



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 20
10 October 2021

Richard Rohr writes: *Mirroring the Mind of Christ*

*For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, everything visible and everything invisible (Colossians 1:16). The true and essential work of all religion is to help us recognize the divine image in everyone and every thing. It is to mirror things correctly, deeply, and fully until all things know who they are. A mirror by its nature reflects impartially, equally, effortlessly, spontaneously, and endlessly. It does not produce the image, nor does it filter the image according to its perceptions or preferences. Authentic mirroring can only call forth what is already there. We can enlarge this idea of mirroring to give us another way of understanding the Universal Christ. For example, there is a divine mirror that might be called the very "Mind of Christ." The Christ mirror fully knows and loves us from all eternity and reflects that image back to us. I cannot logically prove this to you, but I do know that people who live inside this resonance are both happy and healthy. Here's how the Franciscan mystic Bonaventure (c. 1217-1274) described this mirroring: "We can contemplate God not only outside us and within us but also above us: outside through his vestiges [creations], within through his image and above through the light which shines upon our minds, which is the light of Eternal Truth." Can we then also see the lovely significance of John's statement, "It is not because you do not know the truth that I write to you, but because you know it already" (1 John 2:21)? He is talking about an *implanted knowing* in each of us—an inner mirror, if you will. Today, many would just call it "consciousness," and poets and musicians might call it the "soul." The prophet Jeremiah would call it "the Law written in your heart" (31:33), while Christians would call it the "Indwelling Holy Spirit." For me, these terms are largely interchangeable, approaching the same theme from different backgrounds and expectations. In that same letter, John puts it quite directly: "My dear people, we are *already* the children of God" and in the future "all we will know is that we are like God, for we shall finally see God as God really is!" (1 John 3:2). The "image of God" is absolute and unchanging; it is pure and total gift, given equally to all. There is nothing we humans can do to increase or decrease it. It is not ours to decide who has it or does not have it, which has been most of our problem up to now—deciding who is in and who is out, who is up and who is down, who is "going to heaven" and who is not. Only the tiny mind would want such a strange and horrible "comfort." The great mind hands such questions back where they belong, to the only mind where everything belongs, which is of course the Mind of Christ.*

Project REGENERATE. Renew PEOPLE. Revive PROJECTS. Restore PLACE



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; Our new Dean Rev'd Canon Michael David Llewellyn Davies
- For the people of South America, Asia, all those in Refugee camps;
- Peter & Dianne; Nola Browell;
- Project Regenerate; Renew People: Revive Projects: Restore Place;
- Daily outreach to friend, family and neighbour;

Community:

- For seasonal weather;
- For all those feeling anxious, depressed, exhilarated, energised;
- All facing natural disaster and disease;
- All COVID consequences;

Years Mind: Les Garsed, George Lockwood, Josefa Koet

Service Times October

Pentecost 20 – 10 October

Morning Prayer – 9.30am Christ Church
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van

Pentecost 21 – 17 October

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal
6.00pm SHINE

Pentecost 22 – 24 October

Morning Prayer – 9.30am Christ Church
8.30-12.30pm Coffee Van Birthday

Pentecost 23 – 31 October

10.30am Christ Church

One Service Only

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TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST 20

First Reading:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

A reading from the book of Job

Then Job replied: 'Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me. Would he vigorously oppose me with great power? No, he would not press charges against me. There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered for ever from my judge. 'But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me. Yet I am not silenced by the darkness, by the thick darkness that covers my face.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Response: *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

1. Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants! **(R)**
2. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us,

for the years when we saw evil.
(R)

3. Let your work be seen by your servants
and your glory by their children;
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!

Prosper the work of our hands! **(R)**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from a letter to the Hebrews

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Alleluia!

***A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Mark***

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.'" 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.' Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.' Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!' 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a

hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Sentence: There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Collect: Merciful God in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance: draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

