

## Sunday @ 9

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of our Pets

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 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://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.**

### *Hymn: Come People of the risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice  
One heart, one voice;*

*O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come, those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice*

Come, young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come, those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world, His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
"Our God is all in all!"

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice*

*Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend*

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This is our God for whom we have waited; let us  
be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Isaiah 25.9*

### *Opening Praise (based on Psalm 148)*

All dogs and dingoes, large and small:

**Praise the Lord!**

All rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs:

**Praise the Lord!**

All goldfish, guppies and swimming creatures:

**Praise the Lord!**

All kookaburras, budgies and singing birds:

**Praise the Lord!**

All wombats, koalas and wallabies:

**Praise the Lord!**

All horses, cows and sheep:

**Praise the Lord!**

All lizards, skinks and crawling creatures:

**Praise the Lord!**

Every animal in the sky, the sea and the forest:

**Praise the Lord!**

### *The Peace*

Blessed are those who make peace:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Jesus Christ  
and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### *Prayer of Confession*

God of hawk and puffin, koala and panda,  
of moose and squirrel, of tiger and cobra;  
God of violet and daffodil, gum tree and  
redwood,  
of mountain meadows and rainforest jungles:

### *Welcome*

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

we are in awe of all you have done for us.  
You created a world of plants and animals that  
can live in such wondrous harmony;  
yet too often we exploit one another,  
we devastate, and we leave things in ruin.  
Forgive us and guide us in the restoration of the  
harmony you intended. Amen

We do not change the world by worrying about it  
but by dedicating ourselves and our actions to  
doing God's will.

When we fail, God forgives us and asks us to try  
again. Know that ours is the God of perpetual  
second chances!

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins  
and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

### *The prayer for today (the collect)*

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the  
child-like and lowly of heart: grant that, following  
the example of the blessed Francis, we may count  
the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know  
only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### *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, field 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...*

*Cecil Frances Alexander ; Brian Black*

**Bible Reading:** Philippians 4:1-9

**Poem:** For I will consider my cat Jeoffry

### **Address**

### **Giving thanks for our pets**

*People are invited to introduce the pets they have  
brought to the service (or mention those at home)  
and say what they mean to them. A blessing will be  
offered to each.*

*(Those on Zoom will also be invited to participate)*

### **Hymn: All creatures of our God and King**

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**O burning sun with golden beam,  
and silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**O fire so masterful and bright,  
providing us with warmth and light:  
O praise Him . . .**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfold rich blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!**

**All flowers and fruits that in your grow,  
let them his glory also show;  
O praise Him . . .**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:  
O praise Him . . .**

*Based on the 'Canticle of the Sun' of Francis of Assisi  
William Henry Draper*

### ***Prayer of dedication of our offerings***

*The gifts of the people are brought forward*

As we are able, we have offered gifts in this place on this plate, and in other ways.  
May they flow through this community and into the world and help to build your realm of enough for all. **Amen.**

### ***Prayers of the people***

*Prayers are offered for the world*

We bring these prayers to you in the name of Jesus 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.**

### ***Notices***

#### ***Hymn: This is the day the Lord has made***

**This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day  
when He rose again, when He rose again.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when He rose again  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
when He rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when the Spirit came  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came**

*Lea Garrett*

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Music/Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

### ***Prayer of dedication***

Gracious God, when you created the world, you dedicated us to be part of the balance of all good things. Today, we commit ourselves anew to this purpose and ask your blessing upon our renewed commitment. Help us to continue to delight in the glory of the animals you have given us to share life. And lead us in the ways of life, in communion with all Creation. **Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the pulsing of Christ in creation, through whom all things are reconciled and renewed.  
and the blessing...**Amen.**

### ***Dismissal***

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

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