



CHRIST CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL • GRAFTON

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

# Synod Eucharist



Saturday  
16 June 2018



# 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 Northern Rivers 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 here: 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 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. Free WIFI is available in the Cathedral and throughout our gardens.

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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**[www.graftoncathedral.org.au](http://www.graftoncathedral.org.au)**

## **ORDER OF PROCESSIONS**

### **The Diocesan Procession** *(Robing in the Edwards Hall)*

Crucifer  
Members of Religious Orders  
Representatives of Other Churches  
Licensed Lay Ministers  
Visiting Clergy  
Diocesan Clergy  
The Archdeacons

### **The Dean's Procession** *(Robing in the Cathedral Vestry)*

Crucifer  
The Cathedral Clergy  
The Cathedral Chapter  
The Cathedral Wardens  
The Dean's Verger  
The Dean

### **The Diocesan Administrator's Procession** *(Robing in the Cathedral Vestry)*

Crucifer  
Acolytes  
The Diocesan Advocate  
The Chancellor  
The Registrar  
The Sub-Deacon  
The Deacon  
The Diocesan Administrator

## **MUSIC**

Director of Music: Robert Eather  
Musical Setting: *Dudman*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome &  
Acknowledgement of Country

The Dean

## Processional Hymn

*O breath of life come sweeping through us [TIS 409]*

**O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of God, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.**

**O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.**

**Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, The world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.**

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head, 1850 – 1936

*The Administrator greets the people.*

We come by the grace of the one God, creator of beauty, lover of justice.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, one with us in sorrow and in joy.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We are one in the Spirit who fills the Church, breath of life, making all things new.

**Blessed be God forever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Sentence of Scripture**

Be strong and of good courage, and act. Do not be afraid or dismayed; for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

[1Chronicles 28:20]

### **Prayer of Approach**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## 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, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Absolution

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

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

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 ...

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 ...

Peruvian Liturgical text, collected by John Ballantine (b. 1945)  
*Hymns Ancient & Modern: Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship, #416*

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
give wisdom and understanding  
to the members of the Synod of this Diocese.  
Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory.  
May we perceive what is right,  
have courage to pursue it  
and grace to accomplish it;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Colossians 2:2–3

I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

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

## Psalm 133

**How good a thing it is,  
how pleasant to behold,  
when all God's people live at one,  
the law of love uphold!**

**As perfume, by its scent,  
breathes fragrance all around,  
so life itself will sweeter be  
where unity is found.**

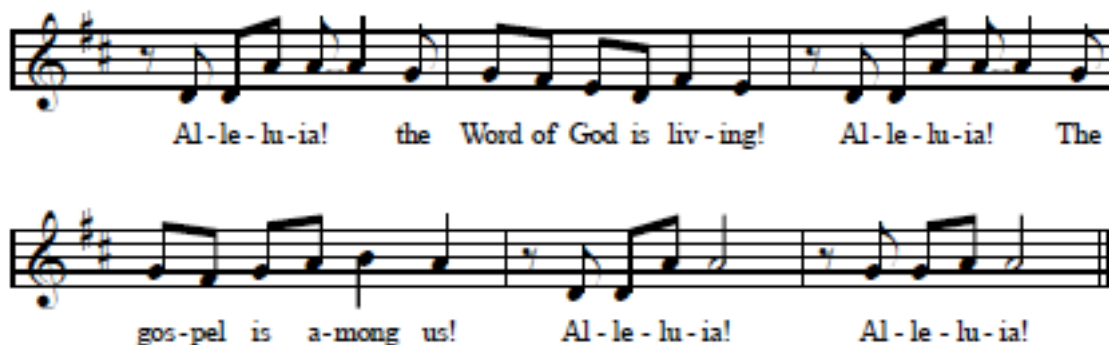
**And like refreshing dew  
that falls upon the hills,  
true union sheds its gentle grace,  
and deeper love instils.**

**God grants the choicest gifts  
to those who live in peace;  
to them such blessings shall  
abound  
and evermore increase.**

Hymns for Today's Church, 497. After Psalm 133, James Edward Seddon (1915 - 1983)  
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## The Gospel

*All stand for the Gospel Reading.*



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

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

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark (16:1–8)  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

## AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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!**

“A Creed for Now” from *Jesus our Future* by Bruce D Prewer, Open Book Publishers, 1998

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The Administrator says.*

Let us pray for the world, for our nation, for the mission of the Church, and for our Synod as it convenes this weekend.

