

**Holy Communion**  
**at St Paul's, Ashgrove**  
**Pentecost 20, 2022**

**The Kingdom of God  
belongs to these**

**Luke 18:15-30**

**St Paul's Ashgrove**

**Rev Dr Margaret Wesley**



**Song:** Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (TiS 477)

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 God,  
who alone can probe the depths of the heart,  
you hear the prayer of the humble  
and justify the repentant sinner:  
grant us the gift of humility,  
that, seeing our own faults clearly,  
we may refrain from judging our neighbour  
but rely solely upon your saving grace.  
We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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**

#### **Joel 2: 23-32**

<sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
<sup>24</sup> The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
<sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.  
<sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
<sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.  
<sup>28</sup> Then afterwards  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

<sup>30</sup> I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

<sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

<sup>32</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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.*

### Psalm 65

<sup>1</sup> You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:

**to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.**

<sup>2</sup> To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:

**when our misdeeds prevail against us,  
you will purge them away.**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself  
to dwell within your courts:

**we shall be filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.**

<sup>4</sup> You will answer us in your righteousness  
with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:

**you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the distant seas;**

<sup>5</sup> Who by your strength made fast the mountains:

**you that are girded with power;**

<sup>6</sup> Who stilled the raging of the seas,  
the roaring of the waves:

**and the tumult of the peoples.**

<sup>7</sup> Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
are afraid at your wonders:

**the dawn and the evening sing your praises.**

<sup>8</sup> You tend the earth and water it:

**you make it rich and fertile.**

<sup>9</sup> The river of God is full of water:

**and so providing for the earth,  
you provide grain for us all.**

<sup>10</sup> You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:

**you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness:

**and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.**

<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness run over:

**and the hills are girded with joy.**

<sup>13</sup> The meadows are clothed with sheep:

**and the valleys stand so thick with corn,  
they shout for joy and sing.**

### 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup> At my

first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**Song:** Lord Let me See (TiS 681)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 18 beginning at verse 15.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **Luke 18: 15-30**

<sup>15</sup> People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>17</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother." ' <sup>21</sup> He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>23</sup> But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.' <sup>28</sup> Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

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

Sermon - [www.stpaulsashgrove.org.au/sermons/](http://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:** God has a Table (TiS 544)

*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): New Commandment (TiS 699)*

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: God of the Poor (TiS 690)**

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# ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

Fri 28 – Sat 29 Oct

**Bookfest – Invite your friends**, finalise 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

Sun 6 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

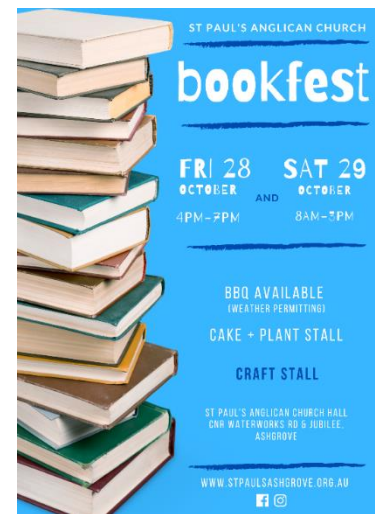
**27 Nov Northern Region Lay Retreat** – Raymont Residential College, Auchenflower. To find out more details and register please grab a brochure and registration form at the back of the church.

**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

Margaret S, 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.



*The Westside Orchestra presents . . .*

## BACH TO BRITTEN

Under the baton of John Rotar

Date: 6 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/3Uvz0u>

