

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



'Let us pursue peace and build faith in our community' Rom 14:19

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost-10th September 2023
Season of Creation Week 2

Abundant life: Nourishing and flourishing

Welcome to St Paul's!

*'We acknowledge that we live, work and meet on the country of the
Wadawurrung, people of the great Kulin Nation.*

We pay our respects to their Elders, present and emerging.

We also acknowledge that this land was stolen, never ceded.

**'Welcome to St Paul's Anglican Church, Bakery Hill, where services have
been held on this site since 1854. We pray that you will find the
presence of God in this historic place.'**



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

8am Eucharist

10am Parish Eucharist

If you are new to St Paul's, please feel free to make yourself known to Sr Elisa and other members of the parish.

THE COMMON CUP

Today we are offering the chalice to any who would like to receive communion in both kinds. Everyone please sanitise your hands before taking communion. Please be mindful of the wellbeing of both you and others. If you are immune challenged, then please refrain from taking it. If you have been in contact with someone who has a viral infection, [eg flu or Covid19 or a cold] or if you have symptoms, then please refrain from taking it. Be assured that the full grace of the sacrament is present in the host.

INTROIT HYMN: TIS 137 For the beauty of the earth

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Divine Voice – You sing and the universe comes into being.

Divine Breath – You breathe and all things spring to life.

Divine Word – You call and creation is sustained.

Divine Flesh – you are born among us.

Divine Spirit - you fill all that has been formed.

Divine Life – you are the pulse of all that is.

And so, in amazement, awe, wonder, and celebration. We marvel at this mystery. In you, all things live and move and have being. In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry. And so, we join with creation in the eternal song of worship and wonder.

OPENING PRAYER [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.

Invitation to Confession

As we come before our Lord this morning, we are as always mindful of our call to love and are deeply aware of our failure in this:

Pause to reflect

If we have worshipped you as a relic from the past, a theological concept, a religious novelty, but not as a living God:

Lord forgive us.

If we have heard stories of struggle and suffering with no intention of sharing the burden or the pain

Lord forgive us.

If we have identified the misuse of power, but failed to prophesy against it, and refused to empower the weak:

Lord forgive us.

If we have sung songs in praise of your creation, while defiling the goodness of the earth

Lord forgive us.

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS.

The Lord says "I will bring my people back to me, I will love them with all my heart. No longer am I angry with them. I will be to the people like rain in a dry land. This is the promise of God."

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Gloria is sung.

**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:

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

God of the prophets, you shame the strong through the weakness of love and turn upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward; through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12: 1-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner

organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the Word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

¹ Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,**

⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the LORD!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 13: 8-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: TIS 629 When I needed a neighbour

GOSPEL ACCLAMMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON- Sr Elisa

Silence for reflection.

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

**O God, source of all being, goal of our longing,
we believe and trust in you.**

**The whole earth is alive with your glory,
and all that has life is sustained by you.**

We commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face.

O God, embodied in a human life, we believe and trust in you.

**Jesus, our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and powerful,
and welcomed as your friends those of no account.**

**You laboured with us upon the cross
and have brought to us the hope of resurrection.**

We commit ourselves to struggle against evil, and to choose life.

**O God, life-giving Spirit of healing, comfort, integrity
and truth, we believe and trust in you.**

**Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,**

we commit ourselves to work with you in renewing our world.

(Lynn Uzan The Parish of Wilmot, Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Loving God, open our hearts so that we may feel the breath and the play of your Spirit. Unclench our hands so that we may reach out to each other, and touch and be healed.

Open our lips that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life.

Unclog our ears to hear your agony in our inhumanity.

Open our eyes so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.

Breathe your Spirit into us and touch our lives with the life of Christ.

We pray for all leaders in what ever sphere they work. For politicians, for business leaders and for Bishops, clergy and others. We particularly pray for Bishop Garry and Sr Elisa, our wardens and parish council and others in our church who lead in ministry and outreach.

We pray for the coming 'Voice to Parliament Referendum', for a healthy debate and a real understanding that what ever the decision, it is one that is made with a deep sense of love and justice for all of us in our nation.

We hold before you any whom we know and love who have special needs at this time.

Pause for people to remember:

We particularly pray for those on our prayer list,

For Hettie, Kirsten, June, Martin, Craig, Iris, Claudia, Sue, Max & Jane, Rosemary and Tony, Pat, Annette, Dorothy & Lloyd, Geoff, Ruth, Pauline, Beat, Corrie, Ivor, Bert, Joyce, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Vera, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Gillian & Hilary.

We give you thanks and praise for all whose lives have honoured Christ, may we like them bring praise and glory to your name.

We offer these prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbours, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.

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 GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ!

His Spirit is with us!

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you!

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: TIS 640 Kneels at the feet of his friends

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat whose many grains we have gathered and made into this bread. So may all creation be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

Creator of all, you gave us fields of grapes whose fruit we have gathered to make into this one cup. So may all who mourn be gathered to be united at your table as one family. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank and praise you almighty Father...

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

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!

...

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. **Amen.**

...

The Lord's Prayer

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.

for we all share in the one bread.

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

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

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

Invitation to the Communion:

POST COMMUNION HYMN: TIS 129 Amazing grace

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Prayer after Communion

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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**

Notices

FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Go forth confident in the hope in which you have been saved: praise God in all creation: follow Christ through whom all things are made: in the power of the Spirit become a beacon of hope to the world: and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

In the name of Christ! Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: TIS 111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Exodus 14: 19-31

Psalm 114

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

DIARY FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Sunday 10th Worship 8am & 10am.