*The prayers will be led by the Revd Cathy Ridd.*

*The bidding and response will be:*

God of grace.

**You hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand for 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.**

## Offertory Hymn

*God has a Table* [TIS 544]

**Since the world was young  
there's a song that's been sung  
of a promise coming true:  
hungry folk will eat  
and long-lost friends will meet  
and the Lord will make all things new.**

*God has a table  
where he calls his friends  
to a feast that never ends;  
God has a table  
and one day we'll meet him there.*

**Jesus saw a crowd  
who were hungry, and vowed  
that they didn't have much food.  
So he fed that bunch  
with a little boy's lunch  
as a sign that God is good.**

**Jesus told a tale  
of how rich people fail  
to accept God's summons to dine.  
Then before their eyes  
those without earthly ties  
share heaven's finest food and wine.**

**Till we hear that word  
from the mouth of the Lord  
saying, 'Join me at my table',  
for the world we'll care  
and its good things we will share  
as long as we are able.**

John L. Bell (1949-) & Graham Maule (1958-)

*The gifts of the people 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.  
**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.**

With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.  
In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness,  
you made living things to grow and flourish  
and you created human beings in your image.

You chose us in love,  
guided us by your presence  
and blessed us with your holy law.

Yet we chose our own sinful ways.  
We broke your commandments,  
persecuted your prophets,  
forgot your wisdom  
and, time after time,  
refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice  
in Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, Son of God.  
He called and people followed,  
leaving every other loyalty.  
He set us free to praise your holy name.

But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down.  
Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross,  
he laid down his life for the world he loved,  
and broke the chains of evil and death.  
Then you turned our sorrow into joy.  
On the third day you raised him up  
to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God,  
with angels and archangels and all your faithful people:  
**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 before he died,  
Jesus gathered with his friends  
to share a meal and wash their feet,  
teaching one more lesson of love.

He took bread and blessed you and broke it.  
He gave it to them and said:  
“Take this and eat it.  
This is my body.”

He took a cup of wine and blessed you and gave it to them.  
He said: “Take this and drink it.  
This is my blood, sealing God’s promise to forgive your sins.  
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.”

As we share these holy gifts, we remember the Lord Jesus.  
For the love you taught us,  
the sacrifice you made for us  
and the hope you give us,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus come in glory.**

And now, faithful God,  
send us your Spirit to feed us  
with the body and the blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Make us one body in Christ.  
Send us as your messengers in the world  
and fill us with energy, courage and love.  
Now to you, most holy God,  
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power,  
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

**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 THE 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 says*

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

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

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the serving point.*

## Reflective Hymn during Communion

*As a chalice cast of gold* [TIS 476]

**As a chalice cast of gold,  
burnished bright and brimmed with wine,  
make me, Lord, as fit to hold  
grace and truth and love divine.  
Let my praise and worship start  
with the cleansing of my heart.**

**Save me from the soothing sin  
of the empty cultic deed  
and the pious, babbling din  
of the claimed but unlived creed.  
Let my actions, Lord, express  
what my tongue and lips profess.**

**When I bend upon my knees,  
clasp my hands or bow my head,  
let my spoken, public pleas  
be directly, simply said  
free of tangled words that mask  
what my soul would plainly ask.**

**When I dance or chant your praise,  
when I sing a Psalm or hymn,  
when I preach your loving ways,  
let my heart add its amen.  
Let each cherished, outward rite  
thus reflect your inward light.**

Thomas Henry Troeger 1945–

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The Administrator says the following prayer.*

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May we who have reached out hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**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.**

**Presidential Address**

**Missional 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.**

*Community of Christ.* © Shirley Erena Murray 1931–

*The Administrator says the Blessing.*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Deacon may say*

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

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