

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Dubbo



Evening Prayer

SECOND ORDER ADAPTED

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The minister reads one or more of these or other suitable sentences of Scripture.

Sentence

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

These or similar responses are used.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
Whose mercy endures for ever.

The minister continues in these or similar words.

Friends in Christ,

we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

[Tonight ...]

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless
goodness and mercy.

The minister continues

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

God of all mercy,

we humbly admit that we need your help.

We have wandered from your way.

**We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.**

You alone can save us.

Have mercy on us,

wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.

Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit

that we may live the new life to your glory.

This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

The minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,

but that all should turn to Christ, and live.

In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.

God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe
the gospel.

Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OT Reading:

A reading from the Book of Exodus,

Chapter 12 beginning at Verse 1

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

[NRSV Exodus 12:1-5, 11-14]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

NT Reading:

A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians,

Chapter 11 beginning at Verse 23

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

[NRSV 1 Corinthians 11:23-26]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,

Chapter 13 beginning at verse 12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b} “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

[NRSV John 13:1-17, 31b-35]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The minister says

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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.**

A litany of thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God, saying, 'we thank you, Lord'.

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

we thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,

we thank you, Lord.

For daily food, for homes and families and friends,

we thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, hearts to love, and imagination to wonder,

we thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

we thank you, Lord.

For patience in suffering, for courage and faithfulness in difficult times,

we thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue justice and truth,

we thank you, Lord.

Today we give thanks especially for the gift of the Lord's Supper, and the salvation offered only through Jesus Christ
we thank you, Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, Lord,

that we who receive the holy sacrament
of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
may be the means
by which the work of his incarnation shall go forward:
take, consecrate, break and distribute us,
to be for others a means of your grace,
and vehicles of your eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The prayers conclude with the following.

Faithful God,

you have promised to hear the prayers
of all who ask in Jesus' name.

In your mercy, accept our prayers.

Give us what we have asked in faith,
according to your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Short readings will be read as the lights are turned out and the linen,
ornaments, and hangings will be removed.*

Loving God, you care for your people. You offer us more than we need. You sent your own child to be our friend and Saviour. Jesus healed the sick, shared food with the hungry, and made those who were outcast feel like they belonged. He proclaimed your never-ending love in word and in deed. Yet like Peter, we often deny knowing Jesus and his gospel.

All: Forgive us, loving God.

Jesus showed us that the way to greatness was to be humble and to be a servant. He taught us to love even our enemies, to welcome those we did not know, to see your glory, in every part of creation, and in the face of every human being. Yet, like Judas, we look out for ourselves and have not truly learned what it means to love one another.

All: Forgive us, loving God.

In Jesus, you came to live as one of us, O God. Jesus knew fully what it means to be human. In his last days, he knew pain and fear. Yet he was faithful to the end, stopping at nothing to prove your love for all people. While he prayed in anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, his closest friends fell asleep. We, like them, so often fail to hold fast to your ideals and live the truth of our beliefs.

All: Forgive us, loving God.

There is no dismissal at the end of this service - the vigil begins as we sit and keep watch with Jesus in the chapel. Please feel free to come and sit with us in the chapel in silent prayer.