

Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Easter 2, 2025

Song: Hail, Our once-despised Jesus (TiS 373)

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



Christ is risen. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Acknowledgement of Country

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20: 27

[Let us pray]

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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.

Alpha and Omega,
our beginning and our end,
you break through the locks
of gated communities
and hardened heart,
heal our desire for certainty
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,

make us a people
forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen

Acts 5: 27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

Psalm 118: 14-29

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous.

¹⁶ "The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live:
and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord;
those who are righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
and has become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has acted
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success.

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ God is the Lord and has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God and I will thank you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord who is good:
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.

Revelation 1: 4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Song: The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns (TiS 378)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 20 beginning at verse 19.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

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Silence

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

**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**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart

**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.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who return 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.

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

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Song: Make me a Channel of Your Peace (TiS 607)

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

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept all we have, all we give, and all we are,
As we dedicate it all to your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever

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 proclaim your great and glorious name:

**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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

...we worship you 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 in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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). For the safety of all in the community we ask you to:

- *Use hand sanitiser before receiving the bread and wine*
- *NOT intinct (ie 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.*

Most glorious Lord of life,
fill us with the spirit of love
and unite us in faith
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world
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

Song: May the Mind of Christ My Saviour (TiS 609)

Please stand and turn to face the back 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!

Upcoming events

- Sat 26 April **Westside Orchestra Concert** – Westside Weddings, 5pm – tickets available [here](#)
- Thurs 1 May **A Candle Vigil** – to shine a light on domestic and family violence and remember all those affected, 6pm, St Francis College Chapel
- Fri 2 May **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by **Fish & Chips** - please contact Rev Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining.
- Sat 3 May **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy.
- Sat 10 May **Hope for Haven**, Peter Branjerdporn
- Fri 16 May **Hope for Peace**, Rev Cannon Jess Grant
- Sat 24 May **Hope for Justice**, Judge Kevin Laphorn
- Fri 30 May **Hope for Inclusion**, Rev Jaimee Collard
- Wed 4 June **Hope for Faith Communities**, Archbishop Jeremy Greaves

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

Baby Nora (and her parents Lucius and Bronwyn and grandparents Ian and Liz), John H, Rob and Andrea, Maureen M, Tabi (Jules's niece), Cherilee, Ian and Kirsty, Georgia, Sue J, Noel and Wayne. Pray for the continuing recovery of Charlie (Elizabeth S niece), Cheryl and Sam. We also give thanks for Rev Jack in his ministry to several parishes in the Diocese. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country.

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looking for **Hope in the Hard Places**

St Paul's Ashgrove Anglican
May - June 2025

Addressing troubling issues with curiosity and hope - one conversation at a time

**Where might we look for hope?
How can we offer hope to our community?**

6-8pm, with wine and light refreshments
in the Crypt (under the church) at 10 Jubilee Terrace, Ashgrove

Presenters and Topics:

Peter Branjerdporn	Hope for Haven	Saturday, May 10
Rev Cannon Jess Grant	Hope for Peace	Friday, May 16
Judge Kevin Laphorn	Hope for Justice	Saturday, May 24
Rev Jamee Collard	Hope for Inclusion	Friday, May 30
Archbishop Jeremy Greaves	Hope for Faith Communities	Wednesday, June 4

Numbers are limited, so please use the QR code to book your place.

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Presenters will address these complex issues from a generous Christian perspective and from their own experience and expertise. We will invite discussion. Guests will be from all backgrounds and faith traditions and respectful disagreement will be welcome.

For more information, email: priest@stpaulsashgrove.org.au