

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH

Reflection on the Sign of the Cross

The Cross, being an abhorrent form of torture and execution, was not used often as a sign by the earliest Christians. The Roman Emperor Constantine (4th Century) abolished crucifixion as a death penalty and then the Cross grew as a Christian sign.

In the early church, receiving communion was THE blessing at the Eucharist. Only slowly did bishops begin giving a blessing at the Mass (a word meaning "the dismissal"). In liturgy functional things often grow an allegorical meaning: the bishop would hold his ring finger against his palm to prevent his large episcopal ring flying off. Now, often, people hold



thumb, index, and middle fingers at a point and see it as reminding them of the Trinity, with the last two fingers on the palm reminding them of the two Natures of Christ. Sometimes allegorising liturgy stops us from abandoning practices that have ceased to have a function; in this case, it may help many people to focus intentionally.

A Cross of Holy Oil is marked on the newly-baptised person: "We sign you with the Cross, the sign of Christ".

When we make the Sign of the Cross on ourselves, we cross the midline of our body, something that uses both the left and right hemispheres of our brain, just as singing does. Using both hemispheres of our brain is significant in religious encounters. Occasionally, I cross right to left as Ukrainian people do (as, of course, do Russians). Let us make the Sign of the Cross mindfully, to mark that this time, this person, this building, this body... belongs to God.

Bosco +

Fr Bosco Peters

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 September 2022

Orange Traffic Light—Covid information

- Please wear a mask to cover your nose and mouth. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use .
- There will be congregational singing. **It is very important that you keep your mask on and observe social distancing. If you are unwell please do not attend.**
- Communion will be one kind only (bread).
- Please place your donation in the collection plates at the back of the church as you come in or leave. Thank you.

Online Services

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Bosco Peters

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Organ: Nicholas Sutcliffe

Conductor: Derek Ward

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist

Noel Rawsthorne

Organ Voluntary: Played by Nicholas Sutcliffe

Introit Hymn: 473 (Book -Tune 2 omit vv 2, 3, 4)

Edward Caswall

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised:
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day,
When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised:
The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
May Jesus Christ be praised:
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heaven's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain in this,
May Jesus Christ be praised:
Let air, and sea, and sky
From depth to height reply,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised:
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages on,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Greeting:

I runga i te Ingoa ✠ o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

The people are invited to call to mind their sins in silence

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.**

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

O God, the joy of union with you is your gift, may your compassion direct our hearts; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Deuteronomy 30: 15–20 Jack Barrie
See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.
But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 1

R. Blessed are those who have put their trust in the Lord.

1. Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock. But their delight is in the law of the Lord and on that law they meditate day and night. **R.**
2. They are like trees planted beside a watercourse, which yield their fruit in due season. Their leaves also do not wither, and look, whatever they do it shall prosper. **R.**
3. As for the wicked, it is not so with them, but they are like the chaff, which is driven away by the wind. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit)

Philemon 1–21

Rachel Watson

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the Gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who put their trust in the Lord, who meditate on his law day and night. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Luke 14: 25–33

Margaret Maclagan

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon: Fr Bosco Peters

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*).

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions: Jenny Daniels

The Peace

Priest:

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

Priest:

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn:

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John Bode

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. Give us caring hearts and the grace to make wise choices in our daily lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father.

Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka ĭnoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āianeī he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kaweā kia whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria,

Āke ake ake. Āmine.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Blessed are those who put their trust in the Lord.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion is in one kind at the front step. Leave your seat by the side aisle, keeping distance and using the hand sanitizer.

Communion Anthem: When I survey John Bertalot

Communion Hymn: O God you search me out Bernadette Farrell

O God, you search me and you know me.	You know my resting and my rising.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.	You discern my purpose from afar,
When I walk or lie down you are before me:	And with love everlasting you besiege me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.	In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in these holy things be given the strength to bear our cross and follow Christ. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing: *The Priest gives the blessing.*

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn:

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Forth in thy name

Charles Wesley

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look
And hasten to thy glorious day;

Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.

For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Organ Voluntary:

Played by Nicholas Sutcliffe

Today's Collect ("O God, the joy of union...") is, once again, a prayer prayed by the majority of Christians (Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Episcopalians,...) even if on differing days. Christians have been praying this for at least fourteen centuries. It is in the 7th Century Gelasian Sacramentary.

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

THIS WEEK**Notices**

Needlework Group - Tues 7.00 pm at Ros's home. Please contact Ros on 0272428282 for details.

Meditation Group—will not meet in person while we remain cautious regarding the spread of Covid. Instead, we invite everyone to meditate for twenty minutes at home as close to midday on a Wednesday as possible in a virtual group.

Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.

Bible Study— Thurs 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thurs 12noon, Church. Contact: Gilbert Wealleans— 021338380.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11 Sept 2022

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Bosco Peters
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Bosco Peters
Servers:	MC: Jack Barrie	Th: Michael Graveston
	Ac: Carol Fraser, Thomas Visakan	
First Reading:	Exodus 32: 7-14	Sue Shannons
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Jenny Daniels
Gospel:	Luke 15: 1-10	Margaret Maclagan
Sermon:	Margaret Maclagan	
Sides people:	Joy Coulter, Robert Maclagan	
Live Streaming:	Mark Saunders	
Intercessions:	Robert Maclagan	
Offertory:	-	
Morning Tea:	Gail Chiswell, Judith McKaskell	
Sacristan:	Jenny Daniels	
Sacristy:	Jenny Daniels	
Flowers:	Adrienne Curtis	

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Matt Head, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Mary Lazarus, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Peggy Allan (Mon) Beth Burgess (Wed) Hester Ramsay
(Fri) Sidney Kinsey (Sat) Louisa McNabb, Mervyn Good

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10:00 am	Mass
Monday	Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Missionary of Charity, 1997
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Charles Fox, Scholar, Missionary, 1977
Wednesday	The Saints and Martyrs of the Pacific
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
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