



Liturgy and Prayer Book

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

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

FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022, 7.45 AM
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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Votive Mass of the BVM

Mary the Mother of the Church

Presider: Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop
of Sydney

Homilist: Most Rev Paul Bird, CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel

1. Mary, Mother of Good Counsel,
you found favour in God's sight.
Overshadowed by the Spirit,
you brought forth the world's true light.
Filled with faith and holy wisdom,
you were worthy of God's choice.
May we too possess these virtues
so that we may hear God's voice.
2. All God's people give you honour,
graceful bearer of Good News.
Be for us a constant model,
holy one whom God did choose.
May we sing God's saving power;
may we tend to human need.
May God's word dwell deep within us,
counsel for each holy deed.
3. Glory to the God who made us,
who is author of all life;
Glory to the Word Incarnate,
who redeemed us from all strife;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
who in water gives rebirth;
For the gift of Blessed Mary
to the pilgrim Church on earth.

Penitential Rite

Mass of Perpetual Help



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer-cy.



Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer-cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

Collect

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Let us pray.

O God, Father of mercies,
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,
to be our Mother also,
grant, we pray, that with her loving help
your Church may be more fruitful day by day
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.
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.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the apostles went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk: and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there was Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 86



Of you are told glo - rious things, O ci - ty of



God _ .

Cantor: Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!

All: Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!

On the holy mountain is his city
cherished by the Lord.
The Lord prefers the gates of Zion
to all Jacob's dwellings. **R.**

Of you are told glorious things,
O city of God!
Zion shall be called 'Mother'
for all shall be her children. **R.**

It is he, the Lord Most High,
who gives each his place.
In his register of peoples he writes:
'These are her children'
and while they dance they will sing;
'In you all find their home.' **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all
praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ
the Lord. **R.**

Gospel (Jn 19:25-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed, and to fulfil the scripture perfectly he said: 'I am thirsty.'

A jar full of vinegar stood there, so putting a sponge soaked in vinegar on a hyssop stick they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, 'It is accomplished'; and bowing his head he gave up the spirit.

It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies remaining on the cross during the sabbath since the sabbath was a day of special solemnity the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. Consequently, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then the other. When they came to Jesus, they found that he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Universal Prayer

Presider: Sisters and brothers, Saint Paul VI invoked Mary as Mother of the Church at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council. As we are gathered in Assembly for the Plenary Council, we seek her loving inspiration and intercession, as we call upon your help.

1. For Pope Francis, who shows the Church a tender and confident love of Mary, that we, who also honour her as Help of Christians, will seek her prayer for the Church in Australia.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
2. For all the members of the Plenary Council, that like the apostles, they will be gathered around Mary, our Mother, as they seek the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
3. For all who are in distress and pain at this time, that clinging to the crucified Jesus, they will receive from him the motherly care of Mary, and grow in faith and trust.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

4. For our world still struggling with the COVID pandemic, that a spirit of fraternity will draw together medical and nursing professions, vaccine distributors, governments and citizens, for the common good and health of all.
Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

5. For our fellow Catholics who place their trust in this Plenary Council, that they may journey prayerfully alongside the Council members. Confident that their voices will be heard and that their insights will produce abundant fruit for the Australian Church.
Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Presider: Eternal and loving God, in his Passion, your Son Jesus placed your Church under the mantle of Mary, his Mother. May we treasure his parting gift and love her as he did.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Ave Maria

Plainchant

Prayer over the Offerings

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

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.**

Receive our offerings, O Lord,
and transform them into the mystery of salvation,
so that by its power we may be set aflame
with the charity of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
and with her may be united more closely
to the work of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (EP III)

Preface

Mary, Model and Mother of the Church

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,
and to proclaim your greatness with due praise,
as we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Receiving your Word in her Immaculate Heart,
she was found worthy to conceive him in her virgin's womb
and, giving birth to the Creator,
she nurtured the beginnings of the Church.

Standing beside the Cross,
she received the testament of divine love
and took to herself as sons and daughters
all those who by the Death of Christ
are born to heavenly life.

