



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

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In this liturgical year, most of the gospel readings will be from the gospel of Matthew. As with any story, it is probably best to read Matthew's story of Jesus from beginning to end over a few days, entering into the drama and attending to all the elements in the story. Sr. Elaine Wainwright's eco-rhetorical commentary on Matthew's gospel invites us to read with attention to habitat as well as to the human and the holy. We need to realise that what we bring to the text will inform our reading of the text. What we notice will depend on our own social and cultural contexts and on our capacity to bring our particular interpretive stance into dialogue with the worlds that inhabit the text. While the main character in the story is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups, including other-than-human characters.

In the passage selected for today, Matthew's Jesus hears the news of John the Baptizer's arrest and "withdraws" to the safety of Capernaum in Galilee. Matthew thus grounds him in a familiar locale. He then presents him as a great light for a people who have lived in darkness and the shadow of death and oppression. In the context of Roman imperial rule, Jesus offers the hope of an alternative reign. We might focus for a moment on the gift of light. Without an appreciation of natural light and of the sun as the main source of light on Earth, we cannot hope to understand this symbol.

Jesus invites his hearers to expand their horizons, for the all-embracing empire or kin-dom "of the heavens" has come near. He then calls four fishermen to follow him, to join him on his mission of proclaiming the empire or reign "of the heavens". The verb "to follow" is an invitation to live out in their lives/in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life. They "immediately" leave their boat and their father and follow him. Later in the story we find they still have their boat, an indication that, at some levels, the story is to be read symbolically. At times we need to distance ourselves from family expectations for the sake of the gospel. At times we have to decentre our material possessions even while we affirm the goodness of their materiality and their significance for the work of the mission.

One might get the impression that the alternative community that Jesus forms around him is all male. This impression is dispelled a few verses later when we learn that "great crowds followed him" (4:25). In Matthew 18, there is specific mention of children and, towards the end of the gospel, we find that women have "followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him" (27:55). There is a far more extended group around Jesus than today's reading might suggest. Women, men, and children, we are all invited to turn our lives around and to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life.

Please note: Thursday 26 January is a public holiday

**- Mass time will be at 11am and
the Cathedral will be open from
10am to 2.00pm**



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.

**In recognition of Pope Benedict XVI's
life of faith and service to the church.**

**You are invited to join Archbishop Comensoli
to celebrate a**

**"Months Mind Mass" on
SUNDAY 29 JANUARY at 6.30pm.**

**All are most welcome to join us at St Patrick's Cathedral
on this evening.**

**The Archdiocese of Melbourne will hold
A Memorial Mass for the Repose of the Soul of
His Eminence George Cardinal Pell AC,
which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on
FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2023 at 6.30pm
Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli
will be the main celebrant.**

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

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. Refrain

We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other, each of the
gifts the Spirit provides. Refrain

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy, waters of hope
that flow from your side. Refrain

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

**Saturday 21 January, 6.00pm Vigil &
Sunday 22 January, 9.30am, 11.00am,
6.30pm - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mass Setting: to chant CWBII 4a, 5, 11a,
12a, 14a, 17a
Psalms 26:1,4,13-14. Response: The Lord is
my light and my salvation. CWB63 verses 1, 2a,
2b, 5
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. 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: God of day and God of
darkness CWBII 498 verses 1,2,3,5.
Cantors: Lily Flynn (Saturday 6.00pm),
Kristina Lang (Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am),
Leighton Triplow (Sunday 6.30pm)
Organists: Christopher Cook (Saturday
6.00pm and Sunday 6.30pm)
David Agg (Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am)



Cathedral Wedding Congratulations
*Amani Faris Alqasalias &
Deelan Yousif Saor*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 24 January - St Francis de Sale(Memorial)
Wednesday 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul
the Apostle (Feast)
Friday 27 January - Sts Timothy & Titus
- St Angela Merc
Saturday 28 January - St Thomas Aquinas
(Memorial)

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 Fr Tao Pham and Jim Molan
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Maria Josefa Perdomo
and Anthony Dias.**
May they enter into the eternal life of God’s kingdom, as promised to us all.

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

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. Refrain

Your ancestors ate manna
in the desert, but this is the Bread
come down from heaven. Refrain

Eat my flesh and drink my blood
and I will raise you
up on the last day. Refrain

Text: based on John 6
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Recessional Hymn: CWBII v1,2,3,5
God of day and God of darkness

God of day and God of darkness,
now we stand before the night;
as the shadows stretch and deepen,
come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning for
the dawning of your might,
when the Sun of peace and justice
fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness,
still the rich oppress the poor;
still the earth is bruised and broken
by the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping,
so our hearts cannot ignore
all your people lost and broken,
all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another,
make us servants strong and true.
give us all your love of justice
so we do what you would do.
Let us call all people holy,
let us pledge our lives anew,
make us one with all the lowly,
let us all be one in you.

Praise to you in day and darkness,
you our source and you our end;
praise to you who love and nurture us
as a father, mother, friend.
Grant us all a peaceful resting,
let each mind and body mend,
so we rise refreshed tomorrow,
hearts renewed to Kingdom tend.

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wellbeing of children and all
vulnerable people as a central and
fundamental responsibility for our
community. Commitment
Statement display at the Cathedral’s
entrance & parish office.
https: [https://
melbournecatholic.org/
safeguarding](https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding).

**St Patrick’s Cathedral Young Adult
Ministry (SPCYAM)**
(age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Recommence on Wednesday 08
February 2023, 6:30pm to 8:30pm,
Cathedral Room, CKC, 383 Albert St,
East Melbourne.

In the meantime, please forward any
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