

Sunday @ 9

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 30th August 2026

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://go.stlukesekibin.org.au/zoom>) 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

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, ...

Let us build a house where all are named
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the words.
Built of tears and cries of laughter
Prayers of faith and songs of praise

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter
All are welcome, ...

© Marty Haugen, admin. GIA Publications Inc....

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Call to worship – Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him
with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. He made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His loving devotion endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer for the day

O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life: transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Confession

Gracious and loving God, we know there are **times when we forget your generous nature and your generous love for us.**

We insert ourselves in moments when we should **lift you up.**

Help us to be more grateful, less boastful; more caring, less conceited.

In the moments when we forget you, help us to be humble and grateful and happy.

Help us remember the transforming power of your love.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit are for you, now.

In Christ, you are forgiven and set free to live as a beloved community.

Thanks be to God.

The Ministry of the Word

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:

Hymn: Touch the earth lightly

Gospel reading: Matthew 16:21-28

The Sermon

Music for reflection: Touch the earth lightly

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live
we who would foster
clouds of disaster --
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

Shirley Erena Murray
© Hope Publishing Co.

Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon and intergenerational activity

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.

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: Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me,
if I but call your name
Will go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean,
in you and you in me.

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

© John Bell

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

...and all your faithful people:

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

...we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.

...we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

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

The Breaking of bread and the Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one
bread:

so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the people of God...

Communion is shared

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, God
for all the blessings of this table:
for the life-giving story,

the living bread
and the wine of new creation.

Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal,
to tell the Good News to neighbours and
strangers

with creative words

and compassionate service,
walking the way of Christ.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

*Hymn: You shall go out with joy and be led forth
in peace*

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth in peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth in singing.
There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann

© 1975 Lillenas Publishing Company/Msi Music Adm/
Song Solutions CopyCare

Blessing

May God the Father, whose glory is proclaimed in
the heavens, awaken in you a delight and wonder
in this good creation. Amen.

May God the Son, the Word made flesh, through
whom all things were made, fill you with his risen
life. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the
waters of creation and formed the world from
chaos, form you in the likeness of Christ and renew
the face of the earth. Amen

And the blessing...

Dismissal

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

Copyright: Liturgical resources are derived from “An Order for the Holy Communion (2009, revised) © Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. Used by permission. Hymns from “Mission Praise” and “Together in Song” used by Permission. CCLI Licence No 52796.