

# Holy Communion

## at St Paul's, Ashgrove

### Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

*Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
in flame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above*

*TIS 422*

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#### HYMN: SPBH 29 Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Words & Music: Graham Maule, John L. Bell / Scottish Traditional "Kelvin Grove"  
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(TIS 679 for music)*

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 custodians of the land where we gather today - the Jagera and Turrbal people. We celebrate their culture, thank them for their care of the land and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

LA: Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Luke 6.35

LA: [Let us pray.]  
**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleans 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: God of Compassion,  
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son  
who prayed even for his enemies.  
In our words and deeds  
help us to be like him, through whom we pray,  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 43.1-7**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 37

**1 Do not vie with the wicked:**

or envy those that do wrong;

**2 For they will soon wither like the grass:**

and fade away like the green leaf.

**3 Trust in the Lord and do good:**

and you shall dwell in the land  
and feed in safe pastures.

**4 Let the Lord be your delight:**

and he will grant you your heart's desire.

**5 Commit your way to the Lord:**

trust him, and he will act.

**6 He will make your righteousness  
shine as clear as the light:**

and your innocence as the noonday.

**7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:**

do not be vexed when someone prospers,  
when they put their evil purposes to work.

**8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath:**

let not envy move you to do evil.

**9 For the wicked shall be cut down:**

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

**10 In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:**

you will look for them in their place,  
but they will not be found.

**11 But the meek shall possess the land:**

and enjoy the abundance of peace.

**40 Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:**

he is their strength in time of trouble.

**41 The Lord will help them and deliver them:**

he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them,  
because they come to him for refuge.

## A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:35-50

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

## Hymn: TiS 607    Make Me a Channel of your Peace

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 6 beginning at verse 27  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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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.

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Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.**

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

LA: Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

LA: Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 648 Help Us Accept Each Other**

*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.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

Bread and wine; the gifts of God  
for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts  
be found in Christ  
and Christ in us.**

NZ Prayer Book

*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 aisle – 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 403 Come Holy Spirit Lord of Grace**

Living God,  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

**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 for the blessing:*

### **Blessing**

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

**HYMN: 422 Come Holy Spirit Come**

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