



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

**A PRAYER BOOK FOR AUSTRALIA**

*A Service of Praise, Prayer and Proclamation page 35ff*

**19TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Third Sunday in the Season of Creation**

PRaise AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD

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*The priest leads the Acclamation.*

The Lord is a great God, and a sovereign above all gods.

**In God's hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are God's also.**

The sea is God's, for God made it,  
and God's hand formed the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

*Psalms 95. 3-6*

- 1** May none of your wonderful creations  
cease in their praise of you,  
God of beauty and wonder – neither at night nor in the morning.  
May the glimmering stars,  
the breath-taking mountains,  
the fathomless depths of the sea,  
the crashing waves, the singing streams  
all burst out in songs of praise to you,  
the Creator of all: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!  
We join the angels before the throne in singing  
**“Amen! Amen! Amen!”**  
Power and majesty, praise and honour are due to you,  
Granter of infinite mercy.  
**Amen! Amen! Amen!**

*(A third-century prayer of praise from Egypt)*

*Hymn:*



## YOU WERE IN THIS PLACE

1. **At the dawn of the ages  
you pulled land from the sea.  
With your word you invented  
all we know, all we see:  
creek and desert and forest,  
red and grey kangaroo.  
You were in this place—  
but we never knew.**
2. **Paintings seen on the rock face,  
footprints left in the sand,  
campfire next to the river,  
songs that rise from the land:  
signs that seem so elusive,  
shadows just out of view.  
You were in this place—  
but we never knew.**
3. **Do we take after Jacob,  
blind to what lies at hand,  
needing dreams to inform us  
God is here in this land?  
See him suffering and dying,  
bread and wine tell the news.  
You were in this place—  
but we never knew.**
4. **Jesus, open our senses,  
help us see you today  
in the person beside us,  
as we work, as we play.  
While we love you and serve you,  
may it never be true:  
you were in this place—  
but we never knew.**

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1987. An Australia Day service is organised each year in the city of Adelaide. For the 200th anniversary of white settlement, repentance was as much in mind as celebration. The story of Jacob's dream at Bethel (the original stairway to heaven!) was central in the service. This song rose out of that story, and especially from Jacob's statement when he wakes up from his dream: "God is in this place, and I didn't know it!"

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 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD
 

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2 Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word, may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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3 **A Reading from the book, Proverbs [31. 10-31]**

A capable wife who can find?  
 She is far more precious than jewels.  
 The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
 and he will have no lack of gain.  
 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.  
 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.  
 She is like the ships of the merchant,  
 she brings her food from far away.  
 She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.  
 She considers a field and buys it;  
 with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
 She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.  
 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
 Her lamp does not go out at night.  
 She puts her hands to the distaff,  
 and her hands hold the spindle.  
 She opens her hand to the poor,  
 and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
 She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
 for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
 She makes herself coverings;  
 her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
 Her husband is known in the city gates,  
 taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
 She makes linen garments and sells them;  
 she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
 Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
 and she laughs at the time to come.  
 She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
 She looks well to the ways of her household,  
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.

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Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:

‘Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.’

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

*Here ends the Reading.*

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### Psalm 1

R: *Happy are they who delight in the law of the Lord.*

**Happy are they who delight in the law of the Lord.**

Happy are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

**Happy are they who delight in the law of the Lord.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

**Happy are they who delight in the law of the Lord.**

It is not so with the wicked:  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away;  
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  
when judgement comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**Happy are they who delight in the law of the Lord.**

**5 A Reading from the Letter of James** [3. 13—4.3, 7-8a]

Who is wise and understanding among you?

Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

You do not have, because you do not ask.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Here ends the Reading.*

**6 A reading from the Gospel according to Mark** [9. 30-37]

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,

‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’



**6** But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,

‘What were you arguing about on the way?’

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,

‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

*Here ends the Reading.*

**You  
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God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
 God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
 God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*Words: Sarum Primer, 1514  
 Music: John Rutter,*

**The Sermon**

*Affirmation of faith*

**We are not alone,  
we live in God' s world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God' s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*United Church of Canada*

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 CONFESSON OF SIN
 

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**Deb**

Let us remember “that we ourselves are dust of the earth” (*Gen 2:7*);  
our very bodies are made of her elements,  
we breathe her sacred air  
and we receive life and refreshment from her sacred waters.  
May we hear it as a promise and a calling.

