

Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

10th November 2024

Pentecost 25/ Ordinary 32

7.30am, 9.00am (with hymns)



Hymn: TiS 693 Come as You Are

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you

Acknowledgement of Country

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. *Luke 6.38*

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.

Lord, we give our lives to you
our mind and all its thinking,
our heart and all its loving
our strength and all its working,
our soul and all its worshipping;
we give ourselves to you
and seek to serve you in our neighbour;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever. Amen

A reading from the Book of Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17

Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ²Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." ⁵She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 127

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house:

their labour is in vain who build it.

² Unless the Lord watches over the city:

in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

³ It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late,

vain, too, to eat the bread of toil:

for he gives his beloved sleep.

⁴ Children are a heritage from the Lord:

and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

⁵ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:

are the children of one's youth.

⁶ Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them:

he shall not be put to shame

when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 9: 24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Hymn: TiS 745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark** chapter **12** beginning at verse **38**
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Sermon

Silence

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**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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**

**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.**

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

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'
Jesus said; 'This is the great and first commandment.
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

**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.**

Absolution

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.

The collection bowl will be passed around to support the ministry of St Paul's. Most members give electronically through their bank. St Paul's bank details are Name: Ithaca-Ashgrove Anglican Parish BSB: 704901 Acc No: 00004420

Hymn: TiS 650 Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

Gracious God,
your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day.
and let your loving kindness be our comfort
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word
Blessed be God forever

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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.

...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 Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Do this in remembrance of me. '

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

...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.
May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us. (*NZ Prayer Book*)

*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 (keep your hands
behind your back). You are welcome to kneel at the communion rail. If you prefer to stand, please
stand in the middle section. For the safety of all in the community we ask you to:*

- *Use hand sanitiser before receiving the bread and wine*
- *do not dip the bread in the wine*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and from anxiety about drinking from the common cup. Be assured that Christ is present in you and for you as you receive the bread alone.*

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

Hymn: Our God we sing and celebrate

Our God, we sing and celebrate! Your grace to us is clear!
For we recall your faithful love for all your people here.
We've worked together, yet we know it's not the things we've done,
But you, who give us life and hope in sending us your Son.

Lord Jesus, in this broken world, you teach us how to heal,

And in a world where pride abounds, you call your church to kneel.
Amid the hate, we're called to love; amid the fear, to pray.
You call us to live differently; transform us every day!

You give us gifts to be your church; we follow as you call.
Here some are teachers, others preach, to speak your truth to all.
Some reach to help the sick and poor, while some are called to lead;
Yet by your Spirit, we are one, in word, in prayer, in deed!

How easy to look back and see your graceful, constant care,
And yet we're called to look ahead, to grow, to serve, to dare!
What is your will in this new day? God, help us pray and search,
For as we seek to walk with you, we are your faithful church.

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Please stand as you are able for the blessing:

Blessing

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

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Join us for morning tea after the 9/8.30am service!

This year's Archbishop's November Appeal will support **Enhancing Primary Education in the Philippines**. Contributions to the 2024 November Appeal of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. You can learn more about the November Appeal and donate by visiting www.abmission.org/November2024.

Upcoming events

- Oct 24-Nov 27 Rev Margaret on leave
- Fri 15 Nov **Peace Vigil**, 6pm, followed by a meal. Please RSVP to the office.
- Sat 16 Nov **Working Bee**, from 8am
- Sun 17 Nov Combined service - **Parish Council Meeting**, after morning tea
- Mon 25 Nov **Book Club**, for our final meeting we will be sharing a meal together at a local restaurant from 6.30pm. The chosen book is *'Elizabeth and Elizabeth'* by Sue Williams



Fri 29 Nov – Sun 1 Dec **The 5th Annual Silent Northern Lay Retreat**, themed *'Peace That The World Cannot Give'*. Forms are at the back of the church.

Fri 6 Dec **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by a meal at a local restaurant - please contact Rev Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining.

Sat 7 Dec **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Please chat to Revd Kathy.



The **Westside Orchestra** presents *On Wings of Peace*, **Warick Adeney** on the violin playing *The Lark Ascending* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and guest conductor Nicky Griffith. Tickets available [here!](#)

Jubilee Terrace 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!

For your prayers

Cherilee, Charlie (Elizabeth S niece), Gareth, Ben and family, Ian and Kirsty, Rev Shane, Baby Sal (in palliative care) and his parents Bella and George, Georgia, Sue J, Noel and Wayne. Pray for the continuing recovery of Rev Jack and Sam. We also give thanks for Rev Jack and Rev Kathy in their ministry to several parishes in the Diocese. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country.

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