

# *Holy Communion*

## *at St Paul's, Ashgrove*

### *Season of Creation 2020*



**P: Welcome**

**P: Hymn Morning Has Broken (TiS 156)**

*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: The Prophet Hosea said: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.  
(Hosea 6.1a, 2b)**

**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: Grant, O merciful God,  
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,  
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,  
and in humility became obedient even to death.  
For you have highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,  
Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in everlasting glory. Amen.

#### 1st Reading

##### **Exodus 17.1-7**

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

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

#### Psalm

##### **Psalm 25.1-9**

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:  
**in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**  
<sup>2</sup> Let none who wait for you be put to shame:  
**but let those that break faith  
be confounded and gain nothing.**

- <sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord:  
**and teach me your paths.**
- <sup>4</sup> Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:  
**for you are the God of my salvation.**
- <sup>5</sup> In you have I hoped all the day long:  
**because of your goodness, O Lord.**
- <sup>6</sup> Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:  
**for they are from of old.**
- <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth,  
nor my transgressions:  
**but according to your mercy think on me.**
- <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord:  
**therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**
- <sup>9</sup> The meek he will guide in the path of justice:  
**and teach the humble his ways.**

### Philippians 2:1-13

- <sup>1</sup> If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

**LA: Hymn O Lord of Every Shining Constellation (TiS 157)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 21 beginning at verse 23

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Matthew 21.23-32**

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" <sup>26</sup> But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup> 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." <sup>29</sup> He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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.**

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

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 God of the Poor (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. 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.**

### *Sanitise Hands*

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. Communion Hymn (Not announced): Touch the Earth Lightly (TiS 668)

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 **Shine, Jesus, Shine (TiS 675)**

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