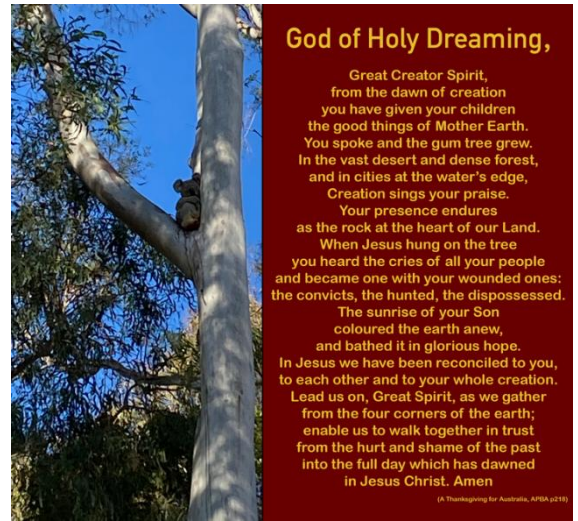


Holy Communion at St Paul's, Ashgrove Epiphany 3 26 January 2025



Song: All Things bright and beautiful (TiS 135)

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

Acknowledgement of Country

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' Luke 4: 18

[Let us pray.]

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.

Collect

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8: 8-10

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

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

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare your glory oh God:

and the firmament proclaims your handiwork;

² One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

³ There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the ends of the earth.

⁵ There you have pitched a tent for the sun:

**which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**

⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens,

**and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

**the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.**

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,

**and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:

**the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.**

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,

**even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,

lest they get the mastery over me:

so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation

of my heart be acceptable in your sight:

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

Song: Lord of Earth and all Creation (TiS 672) sung to Praise the Lord (TiS 179)

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke chapter 4 beginning at verse 14.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4: 14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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

Sermon

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

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

*The collection bowl will be passed around during this song to support the ministry of St Paul's.
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Song: Lord Let me See (TiS 681)

...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.

...so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

...and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

...from all that destroys the hope of peace.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

...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.

...Do this in remembrance of me. '

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...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.

Bread and wine; 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 (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from virus 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.*

...and establish your justice on earth.
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: Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand (TiS 188)

Please remain standing for the blessing

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 service!

Throughout January there will be one service each Sunday, at 8:30am

Upcoming events

- Wed 29 Jan **Morning Prayer/Bible Study** resumes at 9:05/9:45 in the Church, followed by celebratory lunch.
- Sat 1 Feb **Practically Spiritual**, 8.30am in the Crypt - a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Revd Kathy
- Sun 2 Feb **Confirmation Conversation** over morning tea: An opportunity for our confirmation candidates to ask us about the life of faith in the Anglican tradition. Service times return to 7:30 & 9am today.
- Fri 7 Feb **Taize** (6pm in the church) followed by a meal at a local restaurant - please contact Rev Pam or John Hynd if you are interested in joining.
- Mon 10 Feb **Book Club**, 7.30pm in the Crypt - All welcome. *The Murders at Fleet House* by Lucinda Riley
- Sun 16 Feb **Confirmation** of Clara and Alex with Bishop Sarah
- Fri 21 Feb **Peace Vigil** 6pm in the Church
- Fri 28 Feb **Quiet Day at St Paul's**: "*Pilgrimage & Spiritual Identity*", Rev Nic Whereat and ANSD
- Sun 2 Mar **Annual General Meeting** after **combined 8.30am** service.

Jubilee Terrace Playgroup – Re-commencing Jan 31, 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

Cheryl, Anni (Pam & John's granddaughter), Tabi (Jules's niece), Cherilee, Ian and Kirsty, Baby Sal (in palliative care) and his parents Bella and George, Georgia, Sue J, Noel and Wayne. Pray for the continuing recovery of Charlie (Elizabeth S niece) and Sam. We also give thanks for Rev Jack in his ministry to several parishes in the Diocese. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country.

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