

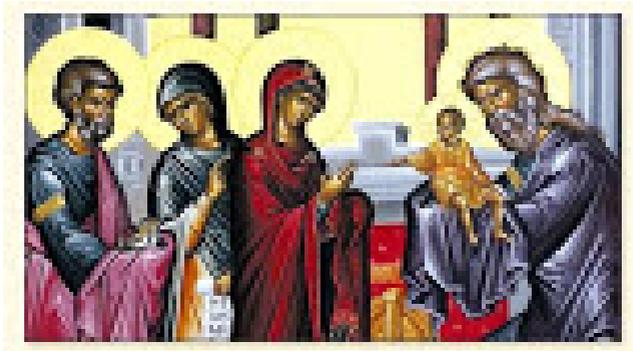
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
DIOCESE OF BALLARAT
ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—3rd February 2019
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: How lovely is your dwelling-place: **TIS: 44**
"Martyrdom"

Based on the Scottish Psalter 1650

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

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. Luke 2.30-32

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 10am)

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*) Christ our cornerstone, you were recognized at your presentation in the temple as a sign of hope for the world, but also as a stumbling- block for many: help us so to present ourselves for your service, that, in sharing your scandal, we may become a people acceptable to you. In your name we pray. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM 84 (*We respond with the **bold** verses*).

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 2.14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

GRADUAL HYMN: Lord God, you now have set your servant free: **TIS 733**

Rae E. Whitney 1927-

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Luke 2.32 **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 2.22–40

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

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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: Love divine, all loves excelling: **TIS 217**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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: Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory: TIS 501
Verses 1-4**

Edward Caswell 1814-78

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: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer: **TIS 569**

William Williams 1717-91

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Worship & Diary this week **(4th-9th February)**

Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist and Morning Tea

Readings for next Sunday Isaiah 6.11-8, Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11



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

- The Anglican Church of Burundi: The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba
- Armidale: Rick Lewers
Bathurst: Ian Palmer
- St Paul's Ballarat: Graham Reynolds (locum), assisting clergy and parish nominators
Diocesan Missionary Council - Alice Knight
- Aiome & Ainong, PNG
- Perpetrators and victims of violence in the home.

For those with Special Needs: among the sick Bennita, Hazel, Heather, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Emily, Ruth, Julie, Sue, 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: Frances Smith, Edna Coffield, George Young, James Wrathall (4) Graeme Barclay, Bertus Verhagan, Arthur Johns, Hilda Shaw (5) Oliver Weston, John Govan, Lorna Chamberlain, Pamela Thacker(6) William Harley, Frederick Gruvian, Hazel Stevens, Nancy Hollioake (7) Patrick White, Dorothy Cameron, John Mc Donald (8) Herbert Moyle, Walter Sharp(9)



Stable Family Life

The stability of family life cannot be guaranteed in any society. In the face of infertility, sibling rivalry and inter-racial marriage, the patriarchs, prophets and psalmists of the Old Testament recorded their history focusing on trust in God. With acceptance of similar situations in our time, let us expect that the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will guide Mothers' Union in its endeavour to promote the safety and happiness of children and their parents.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in. Psalm 68: 5-6a

Although Botswana is stable politically, 67% of women have experienced domestic trauma. Malawi's poverty and HIV rates are among the highest in the world. In both countries MU presents a stable force for the safety and care of women and children. A campaign in Botswana led by 300 members drew attention of partner killings and called for reporting and justice for victims. Care for family life is at the heart of members' activism.

DIOCESAN PRAYER

Everliving God,
we thank you for calling us
out of darkness into your marvellous light.
Shape us by your Holy Spirit
that our lives may reflect the love of Jesus.
Enable us to share Christ's forgiving love,
to be true to his way,
as witnesses of his hope and joy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who is our Lord, forever and ever.
Amen.

HEALING SERVICE

On the First Wednesday of each month at 6.00 there will be a Healing Service celebrated at St Paul's.
The service will be in the context of the Eucharist and there will be the opportunity for Prayer, laying on of hands and Anointing For those who desire it.
If you have any queries or want to talk about it please see Fr. Graham.



FEBRUARY

Wed 6th- 6.00pm Healing Service

Thurs 14th- 1.30 Mothers Union

Wed 20th – 7.30pm Parish Council

Sat 23rd – 10.00am-3.00pm Mothers Union Quiet Day at St Mark's Abbey, Camperdown. All welcome

MARCH

Wed 6th- 6.00pm Healing Service

Thurs 7th- afternoon Probus club visit to St Paul's

Sat 23rd – BBQ at Coles Sebastopol

APRIL

Thurs 4th- 10.00am-4.00pm Day with the Bishop at the Abbey

ROSTER

An updated roster covering the period 20 January until 7 April is available at the back of the Church."

QUIET DAY

Mothers' Union is sponsoring a Quiet Day on Saturday 23rd February at the Anglican Benedictine Abbey of St Mark, Camperdown from 10.00am to 3.00pm. It will be led by Fr Graham Reynolds. Everyone is welcome, whether a Mothers' Union member or not. Please BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.



BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 2019

3 rd	Lloyd Linsdell	17 th	Carmel Robins
4 th	Courtney Nash	19 th	Philippa Meadows
11 th	Daniel Koplick, Jenny Koplick	27 th	David Polson
12 th	Leon Nash		

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