



THIRD SUNDARY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022

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The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry that encapsulates and sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and the program it proposes. From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is endeavouring to provide an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We learn that Luke's is one of many gospels. We also learn that this gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means "lover of God" or "beloved of God". We might guess that Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the necessary funds to produce this work. He is possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate, one seeking to become a full member of the worshipping community. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as "truth" (*asphaleia*) in our lectionary can also mean "certainty" or "assurance". Our English word "asphalt" is derived from the Greek *asphaleia*. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded.

When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue. This programmatic scene sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. This event is no exception. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered".

It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war or persecution. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the more-than-human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of the climate crisis and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth community, the destitute of the human community and the endangered plant and animal species of the planet, must find the "release" of which the gospel speaks.

**Please note Wednesday 26 January is a public holiday
- Mass time will be at 11am**

A Preface for Australia Day

Out of your infinite glory
you have given us the power through your Spirit
for our hidden self to grow strong,
so that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Through him you have blessed our land.
The fierce flood of your grace sweeps away all barriers,
and soaks deep into our being,
so that the desert blooms with the life that lies in wait.
You will give us the strength
to grasp the breadth and the length
and height and the depth
of the utter fullness of your love
which surpasses all knowledge.
With all the hosts of heaven,
we give you glory from generation to generation
in our song of praise:

Prayer

Prayer O God, powerful and gentle,
you love this southern land
and all its peoples, old and new.
As the Cross shines in our heavens
so may Christ bring light to our nation.
As we waves encircle our shores
so may your mercy enfold us all.

Celebrating 170th Anniversary of the casting of the Cathedral Bells

A group of interstate members of the AUS and NZ Association of Bellringers will be ringing the bells at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 29 January at 5pm prior to the Saturday vigil mass.

The group are on a tour around Victoria to ring bells and to celebrate 170th anniversary of the casting of the cathedral bells in Dublin 1852.
All most well - at no cost.



**THE CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP WILL BE
OPEN THIS SUNDAY 23 JANUARY
FROM 8.30AM TILL 1PM**

Communion Hymn:
Eat this bread, drink this cup CWBII52

Refrain: *Eat this Bread, drink this cup,
 come to Him and never be hungry.
 Eat this Bread, drink this cup,
 trust in Him and you will not thirst.*

I am the Bread of Life,
the true Bread sent from the Father. **R**
Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the Bread come down from heaven. **R**
Eat my flesh and drink my blood
and I will raise you up on the last day. **R**

Text: based on John 6. Music: Jacques Berthier1923-1994

Entrance Hymn: Gather your people, O Lord
CWBII 490 v1,2,4

Refrain: *Gather your people, O Lord.
 Gather your people, O Lord.
 One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
 Gather your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light. **R**
We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **R**
Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side. **R**

Text: 1 Corinthians 12, Isaiah 2:3-4. 11:9; Bob Hurd b. 1950



Cathedral Wedding Congratulations

Jamie Marciniak and Marseal Shaana
Anthony Boras and Dimitra De Losa

Stefan Baricevic and Nives Brajkovic

Frank Lorenzi and Melanie Albarella

Recessional Hymn:
CWBII 621 v1,2,5 - The voice of God

The voice of God goes out through all
the world: his glory speaks across the
universe. The great King’s herald cries
from star to star:
*with pow’r with justice,
Christ will be the way.*

The Lord has said: ‘Receive my mes-
senger, my promise to the world made
flesh, a lamp to ev’ry nation, light from
light’:
*with pow’r with justice,
Christ will be the way.*

His touch will open eyes that darkness
held, the lame shall run the
halting tongue shall sing,
and pris’ners laugh in light
and liberty *with pow’r with
justice, Christ will be the way.*

Text: Luke Connaughton, 1917-79
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 24 January
St Francis de Sales **(Memorial)**
Tuesday 25 January
The Conversion of St Paul the
Apostle. **(Feast)**
Thursday 27 January
Sts Timothy & Titus
St Angela Merici
Friday 28 January
St Thomas Aquinas **(Memorial)**

We welcome with joy through the
sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Vera Ivanovic

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil and Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 6.30pm
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: Gather your people, O Lord CWBII 490 v1,2,4.

Mass Setting: to chant - CWBII 4a, 5, 11a, 12a, 14a, 17a

Psalm: 24 Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. CWB 328

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good
News to the poor and freedom to the prisoners. Alleluia! (Gregory Murray) CWBII 52

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord.

Great Amen: to chant CWBII 12

Communion Hymn: Eat this bread, drink this cup CWBII 484

Recessional Hymn: The voice of God CWBII 621 v1,2,5.

Cantors: Paul Hughes and Kristina Lang

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.
We pray for all who have died recently, especially Nohad Assaad, Elizabeth Lecky,
Dale Person and Laval France Serge Jean and Fr Noel Francis Mackay PE
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Giovanni Triarico.
May they now rejoice in the presence of God’s unconditional love.

Archbishop
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Dean of
St Patrick’s Cathedral
Very Rev Werner Utri

Master of Ceremonies
Rev. Michael Buck

Assistant Priest of Cathedral
Rev. Alexander Chow

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SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND
ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE
We hold the care, safety and
wellbeing of children and all
vulnerable people as a central
and fundamental responsibility
for our community.
The Cathedral Statement of
Commitment and Reporting
Process are on display at the
entrance of the Cathedral and
all Diocesan Policies are
available on the website or at
the parish office.
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