

# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Lent 1, 2024



**Song:** ALL ARE WELCOME

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace.

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true.

Where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace.

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

3 Let us build a house where love is found,  
in water, wine and wheat.

A banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us;

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

The Kingdom of God has come near!

**We repent and believe the Gospel.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Acknowledgement of Country

Christ died for sins once for everyone—the just for the sake of the unjust—to lead you to God. 1

Peter 3: 18

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone.

To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face.

Let us bring an end to fear and danger;

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard.

And loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace.

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

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**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.**

God of love for all,  
Though we are few in number,  
And fragile in faith,  
Fill us with such love for your creation  
That we joyfully devote  
Our bodies, hearts and minds  
To the divine paradox  
Of living contrary to our world's expectations  
For the sake of our world's salvation,  
In the strength of our  
Sustainer, Saviour and Sanctifier:  
One God for us, for our world and forever. **Amen.**

#### **Genesis 9: 8-17**

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' <sup>12</sup> God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

#### **Psalm 25: 1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord,  
**I lift up my soul;**  
<sup>2</sup>my God, I put my trust in you;  
**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**  
<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O Lord,  
**and teach me your paths.**  
<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
**in you have I trusted all the day long.**  
<sup>6</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

**for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Gracious and upright are you, O Lord;  
**therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You guide the humble in doing right  
**and teach your way to the lowly.**

<sup>10</sup> O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness  
**To those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **1 Peter 3: 18-22**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**Song:** All Creatures of God and King (TiS 100, verses 1,2,4,5,7)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark chapter 1 beginning at verse 9.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Mark 1: 9-15**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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

Sermon – <https://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 cleansing and deliverance,  
As our world faces greater dangers than those of Noah's time,  
And contends with greater sins than those of Noah's neighbours,  
Give wisdom to all, especially those with power and influence,  
To curb the threat of habitat destruction, extreme weather,  
Rising oceans, viral and bacterial hazards,  
And weaponry with massive destructive potential.  
Through this flood of dangers, may your Church be an ark of grace,  
Where, though we may be few, we baptise and disciple all the world,  
Because you go with us to carry us through death to life for all. Amen.

**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 seeks truth and love in our inner being,  
in our relationships,  
And in all the institutions of our world.

*Silence*

Let us then return to the one who made and loves us,  
Asking for a clean heart and a new spirit,  
For ourselves, for the church and for the world.

Wherever human sin brings harm to your creation,  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Where growing profits make consciences dull  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
For every habitat that is lost and all the species that are gone,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

When your church has condoned destruction in your name,

**Lord, have mercy.**

Where we have failed to show loving leadership in creation,

**Christ, have mercy.**

Whenever your people have served ourselves instead of others,

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we have given up because the task has been too hard,

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we have seen injustice and failed to protest and resist,

**Christ, have mercy.**

When we have focussed on our own salvation instead of bringing light and life to the world,

**Lord, have mercy.**

**In your mercy, turn us from the path of destruction,**

**And return us to the path of life. Amen.**

God, who is merciful and gracious, grant you

Freedom where sin has trapped you,

Healing where sin has wounded you,

And strength where sin has weakened you.

Receive forgiveness and return to your communities

As ambassadors of healing and reconciliation. Amen

Jesus is our peace. Through his body he has formed one reconciled humanity. (Eph 2:14-16)

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

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

**Song:** God of the Poor (TiS 690)

*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 all to your glory

and 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.**

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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...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). 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*
- *NOT intinct (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.*

...In the footsteps of Christ. Amen

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

*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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# ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

Join us for morning tea after the service!

We hope to re-introduce a **Bible Study group** that meets outside of business hours. Please let Rev Margaret know your availability so we can decide on a day and time.

**ABM Studies for Lent, *God's Own Country***, are available at the back of the Church. They are based on the Seven Days of Creation and include stunningly beautiful paintings by Rev Aunty Robyn Davis. Put **\$15** in an envelope in the Everything Box or make a bank transfer with *Lent Study* as the description.

## Upcoming events

- Sun 18 Feb                      St Paul's Parish **AGM**. Please consider who you will nominate for Parish Council roles.
- Fri 1 March                     **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by **Fish & Chips** - please contact Rev Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining.
- Sat 2 March                     **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy
- Sun 17 March                  **Parish Council Meeting**, after morning tea

**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

Damien, Sylvia, Baskaran, Liam and Mark (and their parents, Desley and Bob), Ofa, Rebekah, Clinton, Sue J, Angela. Those recovering from surgery – Cherilee, Elizabeth T. We give thanks for the continuing restored health of Rev Jack and Sam.

We also give thanks for Rev Jack and Rev Kathy in their ministry to several parishes, especially the Everton Park Congregation, Rev Sue and the Goonaneman Parish and the LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh. We hold in our prayers Wayne, Noel, Joy who are at home or in a nursing home.

We continue to pray for Romola Squire's family as they grieve her passing.

**PILGRIMAGE - Sat 4th - Mon 6th May 2024** The Cursillo team is planning a pilgrimage, starting at the Anglican Parish of Grovely in Arana Hills, going via Esk and Warwick, and ending in the Boonah/Harrisville area on the Sunday night. This is open to everyone, not just those who have been to a Cursillo weekend. For further information, contact the parish office and your question will be forwarded to the organiser.

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