

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
17 JANUARY 2021

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Acknowledgement of Country

Entrance Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky (TIS 658)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who'll bear the light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

[Daniel L. Shutte, b. 1947]

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless you.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Rite of Reconciliation

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace: and make your face shine upon us: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 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. 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.

Collect

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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

A Reading from the Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was

calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Hear the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5,12-18

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.
- 12 For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 131 will praise you, for you are to be feared: fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.
- 14 You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect: and in your book were all my members written;
- 16 Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing.
- 17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them!
- 18 Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

The Gospel

[John 1:41-51]

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter, Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

All maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

All God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

All Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

All he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

All We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

That all who are estranged and without hope may be brought near in the blood of Christ, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

That the Church may be one in serving and proclaiming the gospel, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

That the Church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

That the Church may welcome and support all whom you call to faith, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

For all those living with illness or ither adversity, and especially Sue Cotter, Judy Edwards, Brian Holley, John McAnally, and Muriel Shepherd, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

For all the faithful who have gone before us, and especially those whose year mind occur this week: Bert McNee, Richard Vesey, Robert John Stuart Duff, and Kevin McLennan, we pray: **Your kingdom come**.

Together we say 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. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

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

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory hymn: See us Lord, about your altar (TIS 527)

See us Lord, about your altar; though so many, we are one: many souls by love united in the heart of Christ your Son.

Hear our prayers, O loving Father, hear in them your Son, our Lord; hear him speak our love and worship as we sing with one accord.

Wheat and grape are rich with meaning: food and drink he is to all; one in him, we kneel adoring, gathered by his loving call.

Hear us yet: so much is needful in our frail, disordered life; stay with us and tend our weakness till that day of no more strife.

Members of his mystic body, now we know our prayer is heard, heard by you, because your children have received the eternal word.

John Greally 1934 - alt

The gifts 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.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

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:

All 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.' Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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 HOLYCOMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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 elevates the consecrated elements and calls the people of God to the Table of Jesus.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Music during Communion - Priere a Notre Dame - Leon Boellmann

Notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Final hymn: Now to the Lord a noble song (TIS 113)

Now to the Lord a noble song, awake, my soul; awake, my tongue! Hosanna to the eternal name, and all his boundless love proclaim!

See where it shines in Jesus' face, the brightest image of his grace: God in the person of his Son has all his mightiest works outdone.

The spacious earth, the oceans' flood, proclaim the wise, the powerful God, and your rich glories from afar gleam bright in every rolling star.

But in his looks a glory stands, the noblest labour of your hands: the pleasing lustre of his eyes outshines the wonders of the skies.

Grace: what a sweet, a charming theme! My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name: all angels, dwell upon the sound, and heav'ns, reflect it to the ground.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt.

The priest says

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

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.

The Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

Organ Postlude

Grand Chorus in Gregorian tonality - Alexandre Guilmant

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Cathedral Bookshop, OpShop, Pantry and Parish Office will all be back to their usual operating times from this week.

Parish Council meets on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm.

Next Sunday we have a special Australia Day service planned. Our guest celebrant and preacher will the Revd Canon Naomi Cooke, Chaplain at Bishop Druitt College, Coffs Harbour.

AGM Reports need to be prepared and submitted to the Parish Office as soon as possible please, so the business papers can be available to people at least the Sunday prior to the AGM.

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Prayers for those in need			

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Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Bert McNee, Richard Vesey, Robert John Stuart Duff, and Kevin McLennan