



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Creationtide 2

13 September 2026

Gathering in God's name *Page 119 (Green "A Prayer Book for Australia")*
Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Introit A new heart, Lord, create in me - Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
text: Heinrich Neuss (1654-1716)

Entrance Hymn 494 TIS In water we grow

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Sentence

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But
there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130.3–4

The Collect of the day

O God,
you call your Church to witness that in Christ
we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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

Exodos 14.19-31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114 (Chant – Tonus Peregrinus (Plainsong adapted))

¹ *When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among a people
of an alien tongue,*

² *Judah became his sanctuary:
and Israel his dominion.*

³ *The sea saw that, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.*

⁴ *The mountains skipped like rams:*

and the little hills like young sheep.

*⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?*

*⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams:
and you little hills like young sheep?*

*⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,*

*⁸ Who turned the rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.*

Second Reading

Romans 14.1-14

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.

² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

¹¹ For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

¹³ Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another.

¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

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thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 18.21-35

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous;
your sins are forgiven on account of his name.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Sermon Dean Naomi Cooke

Offertory Hymn 569 TIS Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

The Great Thanksgiving See insert

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Communion anthems

View me, Lord a work of thine – Richard Lloyd (1933-2021) arr. R Eather
Panis Angelicus – Claudio Casciolini (1697-1760)

Post Communion & Blessing See insert

Notices

Mission Hymn 157 TIS O Lord of every shining constellation

Organ Postlude Praeambulum – Martin Radeck (1600-1670)



“In the Season of Creation, we turn again to Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. In his incarnation, death, and resurrection, God’s love is revealed not only for humanity but for the whole created order. To care for creation is therefore an essential expression of Christian discipleship and an integral mark of the Church’s mission: to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. As we follow Christ, we are called to share in his reconciling work, seeking justice, healing, and hope for the earth and for all who dwell within it.”

**The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah
Mullally,**

Archbishop of Canterbury

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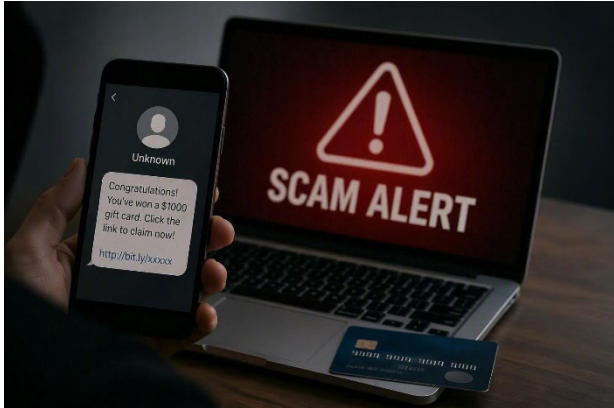
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Remembering those who have died			
Recently Departed: Gae Palmer			
Year's Mind: Ralph Bennett, Roy Last, Laurie Stephenson, Jeanette Ardler, Toby Gray, Ila Graham, Margaret Watkins, Cathy Eggins, Jock Lowe & Dr Bill Costello.			

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Around the Parish this Week	
Today	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CREATIONTIDE 2 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream
Birthdays this week	Kevin Tranter & Lola McFarlane. 
Weekdays	Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Mon - Fri Zoom only Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri) Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri) Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat) Wednesday Worship Eucharist at 10.00am 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 or Deacon Grant.
Next Sunday	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CREATIONTIDE 3 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream
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.	

KEEPING ONE ANOTHER SAFE FROM SCAMS

Sadly, scammers sometimes pretend to be clergy or other people we know and trust. We have recently become aware of scam emails using the names of clergy, and new technology can even imitate someone's voice.



Please be cautious about unexpected requests for money, gift cards, personal information or other assistance, even if the email, message or voice seems genuine. **Before responding to an unusual request, please confirm it with the person**

face-to-face, or contact the Parish Office to check.

Please look out for one another, particularly those who may be more vulnerable to scams. We will always be happy to help if you are unsure.

A Prayer for Nepal

God of mercy,

Nepal is in the midst of disaster.

Floodwaters and landslides have torn through homes, roads and villages. People are missing. Many are injured. Families are grieving.

Lord, make a way where roads and bridges are gone. Bring rescuers safely to those still waiting. Strengthen every person searching through mud and debris, and give medical teams what they need to care for the injured.

Let shelter, clean water, food and essential supplies reach people without delay. Work through INF Nepal, ACT Alliance, local authorities and all those responding. Protect them as they enter dangerous and isolated areas, and direct them to those at greatest risk.

Hold Nepal through the difficult days ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Insert to be used during
The Season of Creation.
1st September – 4th October.



Invitation to Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take creation and God's gifts for granted.

Collect for Season of Creation

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is 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

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

Father, we plead with confidence

his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;

we remember his dying and rising in glory,

and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you

these gifts of your creation;

May they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,

form us in the likeness of Christ,

and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints

to the vision of that eternal splendour

for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May God
who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine,
lead us and feed us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PLEASE RETURN AT THE END OF THE SERVICE FOR REUSE – THANK YOU

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