

Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove  
Pentecost 4 (Ordinary 12 ) Year B  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**HYMN: TiS 613 Lord of All Hopefulness**

P: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

LA: We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we gather today – the Yuggera and Ugarapul people – and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

LA: Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 4.41

LA: [Let us pray.]

**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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid:

rescue your people from despair,

deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A reading from the First book of Samuel 32-49

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them.

Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

### Psalm 9

9 The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:

**he is a tower of strength in time of need.**

10 All who heed your name will trust in you:

**for you have never forsaken those that seek you.**

11 O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:

**tell among the peoples what great things he has done.**

12 For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:

**he has not forgotten their cry.**

13 The Lord has been merciful toward me,

he saw what I suffered from my foes:

**he raised me up again from the gates of death,**

14 That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:

**that I might rejoice in your deliverance.**

- 15 The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:  
**in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;**
- 16 The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:  
**the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.**
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to death:  
**and all the nations that forget God.**
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten:  
**nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.**
- 19 Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:  
**let the nations be judged before you.**
- 20 Put them in fear, O Lord:  
**and let the nations know they are but human.**

### **A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians 6.1-13**

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God**

### **HYMN: TiS 184 When Trouble Strikes**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 4 beginning at verse 35  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

For the gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Sermon

Silence

### LA: Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### LA: THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

LA: Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on  
earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

LA: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all  
your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your  
neighbour as yourself.'

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

LA: Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace, maintaining 1.5m separation and without touching.*

#### **HYMN: TiS 177 In Suffering Love**

*Note that we cannot pass collection bowls around at this time. There is a box at the back of the building to receive your offerings.*

#### **THANKSGIVING 5 (APBA139)**

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,  
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that when we turned away from you,  
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,  
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you  
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that on the cross  
Jesus took away our sin,  
all that keeps us from each other and from you.  
He frees us from hate and fear,  
from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
with all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them, as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me. '

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me. '

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest says*  
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Special Covid-19 Guidelines: Please come forward to receive communion (bread only). Maintain 1.5m separation as you move forward. Queue close to the pew – not in the centre of the isle – in one line. Sanitise hands. Receive the bread while standing and return to your seat.*

*While others are receiving communion you may wish to listen or quietly sing along to the communion hymn while remaining seated.*

**Communion Hymn (Not announced): TiS 754 You are my Hiding Place**

Father of all  
we give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

*Announcements*

*Please stand as you are able for the blessing:*

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

LA: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

**HYMN: TiS 609 May the Mind of Christ my Saviour**

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