Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Pentecost 19, 2022

Song: The God of Abraham Praise (TiS 125)

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

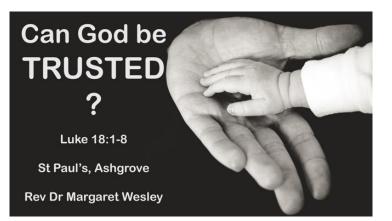
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

O Lord,

tireless guardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,



one 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

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

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.

²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord .

²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes,

and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord .

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord : I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord ', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord ; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

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

⁹⁷ Lord, how I love your law: it is my meditation all the day long. 98 Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies: for they remain with me for ever. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers: for I study your commands. ¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than the aged: because I have kept your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have held back my feet from every evil path: that I might keep your word; ¹⁰² I have not turned aside from your judgements: for you yourself are my teacher. ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my tongue: sweeter than honey to my mouth. ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate all lying ways.

2 Timothy 3: 10 – 4: 5

¹⁰ Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom. I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Song: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (TiS 585)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 18 beginning at verse 1. Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 18: 1-14

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' ⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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

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

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.

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

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

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.

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.

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.

Song: How Firm a Foundation (TiS 578) to ST DENIO (143)

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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): Seek Ye First (verse 1) (TiS 745)

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: O Jesus, I Have Promised (TiS 595)

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ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

Join us for morning tea after the service!

Upcoming events

TODAY **Combined Service**, 8.30am (**Parish Council** after the service)

- Fri 21 Oct Quiet Day, 9.30am 1.00pm, The Church of the Resurrection, Aspley-Albany Creek Parish, -*'Inspired....by Kindness* (Morning tea provided, please BYO lunch) For further information please email Anne on <u>enchanted3@tpg.com.au</u> or 0413 532 993.
- Fri 28 Sat 29 Oct **Bookfest – Time to start inviting your friends,** keep crafting and start baking. We especially need people to manage stalls (doesn't mean you have to be there the whole time!) – please speak to Sarah!
- 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



- 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. Please let Revd Margaret know if you plan on going and we can arrange to go together.
- 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 Moring Prayer at 9am and Bible Study at 9.45am

For your prayers

Nick and Jack, 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.