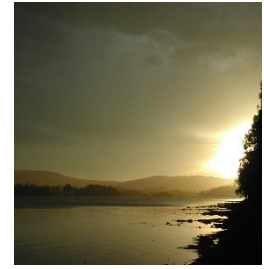


# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

Third Sunday after Epiphany (Ordinary 3) 22/01/23

Service Time: 8.30am

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation”*



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## HYMN: TIS 477 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

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.**

**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.**

Loving God,  
the light of the minds that know you,  
the life of the souls that love you,  
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:  
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, 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 **Isaiah 9: 1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**Psalm 27: 1-10**

- 1** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
**the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
- 2** When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:  
**they shall stumble and fall.**
- 3** If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:  
**and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.**

- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:  
**and to seek his will in his temple.**
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:  
**and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.**
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:  
**above my enemies round about me.**
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:  
**I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:  
**have mercy upon me and answer me.**
- 10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':  
**your face, Lord, I will seek.**

#### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1: 10-18)**

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptise also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

#### **HYMN: TIS 619 Have Faith In God My Heart**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 4 beginning at verse 12  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Sermon**

*Silence*

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.

...in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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**

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.  
Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing 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.*

*While we will now be passing around the collection bowls again you may like to also consider giving electronically through your bank. St Paul's bank details are BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420*

## **HYMN: SPHB 29 Will You Come and Follow Me**

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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.**

*<congregational response>*

...Lord our God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

...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.**

...Do this in remembrance of me. '

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...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): SPHB 4 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord***

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

**HYMN: TIS 658 I the Lord of Sea and Sky**

# ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

- Sun 29 Jan **Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young**, Governor of Queensland will be attending and presenting the first reading.
- Fri 3 Feb, 9.30-11.30 **Playgroup** recommences – weekly during school terms. To learn more contact Rev Margaret or the office.
- January 29 **Preparing and Presenting Intercessions.** Workshop in the Hall after the service
- February 1, 9:05 am Bible Study and Morning Prayer resumes with an **Introduction to Matthew's Gospel**. Matthew will be the focus of our preaching through 2023 and this overview will help you see how it all fits together. Everyone welcome! Morning Prayer and Bible Study will continue as usual from Feb 8.
- Sat 11 Feb, 7-9pm **Cryptic Conversations - 'Reappreciating God as the years go by'** (Inspiration and Conversation in the Crypt) with **Patrick Oliver**, \$15/person.
- Sat 18 Feb, 7.30am **Men's Breakfast** – join us for a hot breakfast and speaker **Rev Dr Peter Catt**, in St Paul's Crypt, message Mark to rsvp 0414 647 077 or you can put your name on the white board at church
- Sun 19 Feb **AGM** – nomination forms are at the back of the church. Can you please have your reports to Rachel in the office by Friday 10 February.



If you would still like to make a donation towards the **Archbishop's farewell gift** please contact the office or our treasurer.

## For your prayers

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

Gemma and Yen, David, Stafford Parish with Revd Kathy and Revd Jack as Locums, Revd Sue, The Ward Family, Barb, 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. We give thanks for the continued recovery of Nick and Jack and Anni. And for Joy, Margaret S and Romola who are at home or in a nursing home. We also give thanks for the life of Noela Burdett.