

## READINGS

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place,  
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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.**

### ANAMNESIS

We thank and praise you for keeping your promise to the people of old  
and sending your Son Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection  
for our salvation we remember as he comes to us in this holy meal.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### EPICLESIS

By your word and Spirit, bless and sanctify these gifts that by receiving  
them we participate in the body and blood of Christ and that he may ever  
live in us and we in him.  
**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION [*Holy God, we praise you that*]

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples  
and said: Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup,  
after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and  
said: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
Therefore, as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 36: 5-10 (words: UiW p.276; Tone: I.1)

**Refrain: In your light, O God, we see light**

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

John 2: 1-11

**HYMN 675: *Lord, the light of your love is shining,***

SERMON

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, loving God, for the abundant, and even  
extravagant, blessings we enjoy in this land we gladly  
call our home.

**For the clouds of budgerigars on inland plains and  
the flocks of magpie geese in Kakadu.**

For the vineyards and orchards of the Riverland, the mango  
trees and tomato crops around Bowen, and the bananas  
plantations of Coffs Harbour.

**For the mines of WA, the salmon farms of Tassie and the  
tuna of S.A, the sheep flocks of NSW and the multitudinous  
treasures of the Barrier Reef.**

For large mobs of kangaroos, flocks of emus, and for the kindly  
dolphins that play around our long coastline.

**For the spirituality of the indigenous people of the land,  
and their unshakeable conviction that all good gifts are meant  
to be shared.**

For the laughter of children in ten thousand playgrounds, the cheering crowds at sports stadiums, and the new generation of babies who are born each day.

**For the multiplicity of cultures and races, and for the varieties of foods, music and folklore that have enlarged our understanding and enriched our common days.**

For the presence of numerous churches, large and small, where people gather for the Gospel of peace and the Bread of life.

**For the Southern Cross in our night skies reminding us that Christ has loved this world with a love exceeding all expectation or deserving.**

Most generous God, for these gifts and a host more, we give you thanks. We pray for the good grace to treat our land and its creatures with the respect that is born from worship of you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen!**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of wedding parties and new wine, of love and laughter, dancing and singing, we pause to pray for those among your worldwide family who today may be feeling left out in the cold.

**Bless the many people who must toil for such long hours that there is no time or energy to laugh or sing.**

Bless your children who feel so demeaned and exploited that they view even angels of mercy with suspicion and fear.

**Bless the many people who are caught in vicious circles of evil and can see no way to escape.**

Bless those among your children whose every waking hour is spent in pain, and whose sleep is at the best fitful.

**Bless those people who are drawn to Christ and new life, yet who fear the scorn of family, friends or workmates.**

Bless your children who once tasted the new wine of Christ but have now slipped away into indifference, or maybe despair.

**Bless those People who with much trembling, hand their lives over to you this day. May they find faith and courage for the days to come.**

Bless the people of your church, that abundant love may flow in our prayers and our prayers flow into generous words and deeds.

**In the name of the Christ who makes all things new. Amen!**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*(The people exchange a sign of peace)*

#### COMMUNION

##### INVITATION

Christ invites to his table all who confess him as Lord, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

##### GREAT PRAYER OF 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.**

##### THANKSGIVING

It is right to give you thanks and praise, for you alone are the true and living God. In the beginning your Spirit swept across the face of the waters, bringing order and beauty out of chaos. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. Through the waters of the Red Sea you delivered us from suffering and oppression; at the foot of your sacred mountain you called us to truth and holiness; in the words of your holy prophets you called us to justice and compassion; through the lives of your blessed saints and martyrs you taught us wisdom and faithfulness.

Though we turned away from you, your love remained steadfast.

In the fullness of time you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Saviour of the world. By water and the Spirit you open the kingdom to all who believe, and welcome us to your table:

for by grace we are saved, through faith.