

**Twenty Sixth Sunday After
Pentecost
17 November 2024**



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Gathering in God's name *Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")*

Introit Splendor Paternae gloriae – Plainsong

Entrance Hymn 526 TIS Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Sentence

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed. 1 Samuel 2.10

Invitation to Confession

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 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.' Jesus said: *'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'*

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.
Page 120 **Merciful God....**

GLORY TO GOD

Peruvian traditional chant

Cantor




1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to the Fa - ther,
2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, Son___ of the Fa - ther,
3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to the Spi - rit.

All




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to the Fa - ther.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, Son___ of the Fa - ther.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to the Spi - rit.

Cantor **All**




To God be glo-ry for ev - er! To God be glo-ry for ev - er!

Cantor **All**



Al - le - lu - ia, a - men. Al - le - lu - ia, a - men.



Al - le - lu - ia, a - men. Al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

The Collect

O God,
welcoming refuge for the outcast,
and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need want for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely
following the example of your Son, who gave his very self; who now lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 1.4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*My heart exults in the Lord:
my strength is exalted in my God.*

*My mouth derides my enemies:
because I rejoice in your salvation.*

*There is no Holy One like you, O Lord:
nor any Rock like you, our God.*

*For you are a God of knowledge:
and by you our actions are weighed.*

*The bows of the mighty are broken:
but the feeble gird on strength.*

*Those who were full now search for bread:
but those who were hungry are well fed.*

*The barren woman has borne sevenfold:
but she who has many children is forlorn.*

*Both the poor and the rich are of your making:
you bring low and you also exalt.*

*You raise up the poor from the dust:
and lift the needy from the ash heap.*

*You make them sit with the rulers:
and inherit a place of honour.*

*For the pillars of the earth are yours:
and on them you have set the world.*

Second Reading

Hebrews 10.11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 13.1-11

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Stand up and raise your heads;
because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all

nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn 259 TIS Among us and before us, Lord you stand

The Great Thanksgiving Thanksgiving 4 on page 136

The Lord's Prayer Page 141

Communion Anthem *Meditation on 'Kingsfold'* – June Nixon (1942-)

Post Communion & Blessing Page 143

Mission Hymn 585 TIS I heard the voice of Jesus say

Organ Postlude *Postlude in G Minor* – Frederick William Wadely (1882-1970)

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Prayers for those in need

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Remembering those who have died

Recently Departed: Aunty Joyce Clague

Year's Mind: Eileen Challacombe, Maxwell McInnes, Don Graham, Kath Mitchell, Merle Amos, Elsie Brand, Darrell Brown, Iris Ferguson & Dulcie James

Around the Parish this Week

Today	<p>TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream</p>
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Wed, Thurs & Fri Zoom only</p> <p>Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)</p> <p>Wednesday Worship at 10.00 am</p> <p>Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Dean Naomi or Deacon Grant.</p>
Next Sunday	<p>TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream</p>
Birthdays this coming week	Happy birthday to Elaine Stephenson

Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.