



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
CVAS PreKinder – Yr 2
7 August 2022

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

St Thomas Mass – David Thorne

Introit

Asithi, Amen - S C Molefe (Africa) 1921-83 (Swahili/English)

Sung by students from CVAS K-2 with the Cathedral Choir

"Asithi: Amen, siya kudu misa"

"Sing Amen: We praise your name, O Lord."

Entrance Hymn

Faith will not grow from words alone [TIS 691]

**Faith will not grow from words alone,
from proofs provided, scripture known;
our faith must feel its way about,
and live with question-marks and doubt.**

**The pattern Jesus showed, we share:
life comes through death, hope through despair.
God is made known in brokenness,
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.**

**The church still tells how Jesus came
through death to glorious life again –
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,
our faith will thrive on mystery.**

**Faith takes the little that we know,
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!
Love and take courage, come what may;
Christ will be with us on the way**

Elisabeth J. Smith 1956–

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

Scripture Sentence Matthew 24.42, 44

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

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. Christ, have mercy
Lord, 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, 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.**

Gloria in excelsis

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.
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, receive,
receive our prayer.
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, Amen.

Collect

Faithful God,
whose Son Jesus was the perfect example of faith,
help us to trust in you
so that, like our forebears in faith,
we may confidently step into a future as yet unknown.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 1:16-20

Wash yourselves and make yourselves clean. Stop doing the evil things I see you do. Stop doing wrong! Learn to do good. Be fair to other people. Punish those who hurt others. Help the orphans. Stand up for the rights of widows."

The Lord says, "Come now, let us argue it out. Your sins are red like deep red cloth. But they can be as white as snow. Your sins are bright red. But you can be white like wool. If you will obey me, you will eat good crops from the land. But if you refuse to obey and if you turn against me, you will be destroyed by your enemies' swords." The Lord himself said these things.

International Children's Bible

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

Psalm 50

*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.*

*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.*

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews, 11: 1-7

Faith

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. People who lived in the past became famous because of faith.

It is by faith we understand that the whole world was made by God's command. This means that what we see was made by something that cannot be seen.

It was by faith that Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. God said he was pleased with the gifts Abel offered. So God called Abel a good man because of his faith. Abel died, but through his faith he is still speaking.

It was by faith that Enoch was taken to heaven. He never died. He could not be found, because God had taken him away. Before he was taken, the Scripture says that he was a man who truly pleased God. Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him.

It was by faith Noah heard God's warnings about things that he could not yet see. He obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family. By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong. And he became one of those who are made right with God through faith.

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The Gospel

Luke 12:32-34

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 St Luke.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

The Sermon *The Reverend Canon Dr Marian Free*

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

Dear God, we thank you for this day! Thank you for the world we live in. For the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day. Thank you for creating everything we see! Thank you for the life we live, and for making each person different. Thank You for Jesus, who died for us so that we can go to heaven one day just for believing in Him. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Dear God, we thank you for our parents and families. They teach us how to do things and help us when we need help. They give us love care and protection. Please bless them and let them know how much we love them. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Dear God, we thank you for our friends. Thank you for giving us people to talk to and laugh with. We pray for our friends today, that they will have a good day and a blessed life. Help me to be kind like Jesus. To be a good friend to others and spread His love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Dear God we thank you for our school. We pray it would be a safe place of learning, fun and friendship. Please watch over all our teachers, children and families. Help us to learn new things, to explore the world together and to play and be happy. Help us to have love for each other, to have forgiveness in our hearts, and to build kindness into every day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Dear God, we pray for all people who need your help. For people who are sick or sad. For people who are lonely or in trouble. Give them hope and comfort. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

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

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

God! When human bonds are broken [TIS 683]

**God! When human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.**

**Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving;
all the failures we confess.**

**You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.**

**Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.**

**Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.**

**Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!**

Frederik Herman Kaan, 1929 –2009

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 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
And now we give you thanks because
you have called us into the fellowship of St James and
all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending 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 HOLY COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many, are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The priest says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this Holy Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Ave Verum – W A Mozart 1756 - 1791

Day by day – Martin How 1931 -2022

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says Let us pray.

Bountiful God,
at this table you graciously feed us
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have reached out our 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.

Mission Hymn

Sing of a blessing

- 1 Sing we, sing of a blessing. **Sing we, sing of a blessing.**
Sing we, sing of a blessing. **Sing we, sing of a blessing.**
A blessing of love. **A blessing of love.**
A blessing of mercy. **A blessing of mercy.**
Love will increase. **Love will increase.**
A blessing of peace. **A blessing of peace.**

- 2 Pray now, pray for a blessing. **Pray now, pray for a blessing.**
Pray now, pray for a blessing. **Pray now, pray for a blessing.**
A blessing of joy. **A blessing of joy.**
A blessing of justice. **A blessing of justice.**
Love will increase. **Love will increase**
A blessing of peace. **A blessing of peace**

- 3 Share now, share in a blessing. **Share now, share in a blessing.**
Share now, share in a blessing. **Share now, share in a blessing.**
A blessing of hope. **A blessing of hope.**
A blessing of courage. **A blessing of courage.**
Love will increase. **Love will increase**
A blessing of peace. **A blessing of peace.**

