

# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

## PENTECOST 5, 2023



**Song:** God is Love (TiS 153)

The Lord be with you, **and also with you**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

**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.**

Welcoming God,  
giving space for creation  
to return your love:  
make us apostles  
of the open table,  
a place of hospitality  
to challenge the world  
with the gift of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. **Amen.**

*This passage requires a trigger warning as it includes themes of violence toward children. Rev Margaret will try to help us understand this passage in her sermon, but you are also urged to do whatever will help you feel safe as it is read and discussed.*

### **Genesis 22: 1–14**

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>2</sup> He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>12</sup> He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' <sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

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

### **Psalms 13**

<sup>1</sup> How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:  
**how long will you hide your face from me?**  
<sup>2</sup> How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,  
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:  
**how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**  
<sup>3</sup> Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:  
**lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**  
<sup>4</sup> Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':  
**lest my foes exult at my overthrow.**  
<sup>5</sup> Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:  
**O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.**  
<sup>6</sup> And I will make my song to the Lord:  
**because he deals so bountifully with me.**

### **Romans 6: 12–23**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of

righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**Song:** I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (TiS 658)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 10 beginning at verse 40.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **Matthew 10: 40–42**

<sup>40</sup> 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

Sermon - [www.stpaulsashgrove.org.au/sermons/](http://www.stpaulsashgrove.org.au/sermons/)

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

God has called us to be a people through whom the whole world is blessed.

Let us attend to the ways we have settled for less and commit ourselves once again to follow God's call.

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace, maintaining 1.5m separation and without touching.*

**Song:** Come down, O Love Divine (TiS 398)

*While we are now passing around the collection bowls again you may like to also consider giving electronically through your bank. 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.**

...and sing together the eternal song:

**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.**

...Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**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 and rose 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).*

*With the high incidence of Covid and influenza in the community we ask you to:*

- Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m as you move forward*
- Use hand sanitiser before receiving the bread and wine*
- NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and free of anxiety about drinking from the common cup. Be assured that Christ is present in you and for you as you receive the bread alone.*

*Silence for communion*

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**

**Song:** God Gives us a Future (TiS 687)

*Please stand and turn to face the back for the blessing*

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Copyright 1995, The Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation, From the text of *A Prayer Book for Australia* 1995, The Anglican Church of Australia and published under the imprint of Broughton Books. Reproduced with permission.

Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission.

Hymns from Together in Song © Harper Collins Ltd. CCLI 338271

Collect from Steven Shakespeare's, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* © 2009 Church Publishing

# ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

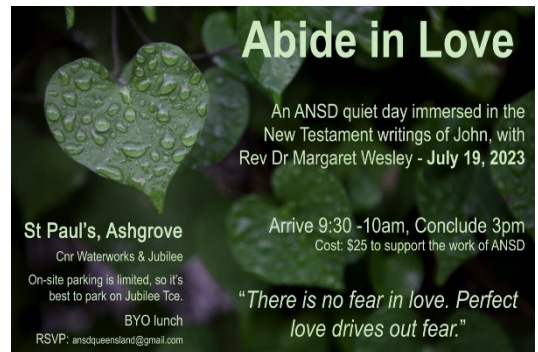
Join us for morning tea after the service!

## Upcoming events

**It's not too late to donate to Goodna Pantry!**

**Call for blanket and or doonas** - If anyone has any spare or unused blankets or doonas hidden away in linen cupboards we would appreciate them as donations to the Thrift Shop. This cold winter is prompting lots of requests. Many thanks, The Thrift Shop Team.

- Sun 2 July **Evensong** at The Cathedral, 6pm – Rev Margaret will be speaking on George MacDonald
- Mon 3 July, 7.30pm **Book Club** in the Crypt. Everyone welcome. Currently reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
- Sun 16 July, 8:30am **Bishop Jeremy at St Paul's** – if there is anyone that would like to be confirmed please contact Rev Margaret
- Wed 19 July, 9.30-3pm **ANSD Quiet Day** – Rev Margaret will be facilitating the day. Please rsvp to the office.
- Sun 27 August **Women's and Girl's High Tea, 2.30-4.30pm**
- Seminar – 'Breaking through the Stained Glass Ceiling'** with Rev Dr Margaret Wesley, Ms Tanja Hagedorn, The Ven. Dr Lucy Morris and Rev Dr Anita Munro, 9.30am-3pm – register with this link <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/breaking-through-the-stained-glass-ceiling-tickets-651569872027>



**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!

**Would you like to get more involved?** In addition to our regular activities, we would love to start organising BBQs, trivia nights, a craft group, a writer's group, a social justice group, etc. If you would like to be involved with any of these, or if you have other ideas for things we might begin, please get in touch with Rev Margaret.

### For your prayers

**The Archbishop Election Committee as they discern who will be our next Archbishop.**

Brendon, Angela, Liam, Marian, Everton Park Congregation, Avril, Gemma and Yen, Revd Sue and the Goonaneman Parish, Elizabeth, Revd Jack and the LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh. We give thanks for the continuing recovery of Sam and Genevieve. And for Joy and Romola who are at home or in a nursing home.

*If you know of someone who needs our prayers, please put a note in the 'Everything Box' or email our office. We will include them in our intercessions for a month. If they still need prayer after a month, please get in touch again.*

**Parish contact details** - Rev Dr Margaret Wesley – [priest@stpaulsashgrove.org.au](mailto:priest@stpaulsashgrove.org.au), 0424 214 924  
Parish Office – [paris.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au](mailto:paris.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au), 07 3366 2320