

**SUNDAY 24 November 2024 - St Paul's Cooma 9.30am**

## **Introduction**

### **Hymn TIS 212 - Christ whose glory fills the skies**

**Christ whose glory fills the skies  
Christ the true the only Light  
Sun of righteousness arise  
Triumph o'er the shades of night  
Dayspring from on high be near  
Daystar in my heart appear**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till thy mercy's beams I see  
Till they inward light impart  
Glad my eyes and warm my heart**

**Visit then this soul of mine  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief  
Fill me radiancy divine  
Scatter all my unbelief  
More and more thyself display  
Shining to the perfect day**

## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Sentence of the day**

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 8:14,15

## **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.**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

### Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm. where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, **Amen**

### The Ministry of the Word

#### Romans 10:8-15

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

#### Psalm 40:1-10

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

<sup>4</sup> **Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.**

<sup>5</sup> Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.**

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll.

**<sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

**<sup>10</sup>I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.**

### **3 John 1–11**

<sup>1</sup>The elder, To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth. <sup>2</sup>Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. <sup>3</sup>It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. <sup>4</sup>I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. <sup>5</sup>Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. <sup>6</sup>They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honoUrs God. <sup>7</sup>It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. <sup>8</sup>We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth. <sup>9</sup>I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. <sup>10</sup>So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church. <sup>11</sup>Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

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### **Matthew 28:16–20**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This is the gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Sermon - Mission - Gospel to the ends of the earth

### Question Time

#### Prayers

Let us pray for the world and the church.

Response: Gracious God, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

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 Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### Hymn TIS 513 - Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
For thy Flesh is food indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living Bread;  
Day by day with strength supplied,  
Through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, your blood supplies  
This blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,**

**To thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
Grafted, rooted, built in thee.**

### **The Thanksgiving**

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.**

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 now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, 'Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, 'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us. Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**  
**The gifts of God for the people of God.**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts with thanksgiving.

### **After Communion**

Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. **Keep us in this hope that we have grasped: so we and all your people will be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

### **Hymn TIS 143 - Immortal, Invisible**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, Unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above  
your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**You give life to all Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life now living, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
and wither and perish, but ever unchanged you will be.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace Lord impart  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.**

**All praise we would render, reveal to our sight;  
what hides you is only the splendour of light  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart  
through Christ is the story, your Christ to the heart**

### **Notices**

### **Dismissal**

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