

BATHURST DIOCESE

Sharing Jesus for Life



SYNOD 2023

Holy Communion

led by

The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder

Bishop of Bathurst

Preacher:

Archdeacon Brett Watterson

Rector of Dubbo

15 September 2023, 7pm

All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst

PROCESSION AT 7 PM

Crucifer

Diocesan clergy

Cathedral clergy

Archdeacons

Registrar

Bishop's Chancellor

Dean

Bishop

Please stand for the processional hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Miles Lane

All hail the power of Jesus' name;

let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

As heirs of Israel's chosen race
and ransomed from the fall,
Hail him you saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, who love cannot forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your treasures at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
responsive to his call,
now shout in universal song
and crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet 1726-92

The Bishop

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please kneel or be seated for prayer

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 two great commandments

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as your yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

Ministry of the Word

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.**

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-18

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Hymn: My heart is filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

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We remain standing and turn to face the Gospel as it is read

The Gospel: John 10:7-11

Response at the announcement:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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.

Please be seated

Message

Archdeacon Brett Watterson

Time of prayer

Prayers are led by a number of our Deacons

Response to the message: Bec Choi

For a world in need: Sally Phelps

For synod: Roger Phelps

That we might be about the work of

Sharing Jesus for Life: Carl Palmer

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

Hymn: His mercy is more

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender i
s calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Chorus x2

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The Lord's Supper

Exhortation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we who would come to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ must consider how St Paul exhorts us to examine ourselves before presuming to eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

For the benefit is great, if with a penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy sacrament. We then spiritually eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood; we dwell in Christ and he in us; we are one with Christ and Christ with us.

Yet also the danger is great, if we receive the bread and cup unworthily. Judge yourselves therefore, that you be not judged of the Lord. Repent truly of your sins, having a steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour. Amend your lives and love your neighbour.

Above all, give hearty thanks to God for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, truly God and truly human, who humbled himself to death on the cross for us sinners, that he might make us children of God, and raise us to eternal life.

You then who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God and walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to strengthen and comfort you. But first, let us make a humble confession of our sins to Almighty God.

Please kneel or be seated for prayer

Confession and assurance

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge with shame the sins we have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from this time forward we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

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

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins. 1 John 2.1, 2

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

It is indeed right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Lord, Mighty Creator and Eternal God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy; Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to you, O Lord most high.

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All glory to you, our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death on the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who on the night he was betrayed 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 which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' Likewise after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Testament, 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.' **Amen.**

We share the Lord's Supper

All the bread is gluten free. Grape juice option available from those assisting on the outside on both sides of the centre aisle..

Following communion

Let us pray:

Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and your whole Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching you that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with your grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we are unworthy, through our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Father, world without end. **Amen.**

We stand to 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.

Please be seated

Announcements

Hymn: The King of Love

Dominus regit me

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.

H W Baker 1868

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.

*Synod registration is at Kelso from 8.45am. Synod commences sharply at 9.00am.
An area for a public gallery will be available.*

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