

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022, 6.00 PM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY



Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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Prayer

Creating and Redeeming God, beneath the Southern Cross and in its light you have called together a people for Christ among the many peoples of this land; you have made us new in the image of Jesus, your beloved Son, and breathed into us the Spirit of sons and daughters of God.

Look on the face of your Church in Australia today: see our brokenness and sorrow for the crimes of abuse and hardness of heart that have wounded so many individuals and families; see our hope for the future and longing for your kingdom, and give us new hearts – hearts of flesh not of stone – that we might burn with your divine love for the world.

Teach us to read the sign of the times in the light of the Gospel, with deep listening and patient discernment, and send your Spirit to lead us into all truth, that the journey of the Fifth Plenary Council may strengthen the participation and communion of all members of the Church in this land, and raise up a living witness to your presence among all peoples and through all creation.

Mary, Mother of the Church and Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

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Mass for the Unity of Christians

Presider: Most Rev Michael McKenna, Bishop of Bathurst

Homilist: Most Rev Eugene Hurley, Bishop Emeritus

of Darwin

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon Chant

The Lord thinks thoughts of peace. When we call, he will answer, and lead us back. (With verses from Psalm 84)



Collect

For the Unity of Christians

Let us pray.

Make known in us, O Lord, the abundance of your mercy and, in the power of your Spirit, remove the divisions between Christians, that your Church may appear more clearly as a sign raised high among the nations and that the world, enlightened by your Spirit, may believe in the Christ whom you have sent. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

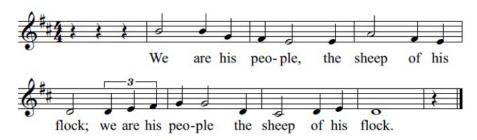
First Reading Eph 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99



Cantor We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

All We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Go within his gates, giving thanks. Enter his courts with songs of praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation John 17:21

Celtic Alleluia



May all be one as you are, Father, and I in you; let the world believe that you sent me, says the I ord. **R**.

Gospel John 17:20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,

I pray not only for these,

but for those also

who through their words will believe in me.

May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us,

as you are in me and I am in you,

so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave to me,

that they may be one as we are one.

With me in them and you in me,

may they be so completely one

that the world will realise that it was you who sent me

and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.

'Father,

I want those you have given me

to be with me where I am,

so that they may always see the glory

you have given me

because you loved me

before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One,

the world has not known you,

but I have known you,

and these have known

that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them

and will continue to make it known,

so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,

and so that I may be in them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Universal Prayer

Presider:

Sisters and brothers, sharing this Eucharist, may we be united in our commitment with Jesus, to pray that all Christians will be one.

1. May the words and actions of Pope Francis in the cause of Christian Unity fan into a flame our desire to work for that unity which has its origin in the Heart of Jesus. Christ. hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

2. May the family of the Christian Churches and Ecclesial Communities strive to preserve the unity of the Spirit, so as to be bound together in God's peace.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

3. May every Christian live a life worthy of their baptismal vocation with charity, selflessness, gentleness and patience.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

4. May Christians show respect for people of other faiths, and strengthen the spirit of fraternity and social friendship with all humanity, cooperating in all things which advance a dialogue of culture with justice and mercy. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

5. May the voices of the Eastern Rite Catholics be heard clearly in the conversations of the Plenary Council, opening to the Latin Rite the richness of these traditions and the significance of what they offer. Christ hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

6. May the various Dialogues taking place in Australia between the Catholic Church and the Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran, Uniting, and Pentecostal Ecclesial Communities, foster respect, encourage prayer, increase understanding and advance the works of charity. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Presider:

Gracious and loving God, in the midst of our sorrow and despite the depth of our sins, give us the capacity to love you with all our hearts. May we journey together, guided by your light, with one heart and one mind, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

Filled with the Spirit's Power

- Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord the infant Church confessed its risen Lord: O Holy Spirit, in the Church today no less your power of fellowship display.
- 2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity may be our great desire: give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call, and readiness in each to work for all.
- 3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace in your strong care all those of ev'ry race: like wind and fire with life among us move till we are known as Christ's and Christians prove.

Prayer over the Offerings

For the Unity of Christians

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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.

May the sacrifice we offer you purify us, O Lord, and make all who are joined in one Baptism partakers at last of one and the same celebration of these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Various Needs #1. The Church on the Path of Unity

Preface

For the Unity of Christians

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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.

For through him you brought us to the knowledge of your truth, so that by the bond of one faith and one Baptism we might become his Body.

Through him you poured out your Holy Spirit among all the nations, so that in a wondrous manner he might prompt and engender unity in the diversity of your gifts, dwelling within your adopted children and filling and ruling the whole Church.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Holy, Holy

Roman Missal





Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

PC: You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race and who always walk with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your Son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

CC: Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

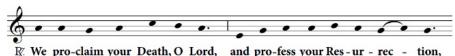
In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, gave you thanks and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

PC: The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

Roman Missal





un-til you come a-gain.

CC: Therefore, holy Father,

as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your Son, our Saviour.

whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection,

and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show forth

the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us,

and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now and until the day of eternity among the members of your Son,

in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

C1: Lord, renew your Church (which is in N.)
by the light of the Gospel.
Strengthen the bond of unity
between the faithful and the pastors of your people,
together with N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,
and the whole Order of Bishops,
that in a world torn by strife
your people may shine forth
as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

C1: Remember our brothers and sisters (N. and N.), who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith only you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, (with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron) and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

PC/CC: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen



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Lamb of God Roman Missal



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us._



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.__



Lamb of God,_ you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us__ peace.

Communion

Christians, Let Us Love One Another

- 1. Christians, let us love one another as we share the true living bread. Jesus is our God and our brother; with his flesh and blood we are fed. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
- 2. We who break this bread are one body, we who share this cup are all one. Children of our Father in heaven, we are heirs with God's only son. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
- 3. We who eat and drink at this table die and rise again with our Lord. Drawing from our Rock living water giv'n to all who thirst for accord. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

- 4. On the path of life we may falter, earthly food alone leaves us weak; Always you invite from the altar, "Hungry souls their food here must seek." Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
- 5. Wheat and grape incarnate a myst'ry:
 Jesus is the true living bread.
 Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,
 trusting in the word he has said.
 Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
 Jesus is our life. God is love.
- 6. Jesus is the vine, we the branches; we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread. Those who eat this bread live forever, one with Christ, our Lord and our Head. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

Prayer after Communion

For the Unity of Christians

Let us pray.

Receiving the Sacrament of your Christ, we pray, O Lord, that you may renew in your Church the sanctifying grace you have given and that all who glory in the name of Christian may come to serve you in unity of faith. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Recessional

Go to The World



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