



# *Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened*

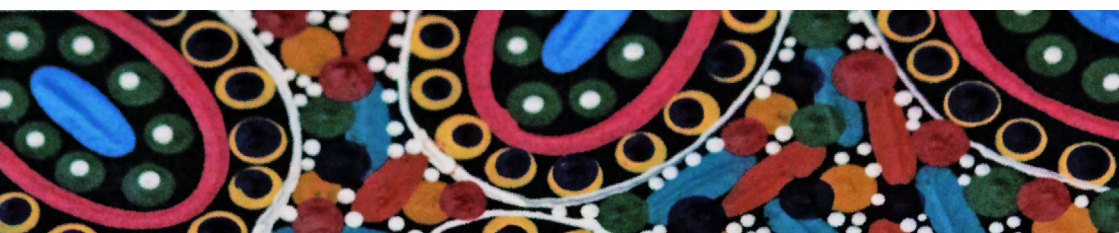
Luke 10:38-42



**Plenary Council**

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2021**



# Mass for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA  
Tuesday 5 October 2021

## Acknowledgement of Country

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land that we call home.

## Gathering Hymn

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE | *Bob Hurd*

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

1. Draw us forth to the table of life:  
    brothers and sisters,  
    each of us called to walk in your light.      *Ref.*
  
2. We are parts of the body of Christ,  
    needing each other,  
    each of the gifts the Spirit provides.      *Ref.*

3. No more harm on the mountain of God;  
swords into ploughshares.  
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart. *Ref.*
4. Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;  
waters of mercy,  
waters of hope that flow from your side. *Ref.*

## Introductory Rite

Presider In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Presider Peace be with you.

**All And with your spirit.**

## Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

Presider Lord, make us feel your invitation to 'come to the water'.  
At the very beginning You blessed the water, your  
great gift to us, and now we ask that Your blessing be  
renewed in this water here today. We ask that through this  
water blessing we will all be renewed.

Water to Aboriginal people, and to all of us, is always a  
sign of God's peace and fulfilment in everything that is  
good; the promise of food, of Your love, and protection,  
and Your power to love one another as true Christians.

Lord, this truly is a sign of the new life in Christ, which in Baptism we have all received. Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

## Sprinkling Rite

### SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER | Michael Herry

C Dm/C C F/C C C/B Am C/G

Come to me; come to me, and springs of liv - ing wa - ter will

D/F# G C Dm/C C F/C

set you free. Come to me, come to me, and

C/E F G C

nev - er be thir - sty a - gain.

## The Collect

### *Roman Missal: For a Council or Synod, Collect I*

Presider

O Lord, ruler and guardian of your Church,  
pour out, we pray, upon your servants  
a spirit of truth, understanding and peace,  
that they may strive with all their heart  
to know what is pleasing to you  
and then pursue it with all their strength.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

## Placement of the Aboriginal Message Stick

The Aboriginal Message Stick is carried in procession to the prayer focus.

In Aboriginal communities the message stick is a communication tool, a symbol of the story contained in words such as faith, culture, healing, reconciliation, living the mercy and justice of God by passing it onto others.

The message stick we are using today has been given to us from the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Perth, in the spirit of reconciliation where we come together in Christ to learn about each other's culture in communion with Christ.

## First Reading (Eccl. 3:1-8)

*Lectionary II, p. 453*

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.*

There is a season for everything,  
 a time for every occupation under heaven:  
 A time for giving birth, a time for dying;  
 a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.  
 A time for killing, a time for healing;  
 a time for knocking down, a time for building.  
 A time for tears, a time for laughter;  
 a time for mourning, a time for dancing.  
 A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;  
 a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.  
 A time for searching, a time for losing;  
 a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing;  
 a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.  
 A time for loving, a time for hating;  
 a time for war, a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32)

*Richard Connolly*



Cantor            Lord let your mercy be upon us,  
                          as we place our trust in you.

**All                    Lord let your mercy be upon us,**  
                          **as we place our trust in you.**

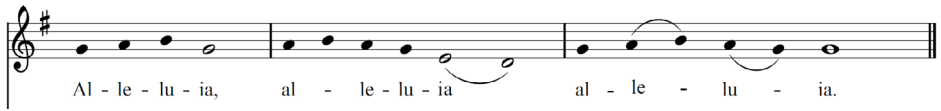
Your word, Lord is faithful,  
 and all your works are to be trusted.  
 O Lord, you love justice and right  
 and fill the earth with your love. *R.*

Lord, you look on those who revere you,  
 on those who hope in your love,  
 To rescue their souls from death,  
 to keep them alive in famine. *R.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
 The Lord is our help and our shield.  
 May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
 as we place all our hope in you. *R.*

## Gospel Acclamation (Lk 11:28)

*Gregorian Chant Mode VI*



**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Cantor Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel (Lk 10:38-42)

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

## Universal Prayer

Presider Sisters and Brothers, let us pray for the needs of our world, especially the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders during this challenging time.

For Pope Francis, bishops, clergy, religious and all the faithful: they may be faithful to Christ's teaching of truth, justice and peace. Lord, hear us.

**All      Lord hear our prayer.**

For the success of the Plenary Council: that all participants will listen to how God is calling the Church in Australia to be Christ-centred and inclusive. Lord, hear us.

**All      Lord hear our prayer.**

For unity in our community and culture: that the journey towards reconciliation within the Church may encourage each and every one of us to make reconciliation our story. Lord, hear us.

**All      Lord hear our prayer.**

For all members of our communities: that they may discover the spiritual riches of God in our First Nations cultures so they can pass these treasures on to younger generations. Lord, hear us.

