

**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5.5.2024**

Processional Hymn **TiS 590**

(Please stand if you are able)

**What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear,
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer:
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.**

William Penfro Rowlands 1860-1937 Joseph Medicott Scriven 1819-86 *alt.*

Acknowledgement of Country

We gather on Awabakal land and acknowledge the Awabakal and Worimi people as the traditional custodians of this land.

We say together

We join our custodianship with theirs in honouring creation and acknowledge the elders, past, present and emerging.

Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' John 15.16

The Priest greets the people.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Christ is risen. Alleluia

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Invitation to Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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.**

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

**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 Collect

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Old Testament Reading Acts 10. 44-48

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

The Psalm Reading 98

The New Testament Reading 1 John 5. 1-12

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

The Gospel Hymn MP 94

**Come let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came;
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame;
seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.**

**Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
Why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
Home! weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**Come to my heart, O Thou wonderful love,
come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride;
seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of Thee.**

Words: Robert Walmsley 1831-1905 Music: F Luke Wiseman 1858-1944

The Gospel John 15. 9-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

After the Sermon there may be a time of quiet reflection.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,**

**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,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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;
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, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth.

We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth. Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity.

We give thanks for leaders who serve the common good. Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every

land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world,
and work together in trust.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our nation

We give thanks for this land and the diversity of its peoples.
Grant that we may so honour one another that all may be
enriched by our common heritage and freed from despair, poverty
and exclusion.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people.
Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to
proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament. Unite in the
truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love
to your glory.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for ourselves and our community.

We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we
live and work. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each
other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our
neighbours and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love
for you and for one another.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in need.

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give to those who care for them wisdom, patience and gentleness and, to us all, your peace.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, and all your saints may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom.

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.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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 forever. Amen

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 534

A thanksgiving offertory collection is received for the work of the Church.

**Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.**

***Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.***

**Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. *Refrain***

**Love is his name, love is his law,
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law. *Refrain***

**Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love only love, is his word. *Refrain***

Anthony Francis Dominic Milner 1925- Luke Connaughton 1917-79 *alt.*

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
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,

a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
And with all the company of heaven,
We proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.**

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 our faith:

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 Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

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

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.

Reflection Hymn TiS 641

'This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.

No greater love can be than this:
to choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
what I command that you should do.

I call you now no longer slaves;
no slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
my Father say you hear from me.

You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.

**All that you ask my Father dear
for my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.**

Irish traditional melody *arr.* Thomas Henry Weaving 1881-1966 James Quinn
1919-

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

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.**

Notices

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the
everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do
his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen,
Amen, Amen.**

Recessional Hymn TiS 439

**What shall we offer our good Lord,
poor nothings, for his boundless grace?
Fain would we his great name record
and worthily set forth his praise.**

**Great object of our growing love,
to whom our more than all we owe,
open the fountain from above,
and let is our full souls o'erflow.**

**So shall our lives thy power proclaim,
thy grace for every sinner free,
till all the world shall learn thy name,
shall all stretch out their hands to thee.**

**Open a door which earth and hell
may strive to shut, but strive in vain;
let thy word richly in us dwell,
and let our gracious fruit remain.**

**O multiply the sower's seed!
and fruit we every hour shall bear,
throughout the world thy gospel spread,
thy everlasting truth declare.**

Attrib. John Hatton ?- 1793 August Gottlieb Spangenberg 1704-92 *tr.* John Wesley 1703-91

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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