

The Anglican Parish of South Darebin
All Saints, Northcote
St James the Great, Thornbury



4 September 2022
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SUNG EUCHARIST

OPENING HYMN (*TIS 91*)

**Praise now the Lord, it's good to raise
our hearts and voices in his praise:
his nature and his works invite
to make this duty our delight.**

**He forms the stars, those heavenly flames,
he counts their numbers, calls their names;
his wisdom's vast, and knows no bound,
a deep where all our thoughts are drowned.**

**Sing to the Lord, exalt him high,
who spreads his clouds along the sky;
there he prepares the fruitful rain,
nor lets the drops descend in vain.**

**And saints are precious in his sight,
he views his children with delight;
he sees their hope, he knows their fear,
and looks, and loves his image there.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 *alt.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE SENTENCE

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray,

**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.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

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

**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.**

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 GLORIA

**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.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the ages,
you call the Church to keep watch in the world
and to discern the signs of the times:
grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,
so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word,
and complete the work you have set before us;
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the readings

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 18.1-11

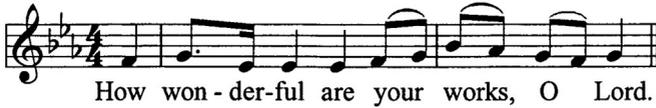
The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM. Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18



1. O LORD, you have searched me out and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.
2. For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O LORD, know it altogether. You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; so high that I cannot attain it.
3. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; If I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon 1-25

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back

to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

²² One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.

²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (*TIS 429*)

**Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord,
my spirit longs for you,
O living Word.**

**Bless your own truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me
as when you blessed the bread
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all shackles fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all.**

Mary Artemisia Lathbury 1841-1913 *alt.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant: and teach me your laws.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14. 25-35

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now large crowds were travelling with *Jesus*; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

³⁴ ‘Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON Fr David Moore

THE CREED

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Let us now pray for the world, for the church and for all in need.

After each group of prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The priest concludes the prayers with,

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.**

All stand

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.

*The greeting is shared remaining in our places, acknowledging those around us.
The table is prepared for the communion and the offering of the people is received.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (TIS 519 – tune Song1 TIS 521)

**And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's hill,
and having with us him who pleads above,
we here present, we bring before you still
that only offering perfect in your eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of your grace,
our prayer so halting, and our faith so dim:
for now between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of your Son our Lord.**

**And so we come; O draw us to your feet,
most patient Saviour, who can love us still;
and by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill;
in your own service make us glad and free,
and may we in your presence ever be.**

William Bright 1824-1901 alt.

The Priest prays

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.

...we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:
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.

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith;
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... 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.

BREAKING OF 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.

THE AGNUS DEI

At St James

**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.**

At All Saints

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. Grant us your peace.

The Priest continues

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to God's table.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The priest announces:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

This is the Lord's table and all who seek God's mercy are welcome. Come.

The communion is distributed in one kind.

POST COMMUNION SENTENCE

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you are acquainted with all my ways.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

THE FINAL HYMN *(TIS 583)*

**Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'**

**Take up your cross; let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**

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**Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Charles William Everest 1814-77 alt.

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

Bountiful God,

**give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.**

**Give to those who will choose,
wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us all give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.