

# *Holy Communion*

## *at St Paul's, Ashgrove*

### *Season of Creation 2020*



**P: Welcome**

**P: Hymn Let All Creation Dance (TiS 187)**

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

**P: We gather in the image of the Creator  
who is a community of love.**

**We gather in the name of the Redeemer  
who reconciles all of creation.**

**We gather in the presence of the Life Giver  
who inspires new life and renews it.**

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

**LA: We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we gather today - the Yuggera and Ugarapul people – and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.**

**LA: In Ephesians 2, we read: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. (v8–9)**

**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: Loving and righteous God,  
your boundless generosity  
exceeds all that we can desire or deserve,  
and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:  
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,  
that we may be free to love and serve others,  
and in your service may find our true reward;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 1st Reading

#### **Exodus 16.2-15**

<sup>2</sup> The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.  
<sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' <sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."' <sup>10</sup> And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."' <sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

For the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 105.1-6, 105.37-45**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:  
**tell among the peoples what things he has done.**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, O sing praises:  
**and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

<sup>3</sup> Exult in his holy name:  
**and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.**

<sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength:  
**O seek his face continually.**

<sup>5</sup> Call to mind what wonders he has done:  
**his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,**

<sup>6</sup> O seed of Abraham his servant:  
**O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

<sup>37</sup> He brought Israel out with silver and with gold:  
**and not one among their tribes was seen to stumble.**

<sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad at their going:  
**for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.**

<sup>39</sup> He spread out a cloud for a covering:  
**and fire to lighten the night.**

<sup>40</sup> The people asked, and he brought them quails:  
**and satisfied them with the bread from heaven.**

<sup>41</sup> He opened a rock, so that the waters gushed:  
**and ran in the parched land like a river.**

<sup>42</sup> For he had remembered his holy word:  
**that he gave to Abraham his servant.**

<sup>43</sup> So he led out his people with rejoicing:  
**his chosen ones with shouts of joy;**

<sup>44</sup> He gave them the land of the nations:  
**and they took possession of the fruit  
for which other peoples had toiled,**

<sup>45</sup> So that they might keep his statutes:  
**and faithfully obey his laws. O praise the Lord.**

**Philippians 1**

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the

day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. <sup>12</sup> I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; <sup>14</sup> and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. <sup>15</sup> Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup> These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; <sup>17</sup> the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will result in my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**LA: Hymn I Sing the Almighty Power of God (TiS 119)**

### **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 20 beginning at verse 1

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **Matthew 20.1-16**

<sup>1</sup> 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to

them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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 in thanksgiving for the Earth in which all life is rooted, the Sun whose energy radiates life, Water that nurtures and revives us, and the creatures with whom we live, and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden planet. Creative Spirit,  
**enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Creative Spirit,  
**enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Creative Spirit,  
**enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Creative Spirit,  
**enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

In the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic, hear our cries of compassion, and heal our world and all creatures. Inspire our hearts with a holy imagination, to rise, freed from the demands to produce and consume to imagine a just, sustainable way of living, where all have enough, and all may be restored. Creative Spirit,  
**enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

During this Season of Creation, grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the ground. Creative Spirit,  
**enlighten our hearts and remain with your world.**

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Creative Spirit,  
**enlighten our hearts and remain with your world. Amen.**

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.

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

## Confession

God of mercy and justice,

You tell us the land must rest, free from the burden of production.

**We confess our demand that the Earth produce beyond its limits, and our bondage to desire more.**

You call us to pause from sowing, pruning, and reaping in ways that destroy the soil.

**We confess our over consumption of food and energy.**

You assure us that we can be filled from the yield of the land.

**We confess our lack of trust that we can thrive within the Earth's limits.**

You affirm that our security is found in sufficiency.

**We confess our lack of courage to resist the drive for endless growth.**

You call us to leave enough fruit on the vine and in the fields to feed our the poor and the outsider.

**We confess our failure to share what we receive from the Earth.**

You call us to fairness and justice.

**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and strength and mind, or our neighbours as ourselves or your creation as the work of your hands.**

Turn us from fear and mistrust,

**and free us to imagine a life reconciled to the Earth and all creatures, through the Good News of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

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.

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 For the Fruits of All Creation (TiS 168)**

*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. St Paul's bank details are BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420*

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
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.**

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

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.*

While others are receiving communion you may wish to listen or quietly sing along to the  
communion while remaining seated. God, You Touch the Earth with Beauty (TiS 610)

Living God,  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,

give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.  
**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 God who established the dance of creation,  
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,  
Who transforms chaos to order,  
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church  
To reflect God's glory in creation.  
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 **Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit (TiS 186)**

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