**All      Lord hear our prayer.**

For all young people: that they find the love and peace that Christ has for them as they search for meaning in their lives. Lord, hear us.

**All      Lord hear our prayer.**

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and all cultural communities: that God's Spirit of reconciliation will live in their hearts and minds and help them to embrace the diversity that makes for a richer country and stronger Church. Lord, hear us.

**All      Lord hear our prayer.**



Presider      Lord of heaven and earth,  
gathered in faith and in response to your Word  
we ask you to accept the prayers we make,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All      Amen.

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### Preparation of Gifts

#### Invitation to Prayer

Presider      Pray, Brothers and Sisters, that my sacrifice  
and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

### Prayer over the Offerings

*Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: For a Council or Synod*

Presider      Look upon the offerings of your servants,  
O God of all compassion,  
and bestow on them the grace of your light,  
that they may have a true understanding  
of what is right in your eyes  
and boldly carry it out.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All      Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayer II

*Roman Missal | Preface I of the Holy Spirit*

Presider The Lord be with you.

**All And with your spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

Ascending above all the heavens  
and sitting at your right hand,  
he poured out the promised Holy Spirit  
on your adopted children.

Therefore, now and for ages unending,  
with all the host of Angels,  
we sing to you with all our hearts,  
crying out as we acclaim:

## Holy, Holy

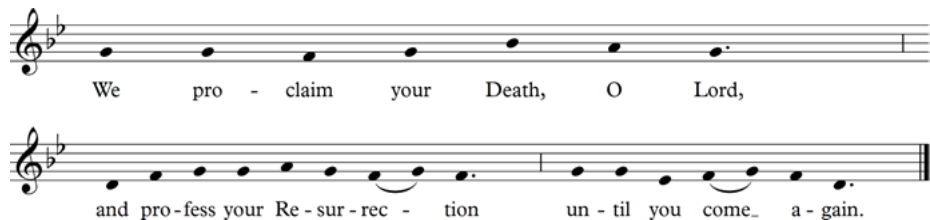
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## Memorial Acclamation 1

*Roman Missal Chant*



## Great Amen

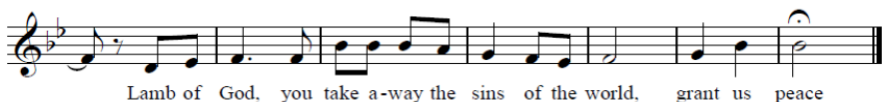
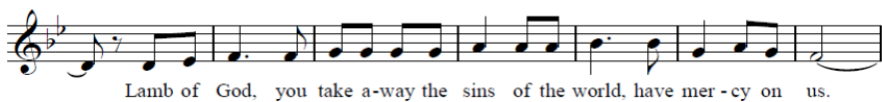
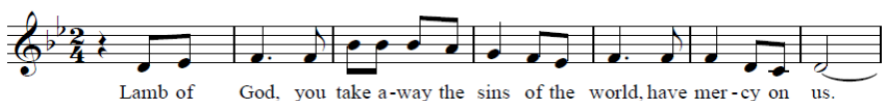
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## Lord's Prayer

## Lamb of God

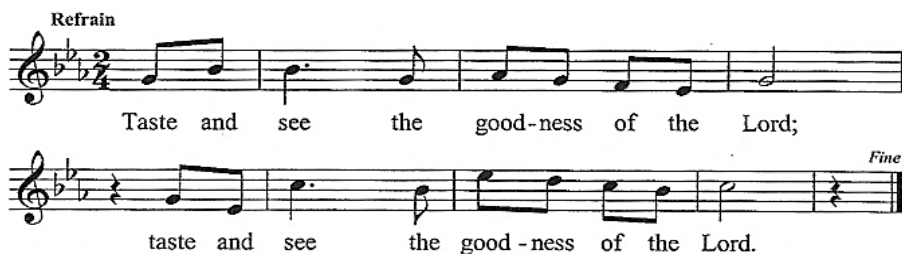
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All                    Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
                              have mercy on us.  
                              Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
                              have mercy on us.  
                              Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
                              grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

TASTE AND SEE | *Christopher Willcock*



Refrain Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;  
                   taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
 with praise always on my lips;  
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
 The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
 Together let us praise his name.  
 I sought the Lord and was answered;  
 from my terrors God set me free.
3. Look towards the Lord and shine in light;  
 let your faces be not ashamed.  
 This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
 and rescued him from all his distress.

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
They are happy who seek refuge in him.

## Prayer after Communion

*Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: For a Council or Synod*

Presider Grant, we pray, O merciful God,  
that the holy gifts we have received  
may confirm your servants in the truth  
and prompt them to seek the honour of your name.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

### Dismissal

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

### Blessing

*Roman Missal Blessing for Ordinary Time I*

Presider May the Lord bless you and keep you.

All **Amen.**

Presider May he let his face shine upon you  
and show you his mercy.

All **Amen.**

Presider      May he turn his countenance towards you  
and give you his peace.

**All                Amen.**

Presider      And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son,+ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**All                Amen.**

Presider      Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All                Thanks be to God.**

### **Recessional Hymn      GO NOW YOU ARE SENT FORTH** | *Leo Watt*

1. Go now, you are sent forth to live what you proclaim;  
to show the world you follow Christ in fact, not just in name.
2. Go now, you are sent forth to walk this troubled earth,  
To share your faith with ev'ry one and prove your real worth.
3. Go now, you are sent forth as God's ambassador;  
By serving him in those we meet, we love him more and more.
4. Go now, you are sent forth and Christ goes with you too.  
Today you help his kingdom come in everything you do.

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