Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Pentecost 23, 2022

Song: Lord of All Hopefulness (TiS 613)

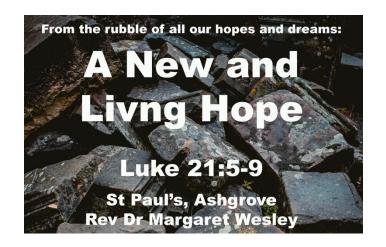
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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.

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come: stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, keep our hearts steady in times of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



In Recognition of Remembrance Day last Friday, we pray:

God of love and liberty,

We bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy.

We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country.

We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.

Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten the day when nations shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world:

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen

(APBA, p204)

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

Isaiah 65: 17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain,

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 Isaiah

'Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations: proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we

gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Song: Isaiah the Prophet (TiS 663)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 21 beginning at verse 5. Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 21: 5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' 7 They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' 8 And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 9 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' 10 Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 12 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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: O Love that Will not Let Me Go (TiS 602)

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: God of the Poor (TiS 690)

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ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

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 during office hours.

Upcoming events

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) – 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

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 www.abmission.org/projects/papua-new-guinea/newton-theological-college/

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 look for and discern who will be our next Archbishop.

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, 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.



