

# **Holy Saturday**

## **at St Paul's, Ashgrove**



**Greeting and sharing the light of Christ in fire  
and water; and in bread and wine!**

We gather outside the church.

Excerpts from *A Poem for Easter*

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Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,  
people throughout the world  
come together in vigil and prayer.

**Through light and word, through water, bread and wine  
we come to celebrate the new life that Christ shares with us.** (NZ prayer book)

## Lighting of the Pascal Candle

The Light of Christ    **Thanks be to God**

*The pascal candle is carried to its stand in the church with the congregation following. The lights and candles in the sanctuary are lit.*

*Congregation light their candles from the Pascal candle.*

**Song:** Yours be the glory (TiS 380)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 28 beginning at verse 1. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy



and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

The Sermon

The Blessing of the Water of  
Baptism

**Reaffirmation of Baptismal  
Vows**

Do you turn to Christ? **I do.**  
Do you repent of your sins? **I do.**  
Do you renounce evil? **I do.**

I ask you to reaffirm as yours 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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace,  
strive to live as a disciple of Christ,  
loving God with your whole heart,  
and your neighbour as yourself,  
until your life's end?

**I will with God's help.**

God our creator, Rock of our salvation,  
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,  
and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
May God keep us faithful to our calling  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Water is sprinkled over the people*

## **Prayers**

LA: Let us pray

Lord Jesus, as we rejoice this day  
we remember your words to the disciples 'Peace be with you'.  
We pray for peace in our world,  
that we may rise above all that would cause strife and conflict,  
that your victory over the powers of evil may take effect throughout your world.  
**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**

Christ Jesus, risen in glory,  
**scatter the darkness from our hearts and from your world.**

We remember before you all who walk in darkness and fear,  
all who are weighed down, all who are heavily laden.  
**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**

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.**

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. **And also with you**

**Song: 362 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

*A collection is taken during this song to support the ministry of this parish. If you are a guest tonight please feel no obligation to contribute. St Paul's members may like to consider giving electronically through your bank. St Paul's bank details are Name: Ithaca-Ashgrove Anglican Parish BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420*

...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.**

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who has ever basked in your light,  
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 the 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.**

... made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your  
kingdom.**

**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.**

Everyone who trusts in the Resurrected Christ  
this evening is welcome at the Lord's Table.



*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 and an Easter egg (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.*

... and in the place of resurrection.

**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**

Please stand to be blessed:

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord: Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**SONG:** The Day of Resurrection (TiS 361)



# ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

- Sun 9 April                      **Easter Day**, 8.30am
- Sun 16 April                      **Combined Service** and **Parish Council Meeting** (after morning tea)
- Mon 17 April, 7.30pm        **Book Club** in the Crypt. If you would like to join you are very welcome. Just speak to one of the Bookclubbers. The chosen book is **Sense and Sensibility** by **Jane Austen**
- Sat 6 May                        **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 during school terms. **Prayer** from 9:05am and **Bible Study** from 9.45. Everyone welcome!

**Would you like to get more involved?** In addition to our regular activities, we would love to start organising BBQs, trivia nights, a craft group, a writer's group, a social justice group, etc. If you would like to be involved with any of these, or if you have other ideas for things we might begin, please get in touch with Rev Margaret.

## For your prayers

**The Archbishop Election Committee as they discern who will be our next Archbishop.**

Ian, Wayne, Gemma and Yen, David, Revd Sue and the Goonaneman Parish, The Ward Family, Barb, Elizabeth, Melvie Rose, Sam, Kate, Liam, John, Revd Jack, Genevieve, Revd Margaret's niece, Nick, The Paul Family and the LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh. We give thanks for the continued good health of Anni. And for Joy, Margaret S and Romola who are at home or in a nursing home.

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