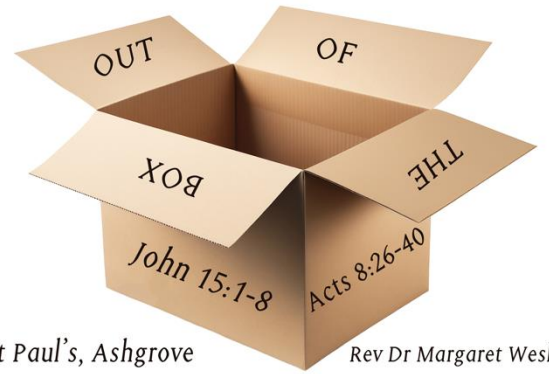


Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Easter 5, 2024



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

'In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4: 10-11

**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.**

God of deep soil
and luxuriant growth;
you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you:
may we abide in him alone
who can teach us who we are;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine. **Amen.**

Acts 8: 26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)

²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace,

queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.
29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'
30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'
31 He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.
32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:
'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'
34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'
35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.
36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'
38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.
40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22: 25-31

25 My praise is of God in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:
"May your heart live for ever!"
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.
28 For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.
29 To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before God.
30 My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
31 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that God has done.

1 John 4: 7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent the only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the atonement for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us

of the Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as God is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because God first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 15 beginning at verse 11.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15: 1-8

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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 end our housing crisis,
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

Jesus has made a way through death to life.
Silence may be kept.

Let us cast aside fear and deception and confess our failings 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.**

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

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.

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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 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.

...praising you forever, and 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, 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). 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 (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

Blessing

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

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ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

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



In 2024 we are looking to start holding 'Ice cream Sundays' on the 5th Sunday of the month and are looking for people that might like to be involved with this initiative. The first one would be held in September. If you would like to be involved please contact Rev Margaret or Robyn.

We are also wanting to have the church open more often during the week. Are there any people that may have the time and interest in opening being present at anytime on a regular basis? Please contact Rev Margaret if you would like help.

Upcoming events

- Fri 3 May **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by **Fish & Chips** - please contact Rev Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining.
- Sat 4 May **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy.
- Mon 13 May **Book Club** in the Crypt, **7.30pm**. All are welcome. The current book is *At the Foot of the Cherry Tree* by Alli Parker

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

Rev Kathy, Athol, James and his family, Georgia, Maureen M, Sylvia, Liam and Mark (and their parents, Desley and Bob), Sue J. Cherilee recovering from surgery. We hold in our prayers Wayne, Noel, Joy who are at home or in a nursing home.

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 in the Diocese, LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh.

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.

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).

**Holy Communion
at St Paul's, Ashgrove
Easter 5, 2024**

**Including the BAPTISM of
Chloe Joy Counsell**

Parents: David and Sarah Counsell

Godparents:

Kelly Stubbs, Kimberley Cook and Damon Stubbs



Song: Let us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell

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.*

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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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Introduction of Chloe and her supporters

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he told his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to follow his instructions, to remember him, and to celebrate his open invitation to everyone, and especially to Chloe. Baptism with water is a symbol of the cleansing from sin that Jesus' life, death and resurrection make possible, of the restoration of trust between God and creation, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their children for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time Chloe will be invited to make her own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you, Chloe, with your Godparents and family. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

Acknowledgement of Country

'In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4: 10-11

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.
[Let us pray]

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

A pause for reflection

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you defeated evil and conquered death. Rescue us from falling back into behaviours that harm ourselves and others.

A pause for reflection

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to peaceful, trusting fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

A pause for reflection

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God, who is merciful and gracious, grant you
Freedom where sin has trapped you,
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Acts 8: 26-40 Dramatic Reading

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

Song: Jesus Loves Me (TiS 229)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 15 beginning at verse 11.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15: 1-5

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

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Silence

We welcome Chloe to be baptised. I invite her Godparents to present her now.

We present Chloe Joy Counsell to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Chloe for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Chloe?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Chloe in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

You have heard these our sisters and brothers respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Chloe may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in her. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in her.

Amen.

Give to her Godparents [and their families] the desire to share with her what you have revealed in your holy gospel.

Amen.

May she know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May she proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

Amen.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Bring us to a day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

Amen.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. **Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called **Chloe** to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Priest, Chloe, parents, grandparents and Godparents move to the font.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that she who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Chloe Joy Counsell, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Chloe, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever. Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

God has brought you out of darkness
into God's marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into the Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

Chloe's Grandmother prays for her

In baptism, God has made us one in 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.

Song: A New Commandment (TiS 699)

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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 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 together we proclaim you the Lord of all life and sing:

**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). 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 (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: Lord, The Light of Your Love (TiS 675)

Please stand and turn to face the back for the blessing

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

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



In 2024 we are looking to start holding 'Ice cream Sundays' on the 5th Sunday of the month and are looking for people that might like to be involved with this initiative. The first one would be held in September. If you would like to be involved please contact Rev Margaret or Robyn.

We are also wanting to have the church open more often during the week. Are there any people that may have the time and interest in opening being present at anytime on a regular basis? Please contact Rev Margaret if you would like help.

Upcoming events

- Fri 3 May **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by **Fish & Chips** - please contact Rev Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining.
- Sat 4 May **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy.
- Mon 13 May **Book Club** in the Crypt, **7.30pm**. All are welcome. The current book is *At the Foot of the Cherry Tree* by Alli Parker

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

Rev Kathy, Athol, James and his family, Georgia, Maureen M, Sylvia, Liam and Mark (and their parents, Desley and Bob), Sue J. Cherilee recovering from surgery. We hold in our prayers Wayne, Noel, Joy who are at home or in a nursing home.

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 in the Diocese, LAMB Medical Ministry in Bangladesh.

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.

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).