

# **BATHURST DIOCESE**

*Sharing Jesus for Life*



## **SYNOD 2024**

### **Holy Communion**

led by

**The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder**

Bishop of Bathurst

Preacher:

**The Rt Rev'd Richard Condie**

Bishop of Tasmania

20 September 2024, 7pm

**All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst**

## PROCESSION AT 7 PM

*Crucifer*  
*Diocesan clergy*  
*Cathedral clergy*  
*Archdeacons*  
*Registrar*  
*Bishop's Chancellor*  
*Dean*  
*Bishop Condie*  
*Bishop Calder*

*Please stand for the processional hymn*

### **Rejoice the Lord is King**

Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore,  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above. (Chorus)

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given. (Chorus)

He sits at God's right hand,  
Till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command,  
And fall beneath His feet. (Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,  
The trump of God shall sound 'Rejoice'.*

C Wesley 1746

### *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, 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

### Psalm 111

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**<sup>8</sup> They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup> He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.

**<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

**To him belongs eternal praise. Amen.**

**The Epistle:** Colossians 1:24-2:5

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup> I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has

been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. <sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

<sup>28</sup> He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

**2** I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. <sup>2</sup> My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

## Hymn: Show us Christ

Prepare our hearts O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
'Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ  
Show us Christ  
O God reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

Where else can we go Lord  
Where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life  
(Repeat x4)

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Worship

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

**The Gospel:** John 1:1-5; 9-14; 16-18

Response at the announcement:

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human

decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and<sup>[b]</sup> is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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**

Bishop Richard Condie

## Time of prayer

*Prayers are led by our archdeacons and our deacons in Forbes*

**Response to the message:** Andrew Thornhill

**For a world in need:** Jono Williams

**For synod:** Tim St Quintin

**That we might be about the work of Sharing Jesus for Life:** Roger & Sally Phelps

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please stand*

### **Hymn: It was finished upon the 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

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

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 (rpt x 2)

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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 say 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.**

## Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen by the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
praising him eternally.

Here among us, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord our God, today;  
with your gentle loving-kindness  
hear your people as they pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
pour upon us here today.

Here bestow on all your people  
what we ask of you to gain;  
what we gain from you for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three, and ever One,  
one in might and one in glory,  
while eternal ages run.

*Latin seventh century;  
trans. John Mason Neale, 1851 alt.*

## 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.**

## Order of Recession

*Crucifer*

*Diocesan clergy*

*Cathedral clergy*

*Archdeacons*

*Registrar and Bishop's Chancellor*

*Dean*

*Bishop Condie*

*Bishop Calder*

*Please note that next year, our synod service will be contemporary in style.*

*Our guest preacher will be  
Archbishop Raffel.*

*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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