

# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

Fourth Sunday of Easter 8/5/22

Service Times: 7.30am (no hymns) 9.00am (hymns)

## *The Good Shepherd*

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P: Hymn: TIS 693 Come as You Are

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

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

Christ is risen. Alleluia

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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: The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7.17

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: Gracious God,  
you sent Jesus, the good shepherd,  
to gather us together:

may we not wander from his flock,  
but follow wherever he leads us,  
listening for his voice and staying near him,  
until we are safely in your fold,  
to live with you for ever;  
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 Acts of the Apostles**      9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. NRSV

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23**

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- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:  
    therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 **He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
    and lead me beside still waters.**
- 3 He will refresh my soul:  
    and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
    for you are with me,  
    your rod and your staff comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me  
    in the face of those who trouble me:  
    you have anointed my head with oil,  
    and my cup shall be full.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
    will follow me all the days of my life:  
    and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(NRSV)

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

**LA: Hymn: SPBH 10 Come to the Water**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**  
chapter **10** beginning at verse **22**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

(NRSV)

This is the gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon**

*Silence*

**LA:** 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.

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 our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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 risen Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

*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. Alternatively, please consider giving electronically through your bank. St Paul's bank details are BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420*

**Hymn: SPHB 21 Let There Be Love**

**THANKSGIVING 5 (Season of Easter)**

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 now we give you thanks  
that you raised Jesus to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

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.**

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.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us. (*NZ Prayer Book*)

*We are now able to share communion wine as well as the bread. If you do not feel comfortable to receive wine from the communion cup, please feel no pressure to do so. If you are experiencing any viral symptoms, please refrain from drinking from the cup.*

*While others are receiving communion you may wish to listen or quietly sing the communion hymn while remaining seated. This hymn is not announced - just join in as you wish.*

**Communion Hymn (not announced): TiS 48 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of  
the Lord**

Eternal God, giver of life,  
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast  
walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation.

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:*

Blessing

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

**HYMN: TiS 181 Come O God of All the Earth**

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