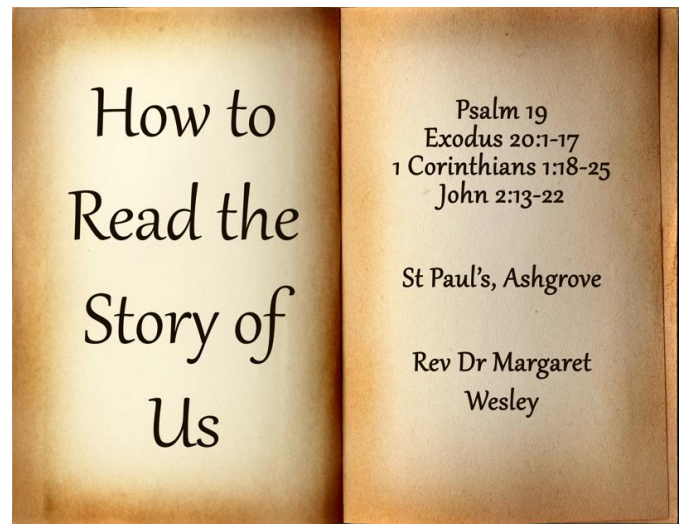


Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Lent 3, 2024



Song: God Has Spoken (TiS 158)

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

The message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, but to us who are experiencing salvation, it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1: 18

**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.**

Living Word,
Our Wisdom, Law and Temple,
In whom God's plans and promises are all fulfilled,
Help us follow you so closely
That all who seek the Way, Truth and Life
Might through us be drawn to You,
Who alone is our eternal hope. **Amen.**

Exodus 20: 1-17

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses God's name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the foreigner resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the

LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not envy your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.
- ² One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵ In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
**and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
**the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
**more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often they offend?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
**let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
**be acceptable in your sight;
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

- ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- ¹⁹ For it is written,
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'
- ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not

God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Song: The Church's One Foundation (TiS 457)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 2 beginning at verse 13.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 2: 13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.

Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
Our temple, our law and our Shepherd;
When we see precious things crumble around us,
Remind us of your eternal and constant presence.
Be near, we pray, to all who live in fear and danger,
From violence, poverty or natural disaster.
Be for them a sure foundation,
And a hope that lights the way beyond despair
To their eternal home in you. 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.

For the worship our world gives to wealth and power, success and pleasure, instead of to you,
Lord, have mercy.
Whenever people turn from your glory to seek glory for themselves,
Christ, have mercy.
For all forms of dishonesty in the justice systems of our world,
Lord, have mercy.

When Christian institutions use your name to exert power and dominance,
Lord, have mercy.
When your people treat you like a harsh, demanding master instead of a devoted parent,
Christ, have mercy.
When jealousy and competition prevent your people from loving you and each other,
Lord, have mercy.

When we harm our family members instead of showing respect and fidelity,
Lord, have mercy.
When we take for ourselves what belongs to someone else,

Christ, have mercy.

For every creature we have ever harmed – through violence or neglect,

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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (TiS 585)

*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.*

God of compassion and mercy,
With this bread and wine
You sustain us
For our Lenten pilgrimage.
In the strength of this meal
May we walk with courage
The road of self-giving love,
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: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (TiS 275)

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**

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

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 17 March **8:30am Combined Service**
Parish Council Meeting after morning tea
- Mon 25 March **Book Club** in the Crypt, **7.30pm**. All are welcome. The current book is *The Temptation of Gracie* by Santa Montefiore
- Fri 6 April **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by **Fish & Chips** - please contact Rev Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining.

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

James and his family, Georgia, Maureen M, 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 give thanks for the life of Alec and pray for his family in their time of grief. We also give thanks for the life of Peter and pray for Tina and her family.

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.

Contact: Rev Dr Margaret Wesley, priest@stpaulsashgrove.org.au, 0424 214 924. Rev Margaret's day off is Thursday. Parish Office, parish.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au, 07 3366 2320 (open Wed and Fri mornings).