

# **Holy Communion**

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



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## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**P: Welcome**

P: Hymn Your hand, O God, has Guided (TiS 456)

*Note that hymns are only sung in the 9am service*

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

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

LA: “My grace is sufficient for you,’ says the Lord, ‘for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ 2 Corinthians 12.9

LA: [Let us pray.]  
**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.**

P: Almighty God, whose apostle Paul glorified you in his death as in his life: grant that your Church, inspired by his teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Acts 22:12-21**

<sup>12</sup> “A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, <sup>13</sup> came to me; and standing beside me, he said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your sight!’ In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. <sup>14</sup> Then he said, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; <sup>15</sup> for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup> And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.’

17 “After I had returned to Jerusalem and while I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance 18 and saw Jesus saying to me, ‘Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’ 19 And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. 20 And while the blood of your witness Stephen was shed, I myself was standing by, approving and keeping the coats of those who killed him.’ 21 Then he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

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

### **Psalm 34:1-10**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
3 O magnify the LORD with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together.**  
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**  
5 Look to him, and be radiant;  
**so your faces shall never be ashamed.**  
6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
**and was saved from every trouble.**  
7 The angel of the LORD encamps  
**around those who fear him, and delivers them.**  
8 O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
**happy are those who take refuge in him.**  
9 O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
**for those who fear him have no want.**  
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
**but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

## **2 Timothy 4.6-8, 4.17-18**

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

LA: Hymn      **Great is your faithfulness**      (TiS 154)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
chapter 28 beginning at verse 18

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Silence**

### **LA: 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.**

## **LA: THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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

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LA: 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.**

LA: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord 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.**

P: Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness  
to all who turn to God 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.

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

## **Greeting of Peace**

P: 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.*

**P: Hymn Jesus Christ is waiting (TiS 665)**

*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.*

## **Thanksgiving**

P: 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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks because  
you have called us into the fellowship of Paul  
all your saints,  
and set before us the example of their witness

and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying/singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

### **Renew us by your Holy Spirit**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
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 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.

*Special Covid-19 Guidelines: Please come forward to receive communion (bread only). Maintain 1.5m separation as you move forward. Queue close to the pew – not in the centre of the isle – in one line. Sanitise hands. Receive the bread while standing and return to your seat.*

Bountiful God,  
at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive  
this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**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:*

P: God give you grace to follow Paul and all the saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

P: Hymn **Sent forth by God's blessing (TiS 531)**

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