

# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary 31) 30/10/22

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



*“When you're weary, feeling small”*

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**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.**

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: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.  
Luke 14.11

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: Merciful God,  
righteous Judge of all,  
who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those who are lost:  
grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour  
and joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of 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 end our housing crisis,  
So that all may live in peace  
And share with equity and thanksgiving  
The good things you provide  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### **A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ....

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

- 137 Righteous are you, Lord God:  
**and just are your judgements;**
- 138 The commands that you have commanded:  
**are exceedingly righteous and true.**
- 139 Zeal and indignation have choked my mouth:  
**because my enemies have forgotten your words.**
- 140 Your word has been tried in the fire:  
**and therefore your servant loves it.**
- 141 I am small and of no account:  
**but I have not forgotten your precepts.**
- 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness:  
**and your law is the truth.**
- 143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:  
**but your commandments are my delight.**
- 144 The righteousness of your commands is everlasting:  
**O give me understanding, and I shall live.**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.. ..

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**LA: Hymn: TiS 153 God is Love**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 19 beginning at verse 1

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

For 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.

..., 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: 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.'

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 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*

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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.**

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*)

*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.*

*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 164 The Great Love of God**

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:*

Blessing

May the feet of God walk with you, and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you, and his ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you, and his breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you, and his love bring you home.

Words Aubrey Podlich  
Music Robin Mann  
TiS 779 CCLI 154340

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and 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: SPHB 21 Let There be Love**

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Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

Sat 5 Nov **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy

Sun 13 Nov **Westside Orchestra Concert** – 11am – 12pm, with guest artists  
Dirk Kroese – Organ  
Caroline Morrissey – Flute  
<https://events.humanitix.com/bach-to-britten>

Mon 14 Nov **Micah Projects 2022 Annual Dinner**, 6.30pm canapes for 7pm dinner, The Ballroom, Victoria Park, \$60/person – International best-selling author and award winning journalist Trent Dalton will be the guest speaker.

Sun 20 Nov **Another Choral Concert**, featuring Jade Jose who appeared in our May concert. 2.30pm, \$35/person (includes pre-concert drinks and afternoon tea)

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.

Sun 11 Dec **Blue Christmas**

**The Archbishop's 2022 November Appeal** – people can donate directly or put money in an envelope clearly marked 'Archbishop's November Appeal, more information at [www.abmission.org/projects/papua-new-guinea/newton-theological-college/](http://www.abmission.org/projects/papua-new-guinea/newton-theological-college/)

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

## For your prayers

Matthew, Margaret S, Nick and Jack, Maureen, Elizabeth, Melvie Rose, 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.

Can you also please pray for the Archbishop's Selection Committee and in particular David Sneesby

*The Westside Orchestra presents . . .*

### **BACH TO BRITTEN**

Under the baton of John Rotar

Date: 13 November  
Time: 11 am  
Venue: St Paul's Ashgrove Anglican Church  
Address: 10 Jubilee Terrace Ashgrove

With guest artists:  
Dirk Kroese – Organ  
Caroline Morrissey - Flute

Bookings: <https://bit.ly/3Vu320u>

