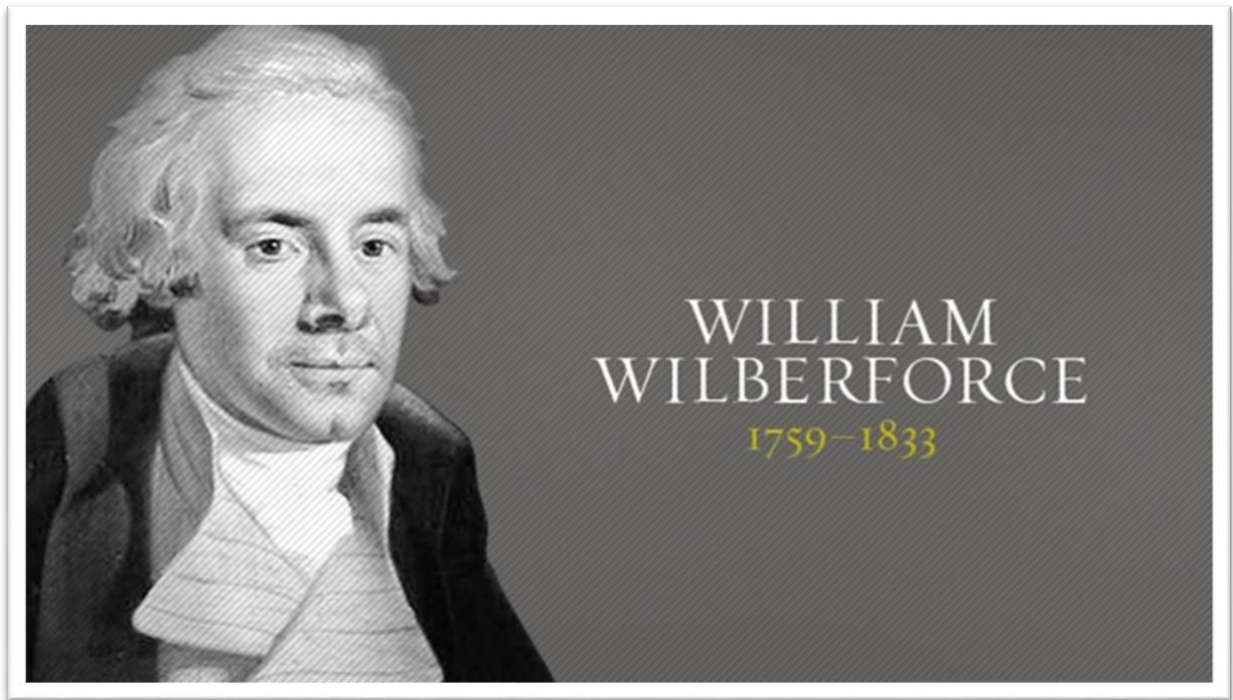


Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove



Pentecost 9, 2020

**William Wilberforce
and the Abolition of Slavery**

William Wilberforce and Slavery – A very short history

- 1562 First English slaving expedition by Sir John Hawkins
- 1672 Royal Africa Company granted charter to carry Africans to the Americas
- 1759 Wilberforce is Born
- 1772 Ruling that no slave could be forcibly removed from Britain. (Slavery itself was still permitted).
- 1778 Slavery made illegal in Scotland.
- 1780 Wilberforce Enters British Parliament
- 1783 US gains independence from Britain
- 1786 Wilberforce's Conversion experience
- 1789 Introduced antislavery bill – Defeated
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- 1792 Introduced antislavery bill – Defeated
- 1793 Introduced antislavery bill – Defeated
- 1794 France abolishes slavery in all its territories.
- 1797 Introduced antislavery bill – Defeated
- 1798 Introduced antislavery bill – Defeated
- 1799 Introduced antislavery bill – Defeated
- 1804 Introduced antislavery bill – Defeated
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- 1807 Slave trade made illegal in the British Empire
- 1833 Emancipation Bill makes Slavery illegal throughout the British Empire
- 1833 Wilberforce Dies
- 1847 Benjamin Boyd begins trade in Islanders for use as slaves in Australia ("blackbirding"). Though his ventures failed, with much loss of life, his example was followed by Robert Towns and John Mackay (1863-1904). Around 62,000 Islanders were brought to Australia to work (mostly) on Sugar Cane plantations.
- 1865 Slavery abolished in the US
- 1897 *Aboriginal Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act* (QLD) gives power to invest Aboriginal wages in a trust fund, which was rarely paid out.
- 1901 Under the *White Australia Policy*, Islanders, already traumatised by blackbirding, are deported
- 1918 *The Aboriginals Ordinance* allows forced recruitment of Indigenous workers in NT and legalises the non-payment of wages.
- 1967 Referendum passed to include Aboriginal Australians in our census.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

