

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

### **Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country**

### **Processional Hymn**

*Immortal, invisible* [TIS 143]

### **The Invocation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

### **The Greeting**

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.**

### **Kids' Time with God**

### **Scripture Sentence**

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

Jeremiah 23.29

### **Prayer of Approach**

**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.**

## **Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

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

## **Confession**

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

**Silence may be kept.**

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

**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.**

## **The Absolution**

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 Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis***

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.

## **Collect**

Everliving God,  
increase in us your gift of faith,  
that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us,  
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:1–2,8–19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock:  
**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine out in glory;**

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
stir up your power, and come to save us.  
**You brought a vine out of Egypt:  
you drove out the nations, and planted it in.**

9 You cleared the ground before it:  
**and it struck root and filled the land.**

- 10 The hills were covered with its shadow:  
**and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.**
- 11 It stretched out its branches to the sea:  
**and its tender shoots to the Great River.**
- 12 Why then have you broken down its walls:  
**so that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?**
- 13 The wild boar out of the woods roots it up:  
**and the locusts from the wild places devour it.**
- 14 Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**look down from heaven, and see.**
- 15 Bestow your care upon this vine:  
**the stock which your own right hand has planted.**
- 16 As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down:  
**let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:  
**on that son of man  
whom you made so strong for yourself.**
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you:  
**give us life, and we will call upon your name.**
- 19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained

promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

Halle, halle, hallelujah, TIS 720

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

“And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? Thus when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to reach a settlement, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A Prayer Book for Australia, p. 37

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**The celebrant says.**

Let us pray for the world, for the City of Ipswich and for the mission of the Church.

**A minister continues**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
**that we all may be one in Christ.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**that your name may be glorified by everyone.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**that they may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world;

**that there may be peace and justice among all.**

Have compassion on those who suffer or are in grief or trouble;

**that they may be delivered from their distress.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

**may we also share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Please join me as we pray the Ipswich Anglicans Prayer together:

**God of new beginnings,  
bless our Ipswich Anglican community  
with a fresh vision for the future,  
with generous hearts to love one another,  
and with courage for the changes we now embrace.  
Draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ,  
so that we draw closer to you and to each other.  
Make us a blessing to the city of Ipswich  
as we walk together  
into the future you have prepared for us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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.**

### **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.**

## Offertory Hymn

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us [TIS 526]*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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  
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.**

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.'

**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 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.**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

### **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.**

### **Invitation to the Table**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Holy things for holy people.  
Broken things for broken people.

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **Kids' Time with God**

### **Notices**

### **Mission Hymn**

*A man there lived in Galilee [TIS 235]*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Bountiful God,  
at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive  
this sacrament be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;

we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Most loving God,

**you send us into the world you love.**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

## **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.**

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