As the Apostles awaited the Spirit you had promised,
she joined her supplication to the prayers of the disciples
and so became the pattern of the Church at prayer.

Raised to the glory of heaven,
she accompanies your pilgrim Church with a mother's love
and watches in kindness over the Church's homeward steps,
until the Lord's Day shall come in glorious splendour.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy

Mass of Perpetual Help



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.____

Heav'n and earth, heav'n and earth are full____ of____ your glo - ry. Ho.

san - na, ho - san - na in____ the high - est.

Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PC: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

CC: Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,
that they may become the Body and + Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and, giving you thanks, he 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,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

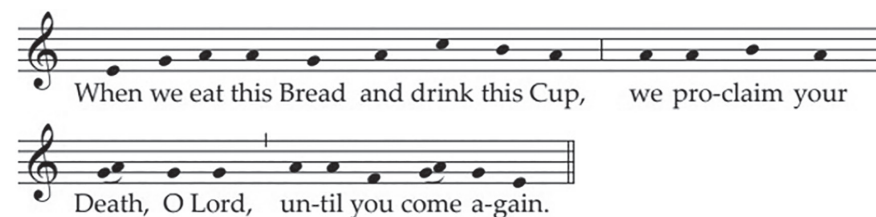
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

PC: The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

Roman Missal



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your

Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

CC: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

C1: May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother
of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
(with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint)
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

C2: May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

C3: To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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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R. A-men.

Lamb of God

Mass of Perpetual Help

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

Our Lady of the Southern Cross

1. You said your 'yes' to the angel's word,
the Spirit of God was with you.
You walked with Jesus throughout his life,
with a mother's care and trust;
You stood at last beneath the cross.
A model of courage and strength.

Chorus

**Teach us to hope, to believe and love like you,
Our Lady of the Southern Cross.
Shine upon us, guide us through life.
Show us the way to Christ your Son.
Shine upon us, guide us through life.
Mother of Jesus, Mother of God.**

Teach us to hope, to be-lieve and love like you, Our La - dy of the Sou-thern Cross.
Shine u - pon us, guide us through life. Show us the way to Christ your Son.
Shine u - pon us, guide us through life. Mo-ther of Je - sus. Mo-ther of Christ.

2. You sat and prayed with his closest friends,
awaiting the Spirit to come.
You saw them change, as they went transformed
to a world they hardly knew.
Now stand with us, O Mother of Light,
as we speak God's love and truth. **R.**
3. In the ancient lands of the South at night,
the Southern Cross shines so bright.
This beacon pointed the travellers of old
to a path secure and true.
So Mary, a guide to pilgrims today
Shows us the Christ who is our Way. **R.**

Prayer after Communion

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Let us pray.
Having received the pledge of redemption and of life,
we humbly pray, O Lord,
that, with the Blessed Virgin's motherly help,
your Church may teach all nations
by proclaiming the Gospel
and, through the grace of the outpouring of the Spirit,
fill the whole earth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Recessional

Help of Christians, Guard This Land

1. Help of Christians, guard this land,
From assault or inward stain;
Let it be what Christ has planned,
his new Eden where you reign.
2. Teach us that in Christ your son
lies the wisdom to be free;
For the cross which we would shun
Is man's tree of liberty.
3. Take from us the coward heart,
Fleeting will, divided mind,
Give us sight to play our part,
Though the world around is blind.
4. Image of the risen life
Shining in eternity,
Glimmer throughout earthly strife,
Draw us to your victory.

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Our Lady, Help of Christians

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians,
we place ourselves under your motherly protection.
Throughout the Church's history,
you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger.
Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners,
the Hope of the hopeless,
the Consoler of the afflicted,
and the Comforter of the dying.
We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son,
to proclaim His Good News of God's love for all people,
and to work for peace and justice in our world.
With faith in your intercession,
we pray for the Church,
especially the Church in Australia as we prepare for
the Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia.
We also pray for
for our family and friends,
for the poor and abandoned,
and all the dying.
Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians,
the graces of which we stand in need. (*Mention your intentions.*)
May we serve Jesus with fidelity and love until death.
Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy
of being forever with our Father in heaven.

Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!

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