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ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



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

Christmas Day –25th 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.

**Merry
Christmas**

7am Holy Eucharist 9am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our Eucharist.

INTROIT HYMN: Hark! The herald angels sing: **TIS: 303**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10-11

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:

The Gloria (sung at 9am)

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 OF THE DAY: (*pause for silent prayer*) God most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; 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 Isaiah 52.7-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

PSALM 98 (*We respond with the **bold** verses*).

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 1.1–4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

GRADUAL HYMN: Of the Father's love begotten: **TIS 290**

John Mason Neale 1818-66

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 1.1–14

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

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man but of God. 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.

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: O little town of Bethlehem: **TIS 316**

Phillips Brooks 1835-93

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: Away in a manger: TIS 318

Anon

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: O come, all ye faithful: **TIS 304**

Frederick Oakeley 1802-80

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Worship & Diary this week **(25th –29th December)**

Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist followed by Morning Tea

Readings for next Sunday 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-52



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

- Kumi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Thomas Irigei
- All R.E. Teachers.
- Warrnambool: Fr Scott Lowrey & Rev Robyn Shackell (Hon. Assist. Priest)
(Anglicare) Warrnambool Parish Emergency Relief Centre:
Louise Serra.
Port Fairy: Fr Alan Courtney and Rev Netta Hill (deacon).
- Komungwai, PNG

Those suffering through political unrest and oppression

For those with Special Needs: among the sick Hazel, Heather, Eileen, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Emily, Ruth, Julie, Sue, Mylene, Vera, Bennita, Tamsin, 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: Ruby Kirsopp, Lynette Steele, Verrie Tunstall, William Holland (23) Urban Brawn, Alice Groves, William White, Ella Storey, John Holmes, Mrs Luarrel, Thomas Tuddenham, Enid Barnett, Ida Dwyer, Alice Evans (24) John Gilbert, Eva Bunting, William Jane, Michael McQuade, Roy Rowlands (25) Ivy Rattray, Harriett Luke, Florence Kydd, Ella Storey (26) Arthur Gramston, Michael McQuade, Jane Reynolds, Emily Whiting, Robert Kinnersly, George Fook, Llewellyn Rowlands (27) Freda Keating, William King, Reginald Coombes, Arch Drever (28) Eady Hart, Margaret Stevens, Katherine Phillips, Magnus Anderson (29)



Christmas

Sing all creation, made for his purposes,
Called by his providence to live and move:
None is unwanted, none insignificant,
Love needs a universe of folk to love.
Close friends and strangers, ethnic minorities,
Old folk and young folk and families too,
God on his birthday, and to eternity,
God took upon himself the need of you. Michael Hewlett TiS 281;
AHB 214

And we have seen, and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. 1 John 4: 14-16

Let us thank Mary and Joseph for their faith and courage in bringing to birth our Blessed Saviour. May faith and courage be for all Mothers' Union members throughout the world the mark of their love and commitment to God incarnate in the Holy Child.



DECEMBER

Sun 30th – one service at 10.00am

JANUARY

Sun 6th – one service at 10.00am

Sun 13th – normal services resume

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.

ST PAUL'S CALENDAR

Orders are now being taken for the 2019 parish calendar. If you wish to order one, please write your name on the list at the back of the church and place \$10.00 in a marked envelope in the collection plate.

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