**Turn us O God, from our desire to unroot ourselves  
from our home in the garden,  
and from our will to dominate your Earth.**

**Call us again, to till and to keep.**

**Gather us into the power of just relationships  
that heal and sustain.**

**Enlighten us by your Spirit  
that renews the face of your Earth  
and safeguards a home for all. Amen.**



**Deb** May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw us to himself,  
and cleanse us from all our sins  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

**8** Let us pray.  
God the Father, Lord of creation,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
God the Son,  
through whom all things were made,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
God the Holy Spirit,  
who renews the face of the earth,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,  
creating and saving God,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us.  
Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful.  
Bless our labour,  
and give us all things needful for our daily lives.  
Bless the homes of this parish and all who live within them.  
Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

**9** For all cities, towns and villages, and for their well-being and prosperity, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
For the rural economy and for its strengthening, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
For those who care for the countryside and preserve its order and beauty, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
For all farms, all who work them, and for the whole farming industry, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

- 10 For a blessing on our land we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**  
 For healthy crops and abundant harvests we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**  
 For the care and welfare of animals  
 and for the veterinary profession we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**  
 For the harvest of the soil  
 and for the fruits of the earth in their seasons we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**  
 For those engaged in agricultural research we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**  
 For the service industries that support rural life we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**  
 For parts of the world where the harvests have failed  
 we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**  
 For charities, aid agencies  
 and overseas development we pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

- 11 For our daily bread:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**  
 For all who work on the land  
 to bring us our food in due season:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**  
 For all who fish the rivers, lakes and seas:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**  
 For all who process foods  
 and prepare them for distribution and sale:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**  
 For all supermarkets and shops,  
 and for all who work in them:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**  
 For those who work in food research:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**  
 For those who distribute food to those in need:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

- 12** For the world of work in all its diversity:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For the industry and workplaces of this parish community:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For the right ordering of work in time of technological change:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For small businesses and co-operatives:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For local trade and commerce:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For all service industries that provide for our daily needs:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For the unemployed and for those living in poverty:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For school leavers and all who are seeking to enter employment:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For the retired and those unable to work:  
**hear us, good Lord.**
- For all who work as volunteers:  
**hear us, good Lord.**

- 13** For Our Diocese: Bishop Clarence and Michelle.  
 The Parish of Northern Albury Emily Payne (*Daniel*) (*Zoe*) and  
 the Parish leaders and community at North Albury, Lavington,  
 Jindera, Thurgoona  
**Lord hear our prayer.**
- For those commended to our prayers:  
 Kate Jessup. Dot F. Josef. Graeme C. Alison H. John Wayne.  
 Linda Pinheiro. Robert Hoe.  
**Lord hear our prayer.**
- For your saints in every generation remembering especially  
 remembering this week:  
 John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, martyr;  
 MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr;  
 Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher  
 and of local remembrance those whose Years Mind occurs  
 William White, Dorothy Keppel, Joe Cooper, Vi Davidson,  
 Peter Mills, Godfrey Gillatt, Thomas Hilet  
**Lord hear our prayer.**

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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.

### THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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Creator God, you formed us from the dust of the earth,  
 and reveal your fingerprints in all flesh.  
 Teach us your deep wisdom  
 in the order and beauty of all that you have made.  
 When our care for your creation is found wanting,  
 reprove and reform us,  
 so that our footprints may be more gentle on the earth,  
 tending and keeping it as your own handiwork,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### *Hymn—The Servant Song*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QO92Lw9v8PE>

Sung by the chapel choir of King Williams' College, Isle of Man.

1. **Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
 let me be as Christ to you;  
 pray that I may have the grace to  
 let you be my servant too.**
2. **We are pilgrims on a journey,  
 and companions on the road;  
 we are here to help each other  
 walk the mile and bear the load.**
3. **I will hold the Christ light for you  
 in the night-time of your fear;  
 I will hold my hand out to you,  
 speak the peace you long to hear.**
4. **I will weep when you are weeping;  
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
 I will share your joy and sorrow,  
 till we've seen this journey through.**



5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

*Richard Gillard 1953–*

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Almighty God,  
whose will it is that the earth and the sea  
should bear their fruit in due season:  
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest  
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon us his children,  
that we may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples. **Amen.**

***Notices and other announcements may be made***

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