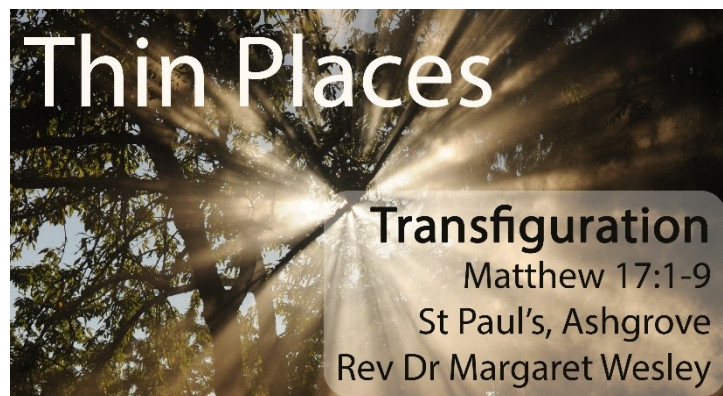


# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Transfiguration, 2023



**Song:** There's a Light Upon the Mountain (TiS 276)

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.**

Friend of Moses,  
strength of Elijah,  
you go with your people  
and give them your Spirit:  
may the Child of your heart  
transfigure the mortal world  
that love may know no bounds;  
through Jesus Christ, the beloved one. **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

#### Exodus 24: 12-18

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

#### Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in tumult:  
**and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?**  
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers conspire together:  
**against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**  
<sup>3</sup> 'Let us break their bonds asunder:  
**let us throw off their chains from us.'**  
<sup>4</sup> He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:  
**the Lord will hold them in derision.**  
<sup>5</sup> Then will he speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury:  
**'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'**  
<sup>6</sup> I will announce the Lord's decree,

that which he has spoken:

**'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask of me,

and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:

**the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>8</sup> 'You may break them with a rod of iron:

**and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'**

<sup>9</sup> Now therefore be wise, O kings:

**be advised, you that are judges of the earth.**

<sup>10</sup> Serve the Lord with awe,

and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:

**lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

<sup>11</sup> For his wrath is quickly kindled:

**blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.**

## **2 Peter 1: 16-21**

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

**Song:** Lord, The Light of Your Love (TiS 675)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 17 beginning at verse 1.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Matthew 17: 1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

The light of Christ has shone into our lives,  
and we have been startled, confused and fearful. (silence)

Let us leave behind the failures of our past, rise with Christ and walk in the light.

**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:** Christ Be our Light (SPHB 7)

*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*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever**

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.**

...we proclaim your great and glorious name:

**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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...in songs of never-ending praise:

**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 in remembrance that Christ 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.*

*Song (not announced): Jesus, Name Above All Names (Song Book 18)*

God of the nations,

we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.

Guide us by your presence,

that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

**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*

May the light of Christ  
Startle and unsettle you,  
Shattering structures that could never give you life,  
And in your confusion may you hear only the voice of Jesus  
Calling you to rise  
And not be afraid.  
And the blessing of God who loves you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Fill you and surround you now and forever. Amen.

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

**Song:** Immortal, Invisible (TiS 143)

# ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

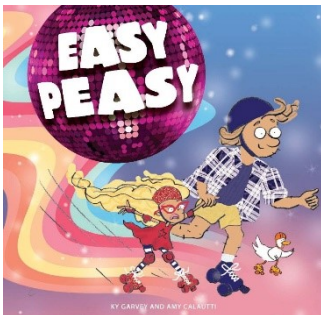
- TODAY                                   **Combined Service** and **AGM** – nomination forms are at the back of the church.
- Wed 22 Feb                           **Ash Wednesday Services** - 10am, 7pm
- Fri 3 March                           **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by **Fish & Chips** - please contact Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining us 0431 424 737 or [pamhynd@hotmail.com](mailto:pamhynd@hotmail.com)
- Sat 4 March                           **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy

**Playgroup** - weekly on a Friday from 9.30-11.30am during school terms. \$4 per week to cover cost Registered Playgroup with Play Matters.

**Bible Study and Morning Prayer** every Wednesday morning. **Prayer group** from 9am and **Bible Study** from 9.45. Everyone welcome!

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

**Lenten Studies:**                   Our Wednesday morning Bible study group will be following the Common Grace Lenten series on the Lord's Prayer this year. If you are unable to join us you can access the series at home at [www.commongrace.org.au/the\\_lords\\_prayer\\_2023](http://www.commongrace.org.au/the_lords_prayer_2023)



**Kylie Garvey** (nee Minns) has extended an invitation to the parishioners of St Paul's for the launch of her book **Easy Peasy** (including storytime).

**When:** Saturday 4 March 2023

**Time:** 10 – 11am

**Location:** Where the Wild Things Are, 191 Boundary St, West End  
Book + ticket \$24.99, single ticket \$10 (tickets available 4 March, 9am) – grab tickets online via this [link](#)

## For your prayers

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

Jack, Wendy and family, Wayne, Gemma and Yen, David, Stafford Parish with Revd Kathy and Revd Jack as Locums, Revd Sue and the Goonaneman Parish, The Ward Family, Barb, Elizabeth, Melvie Rose, Sam, Kate, Liam, John, Anni, Revd Jack, 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 Anni. And for Joy, Margaret S and Romola who are at home or in a nursing home.