P: Welcome

P: Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed (TiS 275)

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: And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just;
when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.
Psalm 17.16**

**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: Let us pray that God's justice and righteousness will break forth in our time.

Awaken our hearts and deepen our commitment
to work for a world where all people are free
and able to live with dignity.

We ask for conversion of heart for traffickers
For strong laws to protect victims
And for just compensation for survivors and their
descendants.

Give us wisdom and courage to find ways
to ensure Your freedom is a gift for all people.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from <https://freedomSundayGlobal.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/prayer-resource.pdf>

1st Reading

Genesis 32.22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with

him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm 17.1-7, 17.16

¹ Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry:

listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.

² Let judgement for me come forth from your presence:

and let your eyes discern the right.

³ Though you search my heart,

and visit me in the night-time:

though you try me by fire,

you will find no wickedness in me.

⁴ My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others:

for I have kept the word of your lips.

⁵ My steps have held firm in the way of your commands:

and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.

⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer:

incline your ear to me, and hear my words.

⁷ Show me the wonders of your steadfast love,

O saviour of those who come to you for refuge:

**who by your right hand deliver them
from those that rise up against them.**

¹⁶ And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just:
when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.

Romans 9.1-8

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. ⁶ It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

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

LA: Hymn Magnificat (TiS 161)

9am Gospel procession during last verse

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 14 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 14.1-21

At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; ² and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” ³ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, ⁴ because John had been telling him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵ Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod ⁷ so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” ⁹ The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰ he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. ¹² His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ ¹⁷ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ ¹⁹ Then he ordered

the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.

We pray for people who are trafficked;
May they find freedom from fear and harm
And courage to live in hope.
Let us pray to the Lord.

(Silence is kept)

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

We pray for indigenous Australians
Who bear the legacy of generations of slavery.
May they find freedom from inequality and injustice,
And courage to live in truth.

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Silence is kept)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for people who traffick others;
May they find freedom from greed and violence
And courage to live with justice.
Let us pray to the Lord.

(Silence is kept)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for people who work to prevent trafficking;
May they find freedom from threats and webs of untruth
And courage to live in peace
Let us pray to the Lord.

(Silence is kept)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you for the faithfulness and tenacity of Wilberforce;
May we follow his example as we work for justice in our time;
May we seek and find freedom from systemic evil,
And courage to live in respect for all people.
Let us pray to the Lord.

(Silence is kept)

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of compassion and mercy,
who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery to freedom in the promised land:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Adapted from <https://freedomundayglobal.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/prayer-resource.pdf>

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.

**Almighty God
Saviour, Liberator and Lover of all people,
We confess that we have not loved you
with our whole hearts**

**Or reflected your self-sacrificing love
that has won our freedom.
We hear of modern slavery
And the slavery in Australia's past,
But we prefer not to look too closely
At what is difficult to face and painful to think about.
We have chosen to keep our eyes shut
Rather than ask difficult questions.
Yet we remember how you came into our darkness
And always walk beside us,
And never look away from us.
We are truly sorry – please forgive us and make us
more like you.**

P: Almighty God – Saviour, Liberator
and Lover of all people,
Who sought you out and paid your ransom,
Pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
Stir up in you a passion for the freedom of all,
to challenge injustice and work to fill our world
With God's transforming love, and life-giving freedom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from

http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/written_prayers_responding_to_human_trafficking_and_modern_slavery.pdf

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

P: We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace and liberty 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 Beauty for Brokenness (TiS 690)

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.

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.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,

you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,

and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross

Jesus took away our sin,

all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, 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.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.
On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
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.
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: May the peace and freedom of God's presence
Be your guiding light through the world's darkness
Until the bright day of God's kingdom,
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 **I, The Lord of Sea and Sky** (TiS 658)

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