



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Epiphany 2
17 January 2021

Richard Rohr writes: "A Foundational Sense of Awe"

Healthy religion gives us a foundational sense of awe. It re-enchants an otherwise empty universe. It gives people a universal reverence toward all things. Only with such reverence do we find confidence and coherence. Only then does the world become a safe home. Then we can see the reflection of the divine image in the human, in the animal, in the entire natural world—which has now become inherently "supernatural." CAC teacher Barbara Holmes describes this awakening so well and poetically:

"When we are fully alert in spirit, mind, and body, we are more than we imagine and can accomplish more than we suppose. Moments of awareness occur as a dawning of meaning, when the familiar suddenly becomes infused with new insights or unfamiliar ideas merge with the wellspring of experiences and beliefs that pervade human consciousness. Such occasions feel like personal discoveries. While in the midst of an epiphany, folks inevitably apply the term "discovery" to lands, people, and ideas that have always been present. We use the language of strange and alien sightings when the more accurate statement would be, "Eureka! I have just awakened to a long-standing reality that an inner unveiling has finally allowed me to see." . . .

An awakening is necessary to reconnect us to our origins and one another.

Instead of nurturing awe, reconnection, and awakening, I'm sorry to say that today we have a lot of ideological hysteria and junk religion—on both the left and the right. Junk religion is similar to junk food because it only satisfies enough to gratify the momentary desire but does not really feed the intellect or the heart. Junk religion is usually characterized by fear of the present and fear of the future. What we experience when people have really met God is that there is no fear of the present because it is always full. There's no fear of the future because a loving God is in charge. There's no fear of the past because it has been healed and forgiven. Then people do not use God to avoid reality or to fabricate a private, self-serving reality. They let God lead them into the fullness of Reality;

not away from dilemmas and paradoxes, but right onto the horns of the human dilemma!

Whatever reconstruction we're going to do cannot be based on fear or on reaction. *It has to be based on a positive and fully human experience of God as a loving Presence.* True religion is ready to let God be God, and to let God lead us into a new future that we do not yet understand—and no longer even need to understand.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; West Wimmera Deanery;
- Rest and renewal for ALL;
- Summer travel & holidays;
- for people of Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste;
- Gratitude for Leith Charitable Trust successful grant application;
- Project REGENERATE – Parish Revamp plans & discussion.

Community:

- For those feeling anxious;
- For those returning to work;
- for all those feeling unwell, in hospital, recovering from sickness;
- for those who are experiencing difficulty at home and work;
- All affected by COVID;
- School principals.

Years Mind: Mary Gove, Verda Loats, Ralph Clarkson, Jill Hewitt

NO COFFEE MORNING ON Tuesdays.

Will resume in February, but I'm not sure what day just yet.

Service Times January

Epiphany 2 – 17 January 2021

10.00am Warracknabeal

ONE Service only

Epiphany 3 – 24 January 2021

9.30 & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

2.00pm Dunmunkle, Minyip

Epiphany 4 – 31 January 2021

10.30am - Warracknabeal

ONE Service only

Project REGENERATE

Renew PEOPLE.

Revive PROJECTS.

Restore PLACE.

No youTube from Rev this week with apologies.

TODAY'S READINGS

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First Reading: Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from the book of Samuel

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' 'My son,' Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 40

Response: *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

1. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. **(R)**

2. Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come." **(R)**
3. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, And your law is within my heart!" **(R)**
4. I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

'I have the right to do anything,' you say – but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything' – but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, 'Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.' The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh.' But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

You are not your own; you were bought

at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

We have found the Messiah; Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.,
Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 1:43-51

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of

Joseph.' 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE PROPERS

Sentence: We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel!

Collect: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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WELCOME

Sing: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
will be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall
be opened unto you.

Allelu, allelia. *Alleluia...*

Invocation:

In the beginning was the Word; and the
Word was with God; And the Word
was God

**The Word was with God at the
beginning and through him all things
were created. No created thing came
into being without him.**

In the Word was life, and that life was
the light of humankind.

**The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has never put it
out.**

**We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds
from the mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia.**

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu alleluia.*

(Karen Lafferty)

He was in the world; but the world –
though it owed its being to him – did not
recognise him.

**He came to his own, and his people
would not receive him.**

But to those who did receive him,
**He gave the right to become children of
God, not through human desire, but
through God alone.**

So, the Word became flesh; he came
among us and was one of us.

**And we saw his glory, the glory which
befits God's only Son, full of grace
and truth.**

Prayer of Preparation:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Readings:

Discussion:

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Sing: Be Still For the Presence of the Lord

**Be still, for the presence of the
Lord,
the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now,
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the
Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

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Prayer:

Confession:

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, as we pray together;

**O God, you have searched us out
and known us,
And all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned:
we have used our power to
dominate and our weakness to
manipulate; we have evaded
responsibility and failed to**

**confront evil; we have denied
dignity to ourselves and to each
other, and fallen into despair.
We turn to you, O God;
we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we choose to be made whole.**

***Absolution:** In turn, around the circle, we say for each other, 'Your sins are forgiven, be at peace.'*

As Jesus has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Final Prayer: **“The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious
to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace; this day and always” Amen.**

[Numbers 6:24-26]

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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