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ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



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

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany—24th February 2019
St Matthias
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: Christ is made the sure foundation: **TIS: 432**

John Mason Neale 1818-66

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

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE: Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Luke 6.35

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)* Almighty God, who chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve apostles in the place of Judas: preserve your Church always from false apostles, so that it may be guided by true and faithful pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45.3–11, 15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's

children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM 37.1–11, 41–42 (*We respond with the **bold** verses*).

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

GRADUAL HYMN: Tell out, my soul: **TIS 161**

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. John 13.34
Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6.27–38

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

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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: Lord Jesus, we belong to you: **TIS 686**

John Wilfred Kleinig 1942-

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: Master, speak, thy servant heareth: **TIS 597**

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79

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: Forth in your name, O Lord I go: **TIS 571**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Worship & Diary this week **(25th February- 2nd March)**

Tues – 10.00 am Christian Meditation

Wed - 11.00 am Kirralee HC

Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist and Morning Tea

Readings for next Sunday Exodus 34.29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36 (37-43)



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

- The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America: The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama
- Mission to Seafarers: John Stead.
- The National Home Mission Fund: John Parkes
- Mission District of Lower Glenelg: Nominators searching for a new priest, Alan Ford (deacon) & Brian Lineker (deacon)
- Simbai, PNG
- Those responsible for national economic & social policy.

For those with Special Needs: among the sick Noella, Tony W, 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: James Henderson, William Peart, (Peter) Rex Overall (24) Harry Smith, George Rose, William Snell, Alfred Dell, Keith White (25) Geraldine Law, Frederick Loudon, Marie Oliver, Molly Oliver, Thomas Woods, Leighton Turner, William Hutcheon (26), Francis Ludbrook (27) Travis Ellsworth, Ellen McGregor, Valerie Nicholas, Edmund Shephard (28), Robert Slater, Ethel Barnett (29) Gladys Dixon, Bedina Downey, William Foord (1) Jeanette Rodd, Henry Gates(2)



Fair Trade Matters

We are all infected one way or another with the disease – shopping! Of course there are the essentials, but they are buried in the supermarket among stuff to entice. Clothes, gifts, entertainment, how to choose and how to resist? Remembering fair trade matters is a great start. Individually we can shop for gifts and other items at a fair trade outlet. Congregations can organize a fair trade stall selling tea. Our thoughtful preparation of when and where we buy a carpet can make a tremendous difference to a weaver. She may even be able to send her daughter to school.

Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honour him. Proverbs 14:31

Mothers' Union in South Africa is committed to building a more inclusive society. Despite progress in development inequality is one of the highest in the world. Consequently many people are unable to purchase even the most basic of goods and tensions arise. Fair trade matters where there is inequality of living standards and income.

We thank God for the care MU gives to those who are victims of inequality.

Dates for
the Diary:

MARCH

Tues 5th- Shrove Tuesday 6.00pm pancake night at Wilkinson Hall, Barkly Street.

Wed 6th- Ash Wednesday 10.30am Eucharist
6.00pm Eucharist and Healing Service
7.00pm Eucharist at the cathedral

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

Mon 25th – 11.00am Mothers Union Lady Day at the cathedral

Sat 23rd – BBQ at Coles Sebastopol

APRIL

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

MAY

Sat 4th- plant sale



Come and join the fun

Wednesdays during school term

10.30am- 12.30 pm

The Cathedral Function Room

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The theme this year is "Come-everything is ready".

You are invited to join the Christians of Slovakia and three million Christians around the world in a service near you on Friday 1st March. A service will be held at St John's, Soldiers Hill at 10.00am. A list of other services can be found on the notice board.

LENTEN STUDIES

Fr Graham will be leading a Lenten study after the 10.30am service on Thursday mornings during Lent. These will be based on a book entitled "Compassion" which is available at a cost of \$10.00.

There is also a free booklet available from Anglican Overseas Aid for anyone who wishes to use it. This can be found at the back of the church.



PANCAKE NIGHT

Our annual pancake tea will be held on Shrove Tuesday, 5th March at Wilkinson Hall, Barkly Street commencing at 6.00pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Sweet and savoury pancakes will be available. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to attend.

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr Graham celebrates his 44th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Deacon today.

As well as preaching at St Paul's, he will preach at Evensong at the Cathedral

AUTUMN PLANT SALE – 10 WEEKS AWAY

The weather has finally settled and it's time to put in cuttings that propagate easily eg daisies, lavender, fuchsias, dianthus (carnation family), pelargoniums, hydrangeas, mint, sage, rosemary, wall flowers, chrysanthemums etc,. Place many cuttings in pot of soil, saturate, place pot in sandwich bag , tie at top. Place in shade --no watering required

LADY DAY – MOTHERS UNION

Lady Day will be celebrated on Monday 25th March at the cathedral. Bishop Garry will preside and preach at the service commencing at 11.00am. This will be followed by a luncheon. Members are requested to bring a plate of lunch to share.

ANGLICARE

Next Sunday is our Anglicare collection day. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the black tub in the sanctuary.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Lyn and John Eldridge who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

TESSELAAR BULBS FUNDRAISER

We will again be selling premium quality bulbs through Tesselaar, that are guaranteed to grow and flower, at an excellent price. The 2019 Catalogue and order forms are available for collection at the rear of the Church. Orders and money to be returned to Heather Clinton by Sunday **7 April**.

ST MATTHIAS

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. The number twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed.

But Jesus had chosen the original twelve. How could they know whom he would choose?

One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John the Baptist until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle would must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away.

Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Legends like the Acts of Andrew and Matthias testify to Matthias' enthusiastic embrace of all that being an apostle meant including evangelization, persecution, and death in the service of the Lord.

Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy. Jesus chooses all of us in the same way.

Prayer:

Saint Matthias, pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus in the way we live the eternal life we have right now.

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