# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 2022

- HEALING THE NATIONS

  Revelation 21:22-22:5
  Acts 16:9-15
  John 14:23-29

  St Paul's, Ashgrove

  Rev Dr Margaret Wesley
- P: Song: **Here in This Place** (TiS 474)
- P: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

  Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
- P: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.
- 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: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.' John 14.27
- 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: Great and loving God, your will for us in your Son Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give, your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear, and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All things look to you, O Lord, To give them their food in due season: Look in mercy on your people, And hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions have been threatened or destroyed by flood. In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land. So guide and bless your people, That we may enjoy the fruits of the earth And give you thanks with grateful hearts, Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Acts 16: 9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

#### Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> Let God be gracious to us and bless us: and make his face shine upon us, <sup>2</sup> That your ways may be known on earth: your liberating power among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.

7 God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

#### Revelation 21: 10-14; 22-22: 5

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

For the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

**LA:** Song: **Shine Jesus Shine** (TiS 675)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 14 beginning at verse 23. Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14: 23-29

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give

to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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.

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.

P: Song: The Church's One Foundation (TiS 457)

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

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.

All thanks and praise, glory and honour, be yours at all times, in every place, holy and loving Father, true and living God. We praise you that through your eternal Word you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image. You have given us this earth to care for and delight in. and with its bounty you preserve our life. We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race with the promises of a gracious covenant and called us to serve you in love and peace. Above all, we give you thanks for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ: born as one of us, he lived our common life and offered his life to you in perfect obedience and trust. By his death he delivered us from sin, brought us new life, and reconciled us to you and to one another. 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. Therefore with angels and archangels, with apostles, and prophets, with holy men and women of every age, we proclaim your great and glorious name: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in obedience to our Saviour Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may be partakers of his body and blood, and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love. On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
Christ has died.
Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament, renew us by your Spirit that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom. Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you in songs of never-ending praise: 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. 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.

We are now able to share communion wine as well as bread. If you do not feel comfortable to receive wine from the common 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 along to the communion while remaining seated. Communion Hymn (Not announced): Jesus Name Above All Names (MP375)

Jesus, Name above all names, Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord; Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

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 (see next page for details)

Please stand for the blessing:

P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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 risen Lord: In the name of Christ. Amen

P: Song: **God Give Us A Future** (TiS 687)

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## ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

### Join us for morning tea after the service!

## **Upcoming events**

Month of May Goodna Pantry Month
Sun 29 May, 4pm WeslyFest St Barnabas'

Church, Red Hill

Fri 3 June **Taize and Fish and Chips** Fri 24 - Sun 26 June **Synod**, please pray for our

Synod Reps Gill Outen and David Sneesby along with Rev

Margaret as they attend

Sun 3 July **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**,

8.30pm followed by High Tea – Robyn Carl and Helen Gregson

would love any photos or memorabilia that you have.

Fri 28 – Sat 29 Oct **Bookfest** (TBC)



### Parish Council Report 15/05/2022

1. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of dedication of St Paul's Anglican Church

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 at 8:30 am with Bishop Jeremy High Tea afterwards

Memorabilia will be presented at the morning tea on PowerPoint and in a physical display. Robyn and Helen are looking for memorabilia – Please include names on photos, name of parishioner who has lent the material and their phone number so the documents can be returned.

- Bookfest Proposed weekend: Dates 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022
   Will be confirmed soon
   Will include plant stall and Christmas craft stall, so please start potting and crafting.
- 3. Artist in Residence Sue Webster from Green Corner is our first artist! More details to come soon, but if you see her at the easel, please say hello
- 4. New sign on Jubilee Terrace is being organized. A working party will look at the wording and artwork. We will also need to raise funds for an electronic sign to replace the sign on the corner.
- 5. Name tags: Please wear your name tags at church every week and keep them on for morning tea. PC is also hoping to produce a contact list for those who are happy for their contact details to be shared including small photos.
- 6. Offerings from bank transfers have been lower than expected this year. Please check whether your arrangement with your bank is still in place.