

# **BATHURST DIOCESE**

*Sharing Jesus for Life*



## **SYNOD 2022**

### **Holy Communion**

led by

**The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder**

Bishop of Bathurst

Preacher:

**The Rt Rev'd Rod Chiswell**

Bishop of Armidale

16 September 2022, 7pm

**All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst**

**PROCESSION AT 7 PM**

*Crucifer*

*The Archdeacons*

*Bishop Chiswell*

*The Dean*

*Bishop Calder*

*Bishop's chaplain*

*Please stand for the processional hymn*

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
while heaven's eternal anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him that died to be  
your saviour and your matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life  
triumphant from the grave,  
who rose victorious from the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died and reigns on high;  
he died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
who shows his hands and side -  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, redeemer, hail!  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
through all eternity!

Matthew Bridges (1852) & Godfrey Thring (1874)  
George Elvey (1868)

*The Dean*

Loving Lord and heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the extraordinary life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, especially her very clear trust in Jesus as her Saviour and determination to serve you as Lord. Thank you for her dedication to serving us her people, right to the end of her life. Thank you for her witness to Jesus as her hope and strength.

Although comforted in grief by the certainty of her presence now with you, we ask that we and all who grieve may know the ongoing consolation of your loving presence, and that peace which passes understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Bishop*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**and also with you.**

*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 your 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.**

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

*Quiet reflection*

*One minute's silence for the Late Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II*

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.**

*We sing the Gloria together*

**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.**

**Prayer of the week – 14th after Pentecost**

O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Ministry of the Word**

**First reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 17:6-13**

I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words.

**<sup>7</sup> Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge: who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.**

**<sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye:**

hide me under the shadow of your wings,

**<sup>9</sup> From the onslaught of the wicked:**

**from my enemies that encircle me to take my life.**

<sup>10</sup> They have closed their hearts to pity: and their mouths speak proud things.

**<sup>11</sup> They advance upon me, they surround me on every side: watching how they may bring me to the ground,**

**<sup>12</sup> Like a lion that is greedy for its prey: like a lion's whelp lurking in hidden places.**

**<sup>13</sup> Arise, O Lord, stand in their way and cast them down: deliver me from the wicked by your sword.**

*Please stand*

### **Hymn: O Lord my rock**

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame

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O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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### **The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38**

Response at the announcement:

#### **Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Message**

The Rt Rev'd Rod Chiswell, Armidale

Intro: Challenges facing rural dioceses

1. The work of Jesus (Matt 9:35)
2. The heart of Jesus (9:36)
3. The challenge of Jesus (9:37-38)

## Time of prayer

*Prayers are led by our Dean and Archdeacons*

**For the Royal family and the new King:**

Archdeacon Brett Watterson

**For a world in need:** Archdeacon Joy Harris

**For synod:** Dean James Hodson

**For our strategic plan: *Sharing Jesus for***

***Life:*** Archdeacon Jono Williams

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.**

*Please stand for 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**

## Hymn: It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me

Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon He has offered  
Great the welcome that I receive

Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed

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Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed  
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory  
To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that Cross  
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## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

### **And also with you**

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

1 Tim 2:5-6

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 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 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:

**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.**

### *Please be seated*

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of bread and wine according to our Saviour's word may be partakers of his body and blood.

For on the night he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you his Almighty Father, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body which is 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 which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

### **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.**

We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We share the Lord's Supper*

## **Following communion**

Let us pray:

Most merciful God, you have restored us to life by the triumphant death of Jesus, your Son. Continue his transforming work within us that all who partake in this communion may give themselves wholly to your service.

**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.**

**Amen.**

## **Hymn: To God be the glory!**

To God be the glory  
Great things He has done!  
So loved He the world  
That He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice.

Oh, come to the Father

through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory,

Great things He has done!

O perfect redemption,

The purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus

A pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,

Great things he has done,

And great our rejoicing

Through Jesus the Son:

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our gladness,

When Jesus we see!

JBS Monsell 1863

## **The Benediction**

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 Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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