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ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31)

Third Sunday of Advent–16th December 2018
Living our Faith and Witnessing to Christ's Love

Welcome to St Paul's Church! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. Visitors are asked to make themselves known to the Welcomers. You are invited to wear a St Paul's name tag. Communicant members of all Christian traditions are invited to receive communion; anyone is welcome to receive a blessing. Please join us for refreshments after the Parish Eucharist.



8am Holy Eucharist 10am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our Eucharist.

INTROIT HYMN: To God be the glory: **TIS: 147** "To God be the glory"
Frances Jane Van Alstyne 1820-1915

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE: Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. Zeph 3.16-17

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Advent 3 – Joy

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, and we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world. (Light Candles). Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy.

In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

We light this candle in Joy. (Light Candle)

On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

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.

The Penitential Rite

The Kyrie is sung:

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

The celebrant introduces the Prayer of General Confession:

**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.**

The celebrant says the Prayer of Absolution:

COLLECT OF THE DAY: *(pause for silent prayer)* Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 3.14–20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your

oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

PSALM Song of Isaiah (*We respond with the **bold** verses*).

“Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust and will not be afraid;
For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the nations: proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the world.

Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4.4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN: Hark! A herald voice is calling: **TIS 264** “Merton”

Edward Caswall 1814-78

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring good news to the poor. Isaiah 61.1
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3.7–18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON: Fr Graham

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

[stand]

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the world and the Church...

After the prayers:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The following Prayer of Humble Access may follow here:

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE *All stand.*

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: The advent of our God: **TIS 271** "St Thomas"

Charles Coffin 1676-1749

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer (remain standing throughout)

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.

The preface continues...forever praising you and singing:

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.

The Eucharistic prayer continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The prayer concludes with ...in songs of never ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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
forever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us;**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your
peace.**

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word, and I
shall be healed.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: Let all mortal flesh keep silence: **TIS 497**
"Picardy"

Gerard Moultrie 1829-85

Father **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your spirit, to live and
work to your praise and glory, Amen.**

Parish Notices...

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your
hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his

Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, **Thanks be to God!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Hail to the Lord's anointed: **TIS 275** "Cruger"

James Montgomery 1771-1854

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Worship & Diary this week (**17th -22nd December**)

Tues - 11.00 am Kirralee HC

Wed- 11.15 am Eureka HC

Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist followed by Morning Tea

Readings for next Sunday Micah 5.2-5a, Song of Mary, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-55

For those with Special Needs: among the sick Hazel, Heather, Eileen, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Emily, Ruth, Julie, Sue, Mylene, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Michele, Gillian, Pauline, Margaret. We pray for patients suffering from serious diseases and those who care for them.

For the departed: Daniel Judd, Irene Jakes, Sharyn Slater, Mabel Clearson, Bruce Shuttleworth, Seraphina Strange, Brian Evans, Thomas Smith, Annie Edwards, Edward Allen, Annie Nichols, Harry Colliver (16) William Martin, Lewis Hubbard, William Walker, Stella Flude, Violet Campbell (17) William Lancaster (18) William Brawn, Harry Herbert, Murray Gilmour, Evan Gray, Elizabeth Davis, William Braver (19) Henry Cassidy, Jean Drever, Richard Giles, David Strickland (20) William Spratling, Minnie Roberts, Elizabeth Edsall, Thomas Barnett (21) Arthur Bradly, Bernado Confessa, Arthur Johnson. Lesley Bradley, Anne Dark, Sarah Tunbridge, Martha Elsworth, Beverley Bowes (22)



For the Church in every time and place and especially for:

- Kivu - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana
- Rockhampton: David Robinson
- Mission District of Woody Yalloak - Rob Ferguson
The Chronicle: Janine Stewart (Editor)
- Kumbruf, PNG
- Teachers and students.



Advent glory

Wise men they called them, earnest astrologers,
Watching for meaning in the moving stars,
Science or fantasy, learned or laughable,
Theirs was a vision that was brought to pass.
Sing all you wise men, dance all the scientists,
Whether your theories are false or true,
God uses knowledge, God uses ignorance,
God on his birthday had a need of you. Michael Hewlett TIS 281;
AHB 214

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have
seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and
truth. John 1: 14*

Loving God, we ask that you empower our members in Brazil as
they serve their communities and as they, with us, observe the
season of Advent.

READINGS

In the interests of the environment, weekly readings will no longer
be handed out in plastic envelopes.



DECEMBER
Sun 16th – 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral
Mon 24th – 6.00pm Christmas Eve family and children's service
Mon 24th- 11.00pm Midnight Mass at the Cathedral
Tues 25th – Christmas Day 7.00am Eucharist
9.00am Eucharist



CHRISTMAS AT ST PAUL'S

Our family service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm
Christmas Day services will be at 7.00am and 9.00am.

JANUARY SERVICES

Fr Graham will be on leave from 28th December-11th January.
During this time services will be taken by Fr Geoffrey Tisdall and Fr Malcolm Thomas. On 30th December and 6th January there will be only one service at 10.00am. From 13th January services will return to normal at 8.00am and 10.00am. Thursday services will continue as usual.

For any emergencies please phone the parish mobile.

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