

Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

St Francis Day, 2022

Note: Pets are very welcome at this service. If you have brought a pet, please be attentive to their needs, their safety, and their comfort. If they need to leave for a while, or if they need to walk around, please attend to them. This is their day.

Song: All things bright and beautiful (TiS 135)

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**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.**

Faithful God,
have mercy on us your unworthy servants,
and increase our faith,
that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us,
we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord
but may obediently serve him all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,



who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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**

**God who made our home,
And made your home with us,
Yet often had no place to lay your head,
Have mercy today on all who have no home.
Provide shelter and protection,
A future and a hope,
To all whose beds tonight will be unsafe, unstable or exposed.
Grant wisdom and compassion,
To everyone with power or resources
To provide housing solutions,
So that all may live in peace
And share with equity and thanksgiving
The good things you provide
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The reading is said responsively. The LA reads the words in the plain text. The congregation responds with the words in bold text.

Lamentations 3: 19-26

- ¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
- ²⁰ **My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.**
- ²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
- ²² **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**
- ²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ **‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,
‘therefore I will hope in him.’**
- ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
- ²⁶ **It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.**

Read The Circle of Days

Song: This Day God Gives Me (TiS 642)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 17 beginning at verse 5.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 17: 5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. ⁷ 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon - www.stpaulsashgrove.org.au/sermons/

Pet Blessing

Silence

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

[Congregational responses]

With all your creatures, **we thank you.**

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

God of grace, **forgive us.**

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

Let us then open our hearts and confess 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.**

God is love.
Through Christ your sins are forgiven
Take hold of this forgiveness,

And live your life, knowing that you are deeply loved.
Know that the Holy Spirit will enable you to live fully, richly, and deeply. **Amen**

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.

Song: Make me a Channel of Your Peace (TiS 607)

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

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.

...singing the eternal song:

**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 the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Do this in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**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.

*Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available (please ask).
If you prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing (keep your hands
behind your back).*

With the high incidence of Covid and influenza in the community we ask you to:

- *Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m as you move forward*

- *Use hand sanitiser before receiving the bread and wine*
- *NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and free of anxiety about drinking from the common cup. Be assured that Christ is present in you and for you as you receive the bread alone.*

(Not announced): Change My Heart O God (SPHB 11)

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:

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

Song: Christ, Be Our Light (SPHB 7)



Thank You God for Pets

Thank you, God, for ducks and goats,
 Fish and budgies, dogs and cats,
 Who share our lives
 And teach us how to play.

Their loyalty has kept us humble,
 Their cuddles have kept us warm,
 Their love has kept us grounded and
 Their dependency has taught us to be kind.

We are better people when with them.
 Help us be better all the time.
 Teach us delight in all your wild abundance
 Until our praises harmonise
 In every human language and
 The speech of every creature in your care. Amen

By Rev Dr Margaret Wesley

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ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

Join us for morning tea after the service!

Upcoming events

- TODAY **St Francis Day** (Celebrated) – you are welcome to bring small, containable pets or bring photos of your larger, louder, more chaotic creatures. You are welcome to bring your larger pets from 10.15am to be blessed outside the church. All will be blessed.
- Fri 7 Oct **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by **Fish & Chips** - please contact Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining us 0431 424 737 or pamhynd@hotmail.com
- Sat 8 Oct **On Earth Festival**, 12pm - 7pm, St Francis College. A space for people to come together, relax, eat, drink, connect, share and learn. A celebration of the way our differences help to make us whole. A space to engage with the beauty of diversity. A time to share our gifts.
- Mon 10 Oct **Book Club**, 7.30pm in the Crypt. If you would like to join you are very welcome. Just speak to one of the Bookclubbers. The chosen book is **The Birdman's Wife** by **Melissa Ashley**
- Sun 16 Oct **Combined Service**, 8.30am (**Parish Council** after the service)
- Fri 28 – Sat 29 Oct **Bookfest** - with craft and plant stall so you are encouraged to start crafting and planting now!
- Fri 25 – Sun 27 Nov **Northern Region Lay Retreat** – Raymont Residential College, Auchenflower. To find out more details and register please grab a brochure and registration form at the back of the church.

Bible Study and Morning Prayer - runs weekly on Wednesday mornings with Morning Prayer at 9am and Bible Study at 9.45am

For your prayers

Maureen, Elizabeth, Melvie Rose, Aston, Sam, Kate, Liam, John, Anni, Revd Jack, Daphne, Genevieve, Revd Margaret's niece, Annie, Nick, Cameron and Jenny, The Paul Family and the LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh. And for Joy, Romola and Noela who are at home or in a nursing home. We also give thanks for the continuing restored health of Margaret and Sue.

Update: Rev. Jack is responding very well to treatment and his progress is significantly ahead of schedule. Please pray that this continues.