



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Diverse creatures of the earth as well as earth elements feature in the gospel for this week of the Season of Creation. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, of a woman's means of survival, of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost, be they human or other-than-human, and who rejoices big time when the lost are found.

These Lukan parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness and no capacity to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations.

"What person (anthropos)) among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he/she found it?" asks Jesus of his critics. The lost sheep is found and ultimately embraced by the community. The ensuing celebration is likened to the celestial banquet where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repent/repentance on the part of the sheep may seem a strange choice of words since the lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the shepherd who goes after it and returns it to the fold. Jesus may be suggesting that we need others to shepherd us in turning our lives around.

In Jesus' second question to his critics, "Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one...search thoroughly till she found it?", the pattern is repeated. The drachma, enough cash for one day, is lost, sought, found and the community rejoices. Occasionally in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. The third story features a parent who is willing to overlook the delinquency of a wayward child when that child is impelled by hunger to return home. In every case there is joy when the lost one, whether human or animal or mineral, is found. That's how it is with God. If our faith does not bring joy to the lost, to the poor, to the marginalised, to asylum seekers, to endangered species, then it is not of God. Our faith is in God who saves and brings joy to the whole Earth community. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God of these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts, and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world, to God's action of seeking and saving the lost-here and now, not simply in the afterlife.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE



The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth. Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith.

Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life.

May she rest in peace.

September 9, 2022

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SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 8PM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

A program that seeks to find 'the threads that bind us together', through music, culture, spirituality, Christianity and community.



Traditional and new music,

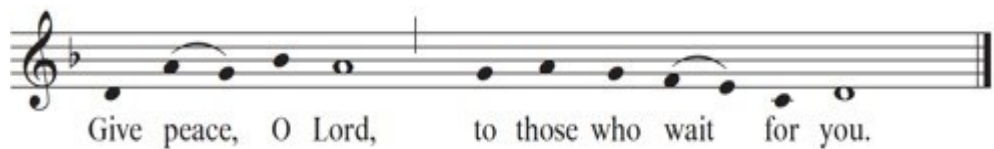
spiritual and sacred,

sounds and stories of this country.

TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

You Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.



Entrance Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven:
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this:
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness,
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)
Tune: Corvedale-Maurice Bevan

1st Reading Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19

Response: *I will rise and go to my father.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

2nd Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it,

call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

Communion Hymn **CWBII 507 v1,5,6,7**

Refrain: *Christ, our God and brother, hear our humble plea;
by this holy banquet keep us joined to thee.*

Humbly we adore thee, Christ, Redeemer, King;
thou art Lord of heaven, thou to whom we sing. Refrain

Thou who died to save us, live on as our light;
through our eyes are blinded, yet our faith gives sight. Refrain

Christ, do thou be merciful, Lamb for sinners slain;
we in grief confess our guilt; cleanse our souls of stain. Refrain

Make us one in loving thee, one in mind and heart;
from this holy unity, let us not depart. Refrain

Text: Melvin Lloyd Farrell 1930-1986 Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE 11.11.11.11;
mode V ©1955. 1961 World Library Publications.

**Hymn after Communion/
Recessional Hymn** **CWBII 588**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute
bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in
distress; praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame
he knows; in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him
face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: based on Psalms 103 (102) Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 alt.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

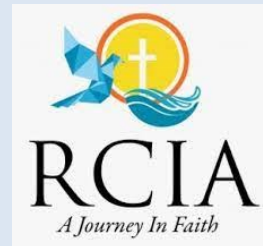
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Just wants to know a bit more about the Catholic faith?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- May have experience "stirrings of the heart" leading then to a local parish?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not *celebrated the Sacraments of* Confirmation and Eucharist?

RCIA is a "journey" designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story.

Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm For more information, please contact the Parish Office—9662 2233 or Cathedral@cam.org.au



Mass Setting - 11.00am Missa Brevis in F - Haydn
- 6.30pm Missa O quam gloriosum - Victoria
Offertory - 6.30pm O sacrum convivium - Croce
Communion Motet - 11am - Of the glorious body
telling - Trad. French arr. Bullard
Organ Postlude - 6.30pm Mantra LVII - Andrew
Newcome (b1970)

Wedding
Congratulations

Bianca Kay & Daniel Caccamo



HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE
CATHEDRAL
EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 13 September - St John Chrysostom	(Memorial)
Wednesday 14 September - The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross	(Feast)
Thursday 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows	(Memorial)
Friday 16 September - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	(Memorial)

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPCYAG) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Date: Wednesday 14 Sept, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Venue: Albert Room, CKC, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Come to join us and ask the question 'How does God speak to us?' We will explore the Bible which is God's love letter to Humanity as well as to each of us personally.

We will start the night with Divine Mercy Chaplet.

For information, please contact Fr. Alex Chow (Alexander.Chow@cam.org.au) or Arnold Jordan (asm_spinrocks@hotmail.co.uk).



CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm
 (1.00pm live streamed - Link:
www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and
 6.30pm. (11.00am televised on C31.
 and live streamed on CAM)

Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb

Reconciliation will be held Monday to
 Friday at 1.30pm (After 1.00pm Mass)
 and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am
 (After the 8.00am Mass)

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

Caterina Maroky



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the
 1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel
 Exposition until 2.15pm.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS

In the Sacred Heart Chapel at
 St Patrick's Cathedral
 every Wednesday at 5.30pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Queen Elizabeth II and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially France Bronguer, Lydia & Germain Bronguer, Jacques Buttie, Noel Uranie, Hubert & Miette & Gerard Cimiotti and Stana Prkalo.

May they share fully in the glory of God's promise.

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

Priest in Residence

Rev Zaher Mhanna

Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital

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Cathedral Organist

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2022, SEPTEMBER 11



The Parish of St Patrick's Cathedral and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday