



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 19 November 2023

St Thomas Mass – David Thorne (1950-)

Introit

O Lux Beata Trinitas (O Trinity of Blessed Light)
– Plainsong melody arranged R Eather (1971-)

Entrance Hymn 652 TIS *Come to us creative Spirit*

Gathering in God's name Page 119 (*Green "A Prayer Book for Australia"*)

Sentence

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Invitation to Confession

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Confession Page 120

The Collect of the day

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Judges 4.1–10

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' ' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes:

you who are enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:

or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:

until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

for we have had our fill of derision.

5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:

and with the contempt of the proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 25.14-30

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Abide in me as I abide in you;
those who abide in me bear much fruit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master

said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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| The Sermon | The Very Reverend Naomi Cooke |
| Creed | Page 123 |
| Offertory Hymn | 599 TIS <i>Take my life and let it be</i> |
| The Great Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving 1 on page 128 |
| The Lord’s Prayer | Page 141 |
| Communion Anthems | <i>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace</i> – Peter Aston (1938-2013) arr. R Eather (text from the Prayer of St Frances) <i>My eyes for beauty pine</i> – Herbert Howells (1892-1983) |
| Post Communion & Blessing | Page 143 |
| Mission Hymn | 442 TIS <i>All praise to our redeeming Lord</i> |
| Organ Postlude | <i>Epilogue</i> – Norman Gilbert (1912-1975) |

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ABM Pew Reflection

God has endowed us with many gifts, we each have something that is useful in God's service. How we use what has been given to us is all important. There is always more that we can do, for God wishes us to be fruitful and multiply, not that we may have more wealth, but that we expand God's kingdom and reign here and now.

- God, you have blessed me with many gifts. May I use them to the best of my ability and for your service.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe*.

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The 2nd of December the Anglican Diocese of Grafton will be celebrating 30 years of the ordination of women to the priesthood. In order to mark the occasion, we will be having a celebratory Eucharist at 10 am with Sister Linda Mary CSC and the Reverend Jan McLeod presiding and Archdeacon Emeritus Gail Hagon preaching.

After the Eucharist, there will be lunch with a keynote address from the Reverend Dr Colleen O'Reilly.

*We are really hoping that this will be a day of celebration and also vision and hope of Church life to come. **Please let Linda in the Parish Office know if you'd like to attend the lunch.** This will really help us with hospitality as we prepare for the celebration.*

A Message from the Dean

*Source of my being,
Help me to live in peace,
And save my home the planet Earth*

I appreciate the simplicity of this prayer from the Silent Minute Charity for Peace. We have been invited by the Third Order of the Society of St Francis to spend a minute in silent prayer each day while the conflict in the Holy Lands continue.

RSVP to Celebration of Women's Ordination

On the Saturday 2 December 2023 the Anglican Diocese of Grafton will be celebrating 30 years of the ordination of women to the priesthood. In order to mark the occasion, Grafton Cathedral will be hosting a celebratory Eucharist at 10 am with Sister Linda

Mary CSC and the Reverend Jan McLeod presiding and Archdeacon Emeritus Gail Hagon preaching. After the Eucharist, there will be lunch with a keynote address from the Reverend Dr Colleen O'Reilly. Our parish is catering for the lunch which has been paid for by the diocese, a generous gesture of hospitable celebration. We encourage all to consider attending this special celebration event. Please RSVP as soon as possible (tickets are free):

Podcasts

I hope you are enjoying the podcasts every week where female clergy reflect on their journey to ordination with the joys, and the challenges. Recent episodes feature recently ordained priest Ruth Pobjoy, Archdeacon Kay Hart, and my episode will be released soon also. Listen here or on a podcast provider:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/197736>





Patronal Festival - Bring and Share morning tea.

Please put in your diaries that following our Sunday Eucharist on Christ the King Sunday (for which our Cathedral is named) we'd love members of our parish community to stay and share morning tea together in the Hall. Please bring some food to share if you are able to. Let's celebrate our community - we are the church together.

May God's blessings be with you all for the week ahead.

Dean Naomi

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <p>Friday 24th November 2.00pm</p> |  | <p>Anglican Mothers Union Celebration Day Eucharist</p> |
| <p>Sunday 26th November 9.00am</p> |  | <p>Christ the King Bring a share plate for after service</p> |
| <p>Saturday 2nd December 10.00am</p> |  | <p>Celebratory Eucharist for the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Diocese of Grafton</p> |
| <p>Sunday 3rd December 5.30pm</p> |  | <p>Advent Family Service, Godly Play Story Pizza Dinner</p> |

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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

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| Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Allen Madden Margaret Kay Grace Clague | Ruth Kingsley Joan Marr John McAnally Elaine Stephenson Roy Ford | Kay Metcalfe Tammy Uren Mervyn Kingsley Kevin Vaughan Aneta Jones |
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Remembering those who have died

Recently Departed: Joy Stevens

Year's Mind: Kath Mitchell, Merle Amos, Elsie Braund, Darrell Brown, Iris Ferguson, Dulcie James, Diane Cross, Bryson Gilbert, Colleen Martin, Laurence Marchant & Stan Mussared

| Around the Parish this Week | |
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| Today | <p>Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p> |
| Birthdays this week | <p>Happy birthday to: Elaine Stephenson</p> |
| Weekdays | <p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Wed, Thurs & Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom</p> <p>Evening Prayer 5.15 Wed, Thurs & Fri Zoom only</p> <p>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 at 10.00 am</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 either Dean Naomi, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.</p> |
| Next Sunday | <p>Christ the King/The Reign of Christ Last Sunday after Pentecost Followed by shared morning tea 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p> |
| Bank Details | <p>BSB: 705 077 Acc: 00033630 Name: Anglican Parish of Grafton</p> |