# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Christ the King, 2022

**Song:** Crown Him with Many Crowns (TiS 228)

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

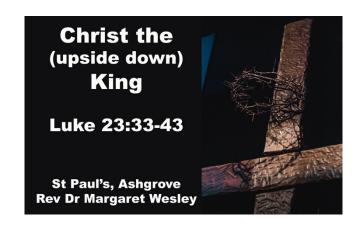
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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.

Most Gracious God, who in Jesus of Nazareth showed us an alternative to the kings, queens and emperors of history, help us to revere and emulate Jesus' leadership: To love, and to seek justice for all people. Help us to recognize the true grandeur and life-changing power based in loving you and all of our neighbours. In Christ Jesus with you and the Holy Spirit, may we co-create a world ruled not through domination,



but in that radical and all-powerful compassion and love. **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 23: 1-6

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord . <sup>2</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord , the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord . 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' 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.

#### Song of Zechariah

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel: you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, you promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

#### Colossians 1: 11-20

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

**Song:** Jesus Shall Reign (TiS 207)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 23 beginning at verse 33. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**.

#### Luke 23: 33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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 return 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:** There is a Redeemer (SPHB 27)

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 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): Jesus, Name Above All Names (SPHB 18)

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: Joy to The World (TiS 268)

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Join us for morning tea after the service!

### **Upcoming events**

A REMINDER: November is Goodna Pantry Month Please leave donations at the back of the church or drop them off to the office on Wednesday or Friday mornings.

### **Upcoming events**

Sun 20 Nov **Choral Concert,** featuring Jade Jose who appeared in our May concert. Featuring quest:

**RENEE KWOK** - The audience will warm to her sense of fun. She is a lovely foil for Jade

2.30pm, \$35/person (includes pre-concert drinks and afternoon tea) – purchases ticket through www.trybooking.com/CDXBI

Fri 25 – Sun 27 Nov **Northern Region Lay Retreat** – Raymont Residential College, Auchenflower. For more details and to register grab a brochure at the back of the church.



Sun 11 Dec **Blue Christmas,** 5.30pm - a quiet, reflective service, allowing you to acknowledge sadness and grief as you enter into a season where there can be pressure to be happy.

**The Archbishop's 2022 November Appeal –** people can donate directly of put money in an envelope clearly marked 'Archbishop's November Appeal, more information at <a href="https://www.abmission.org/projects/papua-new-guinea/newton-theological-college/">www.abmission.org/projects/papua-new-guinea/newton-theological-college/</a>

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

### For your prayers

The Archbishop Election Committee as they prepare for their task of looking for and discerning who will be our next Archbishop.

Barb, Margaret S, Nick and Jack, Maureen, Elizabeth, Melvie Rose, Sam, Kate, Liam, John, Anni, Revd Jack, Daphne, Genevieve, Revd Margaret's niece, Annie, Nick, 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.