Anglican Church
St Luke's Ekibin

Sunday @ 9

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 25th 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.

Gathering as God's people

Hymn: I am a new creation

I am a new creation,
no more in condemnation
here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is over-**fl**owing,
my love just keeps on growing,
here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise You, Lord,
yes I will praise You, Lord,
and I will sing of all that you have done.
A joy that knows no limit,
a lightness in my spirit -
here in the grace of God I stand.

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22.37–40

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Children's ministry

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: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Hymn: Purify my heart

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver;
purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Re**fi**ner's **fi**re, my heart's one desire*
is to be holy,
set apart for You, Lord;
I choose to be holy,
set apart for You, my Master,
ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within and make me holy;
purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

*Re**fi**ner's **fi**re . . .*

Brian Doerksen

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Gospel reading: Matthew 22:34-46

The Sermon

Music for reflection:

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

A pause for reflection

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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.

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: These are the days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord:
and these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are a voice in the desert crying,
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'
Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as **fl**esh;
and these are the days of Your servant David,
rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
the **fi**elds are as white as the world,
and we are the labourers in the vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.
Behold He comes riding on the clouds…

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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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God…

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that when we turned away…

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that on the cross…

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.

…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.

The gifts of God for the people of God…

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.

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: Jesus put this song into our hearts

Jesus, put this song into our hearts,
Jesus put this song into our hearts;
it's a song of joy no-one can take away.
Jesus put this song into our hearts.

Jesus, taught us how to live in harmony,
Jesus, taught us how to live in harmony;
different faces, different races, He made us one -
Jesus, taught us how to live in harmony.

Jesus, taught us how to be a family,
Jesus, taught us how to be a family;
loving one another with the love that He gives -
Jesus, taught us how to be a family.

Jesus, turned our sorrow into dancing,
Jesus, turned our sorrow into dancing,
changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy -
Jesus, turned our sorrow into a dance.

Graham Kendrick
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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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