down your life for the sheep:  
**we come to you in faith.**

Spirit of Peace, you bring us together as one flock:  
**we come to you in prayer.**

Holy Trinity, one God,  
**we come to you in praise.**

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus said: I came so that you may have life, and have it abundantly.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*silence*

Confident in God's forgiveness, we pray:

**God our Shepherd,  
we are lost in the darkness and danger of sin.  
We are hungry and afraid,  
and we cannot find our own way home.  
We are sorry for our sins.  
Search for us,  
save us,  
forgive us,  
and bring us back to life, we pray,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when the lost are found,  
and there is hope on earth when sinners turn to God in faith.  
Through Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,  
who died and rose again to save us,  
I declare to you:  
Your sins are forgiven.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit,  
and keep us in the light of Christ,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Gloria in excelsis*

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Father.

All: **Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Father.**

Cantor: *To God be glory for ever!*  
***To God be glory for ever!***  
*Alleluia, amen.*  
***Alleluia, amen.***  
***Alleluia, amen.***  
***Alleluia, amen.***

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.**  
*To God be glory for ever ...*

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Spirit.  
**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Spirit.**  
*To God be glory for ever ...*

### The priest says the Prayer of the Day

O God, our ruler and guide,  
in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,  
we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land  
and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:  
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,  
gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,  
may have grace to live in a spirit of justice,  
of generosity, and of peace;  
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

### *The first reading*

[Micah 4:1–4]

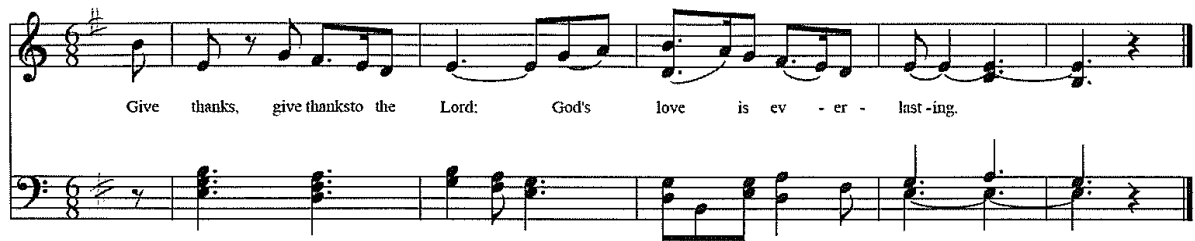
In days to come the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

[145:1-5,17-18]



**Response:** *Give thanks, give thanks to the Lord:  
God's love is everlasting*

1. I will exalt you, O God my king:  
I will bless your name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I bless you:  
and praise your name for ever and ever. **(R/.)**
3. Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised:  
his greatness is past searching out.
4. One generation shall praise your works to another:  
and declare your mighty acts.
5. As for me,  
I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty:  
I will tell the story of your marvellous works. **(R/.)**
17. The Lord is just in all his ways:  
and faithful in all his dealings.
18. The Lord is near to all who call upon him:  
to all who call upon him in truth. **(R/.)**

## Second Reading

[Hebrew 10:32–11:1]

But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet “in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.” But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel acclamation

Al-le-lu-ia! the Word of God is liv-ing! Al-le-lu-ia! The  
gos-pel is a-mong us! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. [John 15:12-17]

After the Gospel reading

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection

*In place of the sermon CVAS students will present historical materials to assist us in our reflections on the significance of this day.*



## AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We say together in faith

**All** Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:  
**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:  
**for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Students from Clarence Valley Anglican School have prepared special prayers for this morning's service and they will lead us in this time of prayer for our nation, the world, our community and those in need.*

*A wreath will be laid in the Warriors' Chapel.*

*After a minute's silence, the prayers will conclude with 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.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of peace*

## Offertory Hymn

*Brother, sister let me serve you [ TIS 650 ]*

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

Richard A. M. Gillard, 1977

# 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.**

We love to praise you, holy God, for your beautiful world and your wonderful ways.

You are the shepherd of your people. You gave us good commandments and you sent your messengers to guide us. When we disobeyed you or forgot you and when we lost our way, you came to our rescue every time.

And best of all, the Son of God was born as Mary's child. You gave us Jesus, the Good Shepherd. When he died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven, the Shepherd gave up his life for the sheep.

But no evil power could defeat your truth and love in him. You raised him from the dead and gave him back to us, to bring us life and peace for ever.

So we praise you, living God, singing our song with angels and saints and Christians everywhere:

**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.**

And now, Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you  
for the meal you shared with us  
on the night before you died.

You took the bread  
and blessed it  
and broke it  
and gave it to your friends.  
You said:  
"This is my body.  
Take it and eat it in memory of me."

Then you took the cup of wine,  
and blessed it,  
and gave it to your friends to drink.  
You said:  
"This is my blood.  
It is God's guarantee that sins will be forgiven.  
Every time you drink it,  
do this in memory of me."

So we do what you command us,  
and we remember:  
you lived and died,  
you rose in glory,  
you sent your Holy Spirit,  
and you will come again at the end of time  
to bring us home to God.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Now, Holy Spirit, we praise you  
because you help us pray.  
Come to us in this celebration,  
and make us your holy people.  
Feed us at this table  
with the body and the blood of Christ.

Make our faith grow.  
Send us to be your messengers to the world.  
Spread the Good News of Jesus  
by our words, our actions and our love.

Teach us to praise the living God,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
with every breath you give us:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 THE COMMUNION

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my own know me.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with  
thanksgiving.

## Communion Anthems

*Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord* – Eric Thiman

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace* – Peter Aston arr. Robert  
Eather

## Notices



## Mission Hymn

*Community of Christ* [TIS 473]

**Community of Christ,  
who make the Cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race and every song.**

**Community of Christ,  
look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash  
your neighbour's feet.**

**Community of Christ,  
through whom the word must sound—  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread and tears of anguish into joy.**

**When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its Sun;  
our currency be love  
and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.**

Shirley Erena Murray 1931-

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Living God, Shepherd of your people,  
thank you for gathering your flock  
and for feeding us today.

Thank you for the company of all your faithful friends  
to share the story and the meal.

**Send us on the journey of this week  
with your power to protect us  
and your Spirit to inspire us,  
every step of the way.**

May the Good Shepherd bless you with strong protection and the  
food you need to make you grow in body, mind and spirit.

And the blessing of the holy and glorious Trinity be yours as well,  
with power to pass these blessings on, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

*Organ Postlude – Adagio in G minor – Albinoni/Giazotto*

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*Refreshments will be available after the service.*