

Sunday @ 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 9th June 2024

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (https://zoom.us/j/7210725462) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

Gathering as God's people

Hymn: Let us build a house where love can dwell

Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live,

A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

Rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, And words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness And a symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground

where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,

is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

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Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother.

Mark 3.34-35

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's ministry

Hymn: If I were a butterfly

If I were a butterfly,

I'd thank You, Lord, for giving me wings.

And if I were a robin in a tree,

I'd thank You, Lord, that I could sing.

And if I were a fish in the sea,

I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,

but I just thank you, Father, for making me 'me'

For You gave me a heart and You gave me a smile,

You gave me Jesus

and You made me Your child,

and I just thank you, Father, for making me

'me'.

If I were an elephant,

I'd thank You, Lord, by raising my trunk.

And if I were a kangaroo

You know I'd hop right up to You.

And if I were an octopus,

I'd thank You, Lord, for my fine looks,

but I just thank You, Father, for making me 'me'.

For You gave me a heart....

If I were a wiggly worm,

I'd thank You, Lord, that I could squirm,

and if I were a billy goat,

I'd thank You, Lord, for my strong throat,

and if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear,

I'd thank You, Lord, for my fuzzy wuzzy hair,

but I just thank You, Father, for making me 'me'. For You gave me a heart....

Brian Howard

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Prayer before the reading of scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First reading

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians

¹³ The scripture says, "I spoke because I believed." In the same spirit of faith we also speak because we believe. 14 We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus to life, will also raise us up with Jesus and take us, together with you, into his presence. ¹⁵ All this is for your sake; and as God's grace reaches more and more people, they will offer to the glory of God more prayers of thanksgiving. ¹⁶ For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. ¹⁷ And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. ¹⁸ For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

^{5:1} For we know that when this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Psalm reading

¹ Lord, I will praise you with all my heart. In front of those who think they are gods I will sing praise to you.

² I will bow down facing your holy temple. I will praise your name, because you are always loving and faithful. You have honoured your holy word even more than your own fame.

³ When I called out to you, you answered me. You made me strong and brave.

when they hear about what you have decided.

⁵Lord, may they sing about what you have done, because your glory is great.

⁶Though the Lord is high above all, he cares for the lowly.

Though he is in heaven above, he sees them on earth below.

⁷ Trouble is all around me, but you keep me alive.

You reach out your hand to put a stop to the anger of my enemies.

With your powerful right hand you save me.

⁸Lord, you will show that I was right to trust you. **Lord, your faithful love continues forever.**

You have done so much for us, so don't stop now.

Psalm 138

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Mark

³¹ Jesus' mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³ And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Mark 3.31-35

Sermon

Music for reflection: Choir

An affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

⁴Lord, may all the kings on earth praise you

The Ministry of Prayer

We pray for the church and the world.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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 for ever. Amen.

Confession of sin

Sisters and brothers, as we prepare to celebrate the Holy Communion, let us call to mind our sins.

A pause for reflection

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Children of God, hear the good news! God's compassionate love transforms all things and makes beauty that is a wonder to behold. God sees the beauty in you.

God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. 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.

Please say hello to everyone!

The Offertory

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful – the Lord God made them all.

The wildflowers in their beauty, the mountain ranges tall, the billabongs and rivers, and friendly birds that call.

All things bright and beautiful...

The cold wind in the winter, the bright, life-giving sun, the ripe fruits in the garden – He made them every one.

All things bright and beautiful...

The coloured walls of gorges, the gum trees green and tall, the rocks, and pools, and palm trees, the sparkling waterfall.

All things bright and beautiful...

The many-coloured corals, the creatures of the sea, of bushland, **fi**eld or desert, on farms, or roaming free.

All things bright and beautiful...

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful...

Wiliiam Henry Monk

Thanksgiving for offered gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God for ever

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight. You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,

you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us, and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and from you. He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

...and to remember all he has done for us:

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

...in songs of never-ending praise:

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

The Breaking of 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.

Communion is shared

Post Communion Prayer

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

Hymn: Wide, wide as the ocean

Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heaven above deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Saviour's love. I, though so unworthy, still am a child of His care, for His word teaches me that His love reaches me everywhere

C Austin Miles

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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... Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen

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