

# Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove

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## Second Sunday after Pentecost

YOUR

**7.30am, 9.00am (with hymns)**

NEIGHBOUR

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**Hymn: TiS 258 Praise to You, O Christ our Saviour**

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

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

### Acknowledgement of Country

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4: 6

**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.**

Lord God of the nations,  
you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help:  
Help us to hear and do what you command,  
that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and forever. Amen

## A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 6: 1-8

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 139

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
**you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.**
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
**you are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:  
**but you, Lord, know it altogether.**
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:  
**and have laid your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
**so high that I cannot endure it.**
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit:  
**or where shall I flee from your presence?**
- 13 I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
**fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.**
- 14 You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:  
**when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:  
**and in your book were all my members written;**
- 16 Day by day they were fashioned:  
**and not one was late in growing.**
- 17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:  
**and how great is the sum of them!**
- 18 Were I to count them,  
**they are more in number than the sand:**

## A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4: 5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

**Hymn: TiS 430 Your Words to Me are Life and Health**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark**  
chapter **2** beginning at verse **23**, **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is 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**

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**

'Hear , O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;  
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'  
Jesus said; 'This is the great and first commandment.  
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

**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.**

*Absolution*

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.*

**Hymn: TiS 473 Community of Christ**

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

Living God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Give us the wisdom of obedience  
and help us to do your holy and life-giving will.  
**Blessed be God forever**

*Church of Canada*

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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.**

Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.  
You have given it to us to care for,  
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,  
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,  
and bring us back to you.  
He showed us how to love you  
and set us free to love and serve one another.

We thank you that on the cross  
Jesus took away our sin,  
all that keeps us from each other and from you.  
He frees us from hate and fear,  
from all that destroys love and trust.

Through him, you have revealed to us your glory  
in the community of your love,  
three persons, one God  
ever to be worshipped and adored.

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
with all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, 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.**

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them, as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.  
May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us. (NZ Prayer Book)

*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.*

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

**Hymn: TiS 650 Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You**

*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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# ST PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

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

In 2024 we are looking to start holding child-focussed services at 9am on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 would like to have the church open more often during the week so people can come in and pray. Would you like to be on a roster to just sit in church and read (or knit, etc), so we can open the building? Please contact Rev Margaret if you would like help.

Thank you to Gillian's mum Marion for making this fabulous welcome banner for our church!



## Upcoming events

- Fri 7 June                      **Taize** will not be on this month
- Fri 14 June                      **Peace Vigil** from 6pm in the church followed by a **Peace Meal** of soup and bread
- Mon 17 June                      **St Paul's Book Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, all current and past members welcome, 7.30pm in the Crypt. Please rsvp to Elizabeth Trew for catering purposes.
- Sun 16 June                      Combined service - **Parish Council Meeting**, after morning tea
- Sat 6 July                         **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy.

**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 Sal and his mother Belle and father George, Rev Kathy, Athol, James and his family, Georgia, Sylvia, Sue J. We hold in our prayers Wayne, Noel, Joy who are at home or in a nursing home. Pray for the continuing recovery of Maureen M, Rev Jack, Rev Kathy, Cherilee 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.

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