

## THIRD SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF CREATION

-HEALING THE WOUNDS OF CREATION-



St Paul's Church • Ipswich  
21 September 2025

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

### **Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country**

### **Introit Hymn**

*You servants of God, your master proclaim [TIS 215]*

### **The Invocation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

### **The 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.**

### **Kids Time with God**

### **Scripture Sentence**

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.

1 Timothy 2:1

### **Prayer of Approach**

**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.**

## **Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Confession**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**O God, our comforter, our grief is beyond healing  
our hearts are faint within us.**

**We look upon the land, and it is bruised;  
The forests are silenced, the rivers choked,  
the skies heavy with sorrow.**

**Is there no balm in Gilead?**

**Is there no healing for creation's wounds?**

**We confess that we have turned a blind eye,  
profited from destruction, and forgotten that the earth is Yours.**

**O that our heads were a fountain of tears,  
that we might weep day and night.**

**For the soil poisoned, the creatures lost,  
and the future we have placed at risk.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

**Forgive our apathy and restore our courage.**

**Heal us, and heal the earth we have wounded.**

**In Your compassion, make us whole. Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

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 Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect**

God of compassion,  
our hearts are heavy,  
our eyes weep for a wounded world.  
The harvest is past, the summer ended,  
yet the earth is not healed.  
Is there no balm, no physician for creation's pain?  
Forgive our delay, our silence, our neglect.  
Break our hearts for what breaks Yours.  
Lead us to acts of healing and hope,  
through Christ, the balm for all creation. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone; grief is upon me;  
my heart is sick.

Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people  
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the Lord not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?”)

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.”

For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken,  
I mourn, and horror has seized me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people  
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 79:1-9

1 O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
**they have defiled your holy temple;**  
**they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.**

2 They have given the bodies of your servants  
to the birds of the air for food,  
**the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.**

3 They have poured out their blood like water  
all around Jerusalem,  
**and there was no one to bury them.**

- 4 We have become a taunt to our neighbours,  
**mocked and derided by those around us.**
- 5 How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?  
**Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?**
- 6 Pour out your anger on the nations  
that do not know you  
**and on the kingdoms  
that do not call on your name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob  
**and laid waste his habitation.**
- 8 Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;  
**let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.**
- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
**deliver us and forgive our sins,  
for your name's sake.**

## **Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

*Stand up and bless the Lord* [TIS 449]

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**The celebrant says.**

Let us pray for the world, for the City of Ipswich, for the state of the created order, and for the mission of the Church.

**A minister continues**

Creator and Sustainer of all life,  
We lift our voices in sorrow and hope,  
As we see the earth groaning under the weight of  
war and exploitation.

**Lord, have mercy. Restore Your creation.**

We pray for places torn apart by war—  
Where bombs scar the earth,  
forests are burned, and rivers run with blood.  
Where wildlife flees,  
and ecosystems collapse beneath human conflict.  
May peace take root, and healing begin for land  
and life.

**Lord, have mercy. Restore Your creation.**

We remember the poor and vulnerable,  
Those who suffer most when the rains fail, when  
the air is toxic,  
When forests are cleared and water is polluted.  
Open our hearts to justice, that we may lift the  
burdens they carry.

**Lord, have mercy. Restore Your creation.**

We pray for food security—  
For farmers facing droughts,  
floods, and dying soils,  
For communities where children  
go hungry as crops fail.

May sustainable paths be found,  
and the land yield life once more.  
**Lord, have mercy. Restore Your creation.**

God of peace, God of justice,  
Teach us to be guardians of the earth  
and protectors of the vulnerable.  
Give us courage to change our ways and wisdom  
to care well for what You have made.  
**Lord, have mercy. Restore Your creation.**  
**Amen.**

Please join me as we pray the Ipswich Anglicans Prayer together:

**God of new beginnings,  
bless our Ipswich Anglican community  
with a fresh vision for the future,  
with generous hearts to love one another,  
and with courage for the changes we now embrace.  
Draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ,  
so that we draw closer to you and to each other.  
Make us a blessing to the city of Ipswich  
as we walk together  
into the future you have prepared for us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

God of mercy,  
**you know us and love us and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour.**  
**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.**

## Offertory Hymn

*At the name of Jesus.* [TIS 231]

During the offertory hymn the Sacrament which has been reserved from the 7.00-am Eucharist for use at this service will be brought to the Altar.

The regular offertory prayer for the collection is then said.

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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

In place of the usual Great Thanksgiving Prayer, the following words are said by the lay Minister.

The Gospel of St Luke tell us that:

At supper with his disciples on the night he was betrayed Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Ipswich Anglican community of which we are members, has taken this bread and wine, and given thanks over it according to our Lord's command. I bring you these Holy Gifts so that you may share in the communion of our Lord's body and blood. For these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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.**

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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**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.**

## **Invitation to the Table**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Holy things for holy people.  
Broken things for broken people.

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Kids Time with God

### Notices

### Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims on this your beloved earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

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.**

### Blessing

May the God who weeps with the wounded earth surround you  
with the comfort of the winds.

May your tears, like the early rains, water the soil of hope and  
awaken new life.

May your hands be strong like the hands of the potter, shaping  
justice, peace, and healing in all you do.

And may 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.**

### Mission Hymn

*All hail the power of Jesus' name [TIS 224]*

The order of service is according to *A Prayer Book for Australia*, copyright 1995, the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation; published under the imprint of Broughton Books, and reproduced with permission. Thanksgiving prayer from the Synod of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Hymns are from *Together in Song*, and are reproduced with permission under CCLI Licence No. 1966

# MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH  
@ 7:30 A.M

**NEXT EVENT - 11 OCTOBER 2025**

ST PAUL'S MEMORIAL HALL,  
124 BRISBANE STREET IPSWICH



# St Thomas' Community Market

15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich

**Saturday 4 October 2025**  
**8am - 12pm**

Arts & Crafts, Trash & Treasure,  
Plants, Sausage Sizzle



**More Information** contact Lesley Briggs 0404 005 088