- 4 Live, live as a blessing. **Live, live as a blessing.**
Live, live as a blessing. **Live, live as a blessing.**
A blessing within. **A blessing within.**
A blessing among us. **A blessing among us.**
Love will increase. **Love will increase.**
A blessing of peace. **A blessing of peace.**

- 5 Rise up, rise for a blessing. **Rise up, rise for a blessing.**
Rise up, rise for a blessing. **Rise up, rise for a blessing.**
A blessing be yours. **A blessing be yours.**
Now and for ever. **Now and for ever.**
Love will increase. **Love will increase.**
A blessing of peace. **A blessing of peace.**

Sing of a Blessing. Miriam Therese Winter. © Miriam Therese Winter

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 almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Festive Trumpet tune – David German 1954 -

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Farewell Marian

We are very grateful for the time that Marian has spent in our Parish. Please join with us after the service today to farewell and thank Marian.

Rod MacDonald who is Dean Emeritus from Far North Queensland has wonderfully agreed to take on the locum at the Cathedral for 3 months, starting on 14 August.

A message from The Very Reverend Rod MacDonald:

Penny and I met (as Anglican couples did in those days) at the local church youth group, marrying nearly four years later. After a stint at St John's Cathedral Brisbane, we left with three children under five for the vineyards of Mt Martha in Victoria, then another three years within striking distance of Margaret River Vineyards in Perth, WA. God was good, posting us to the Hunter Valley where we were located in our first newly-built home and with 37 wineries within 30 minutes. We acquired a ten seat Landrover which was to be needed for our four subsequent years in Sydney. Deprived of local wineries (but an awesome view of Sydney Harbour), we enjoyed being in the centre of the bi-centennial celebrations and were blessed with two more children. I travelled a lot during those years with Army duties including being on active service during the African campaigns of the late 80's, then discharged in Brisbane to take on our first parish in Warwick SEQ. And our first meeting with my new 'overseer,' the Bishop's Commissary! Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks, nee Hammer. Many happy memories for Penny, the children and I from a decade in that spot. The children began to get their own cars, and the Landrover went to car heaven. Five years as a lecturer at St Francis' College from 2002, recalled to the Army full-time in 2007/8 then another

5 years with Anglicare saw the family occupy one, then another of two 'family centres' which we actually owned in the Brisbane area. and painted the gutters when we thought it was needed. The last decade has been in Townsville at St James' Cathedral and the Cathedral parish with a small beachside 'shack' as our retreat for some years now. We own shares in Jetstar with the children spread up and down the Eastern Coast.

A few houses (and grandchildren later) I feel I have 'returned home' by having the delight of coming to Christ Church Cathedral, having spent all my primary and early high school years in the Kingscliff/Chinderah area, and having been more than once in both the Bishop's house and this Cathedral. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve here for a few months, and look forward to working with you in our Kingdom mission.

Vale Archie Roach

The Cathedral community has good cause to give thanks for the life and celebrate the music of Archie Roach.

The Roach family were Bundjalung First Nations people who lived at Lawrence in the parish of Mid Clarence at least until the mid 1930s. Archies Uncle Stan Roach was a football playing mate of our congregation member Joyce Clague's father Glen Mercy in the early 1930s. Uncle Stan Roach was a prominent entertainer in the Sydney scene in the 1960's and 1970's culminating in his selection as a member of a quartet of First Nations musicians to perform as guests at the 1976 American Bicentenary. Joyce reports that over the years Archie would visit his father's country and would make a point of dousing himself in the Clarence at Lawrence.

Archie Roach's legacy shared with his life partner Ruby Hunter is the profoundly disturbing stories in the lyrics of their songs about the treatment of the stolen generations and the stories of hope for the children who came home.



Archie Roach posed for this photo with Aunty Joyce in November 2017 at a dinner celebrating 40yrs since the formation of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

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Prayers for those in need

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Remembering those who have died

Year's Mind: Shelia Mears, Marjory Bultitude, Dick Challacombe, Margaret Pocock, Olive Webb, Nona Brown & Enid Williams.

The funeral for Rev. Tim Waghorn will be conducted at Northern Beaches Anglican Church in Woolgoolga on Wednesday 10th August, 2022 at 1pm.
Please continue to pray for Gail, the family and friends and also for the parish of South Grafton during this time.

Around the Parish this Week

Today	<p>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>										
Bank Details	<p>BSB: 705 077 Acc: 00033630 Name: Anglican Parish of Grafton We are asking for donations towards much needed repairs at the Deanery please.</p>										
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer will continue to be said at 8.30am and 5.30pm. You are welcome to join us any time you are free, either in person or via Zoom: Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Cathedral Office</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9.00am–4.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral Bookshop</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9.30am–3.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral OpShop</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.00am–4.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral Pantry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Mon, Tue & Thur</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday Worship</td> <td style="text-align: right;">at 10.00 am</td> </tr> </table> <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 either Marian, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.</p> <p>PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS</p>	Cathedral Office	9.00am–4.00pm	Cathedral Bookshop	9.30am–3.30pm	Cathedral OpShop	10.00am–4.00pm	Cathedral Pantry	Mon, Tue & Thur	Wednesday Worship	at 10.00 am
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Birthdays this coming week	<p>Happy birthday to the following people who have their birthdays this week: Phyllis McSkimming, Joyce Austen, Aneta Jones & Florence Collison.</p>										

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.