11.15am Training Communion Assistants.

2pm. Synod Hall: Spring Chamber music recital.

5pm. Conversations at the Cathedral. Rev'd Canon Glenn Loughrey. Indigenous priest.

Speaking on 'The Voice' Referendum.

Tuesday 12th

4.00pm Singing group

Wednesday 13th

12.30-3pm Sr Elisa in the church.

Thursday 14th

10.30am Holy Communion:

11.30am knitting group

1.30pm Mothers Union

Sr Elisa in the church until 3pm

Friday 15th

10.30am Morning tea at Lilly's Café

[Eureka Centre, 102 Stawell St South, Ballarat East].

Sunday 17th

8am and 10am Holy Eucharist

11.15 am Training intercessors with Father Geoffrey.



Peace with Creation

'The righteous care for the needs of their animals' (*Proverbs 12:10*)

The wonders of this world are the products of the genius of the one God who has made them all and who owns them all (*see Job 38-41*). He set humanity in the world as his image bearers to rule over it, but not to exploit and distort it. That behaviour is the product of human sin. Rather, we are to care for creation. Thus, when human beings rest on the sabbath day, so too do their animals according to the ten commandments. To those who can see it, the world shows forth the glories of God. When we see its majesty, we should lift our hearts in worship to God.

Question for thought: Do I care for the needs of God's creation?

God of the nations, we pray for Uganda and especially for members in the Dioceses of North Mbale and Namirembe. We thank you that for over a hundred years they have been active in promoting Christ's teaching and supporting stable family life across the country. Pray that God's name will be honoured in the dioceses we are praying for this week, as they help individuals, families and communities. Amen

YEAR'S MIND:

Ronald Pattinson, Ernest Wall, John Tattor, Alice Edward, Albert Eveleigh, John Tutton, Zdenek (Syd) Polak (10) Irene Foote, Ethel Wemmering, Annie Levett, Albert Bromley, George Stokes, Eliza Stewart, John Bradby, Stanley Kneeshaw (11) Clara Dale, Faith Roper, Ethel Walters, Mabel Betteridge, Clarice Condon, Harry Hunt, Jean Picot (12) Edward Swanson, George Hawker, Bessie George, Alice Goldsmith, Samuel Crump (13) Geoffrey Horton, Mary Clarke, Phyllis Gunston (14) William Hore, Edward James, William Carter, Victor Haley, Mary Garp, Clarrie Parkinson, James Haymes, Arthur Heath, Margery Taylor, Stephen Cooper (15) Annie Galt, Alma Veal, George Trigg (16)

ST PAUL'S \$2 SPRING PLANT SALE- SAT 4th NOVEMBER 2023

8 weeks to go

Gardening suggestions for this week -carefully lift out cyclamen self-sown plants and pot into small containers. With some sunshine now happening place pot plants into a sunny spot to encourage spring growth. Sort seeds that were collected in late summer, package and label. Our seed packets are usually sold for \$1 pkt. Contact family and friends about any surplus garden tools, pottery plant containers, garden edgings, hoses, wire plant frames, hanging baskets etc that they could possibly donate to our plant sale. Don't forget to remove weeds from pots to allow the plants a better chance to grow. Enjoy time in the garden in the sunshine.

Training Sessions for Rostered Duties.

After 10am services on the following Sundays, should take no more than 10-15 minutes.

Please note these dates in your diary according to your rostered duties,
Communion Assistants: 10th September; Intercessors: 17th September
[Father Geoffrey]; Readers: 24th September; Serving: 8th October
Ushers: 15th October; Morning tea: 22nd October; Flowers 29th October
[Dierdre Stewart]

Friday Morning Coffee Group - Change of Venue

Due to changes in the terms and conditions of our booking at Barkly Square, as of **Friday 8 September** we will meet at **Lilly's Cafe** which is in the Eureka Centre, 102 Stawell St South, Ballarat East.

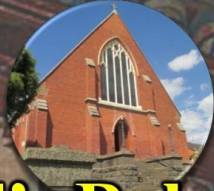
Parking is available off Stawell St and Rodier St, with Disability Access via a door that can be opened on request.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there, Sue: 0429 092 205

Sounding out interest.

Each year I sign up for 'The Festival of Homiletics' which is organised by Luther Seminary in Minnesota but is an ecumenical event. Consequently, I receive a large number of recorded sermons and lectures, from some really excellent preachers, on the theme for the year. This year's theme is 'Preaching Hope for a weary world'. I have found much of it inspiring and so would love to be able to share it if you would like. The speakers are all preachers from a variety of traditions which add to their colour. I thought I would offer 6 evenings where you could come and listen to my favourite lectures or sermons and then have a discussion around the things they speak about. Many of them are very challenging in the way they speak. My thought is from 7pm -8.30pm for 6 weeks beginning on 4th October.

Please let me know if this interests you and I will endeavour to facilitate it.



St Paul's Bakery Hill Heritage Organ Recital

~Interweaving the Ancient and New~

Organist: Dr Andrew Blackburn

Friday 6th October – 6.30 PM

St Paul's Anglican Church

5 Humffray St South, Bakery Hill

TICKETS: \$25

Book online at trybooking.com/CLBOZ

*All proceeds after costs go towards
St Paul's Heritage Building Fund.*



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