

THE MARTYRS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA



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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Service introduction

When the Japanese threatened to invade Papua New Guinea in 1942, Bishop Philip Strong encouraged Anglican mission staff to remain at their posts. Eleven Anglicans (Papuan, English and Australians) were martyred, as were 15 Lutherans, 24 Methodists and 188 Roman Catholics. After the war concluded, these missions were welcomed back by locals.

Processional Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim [TIS 245]

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

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:35, 37

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.

**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.**

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

All powerful and ever living God,
turn our weakness into strength.
As you gave the martyrs of Papua New Guinea
the courage to suffer death for Christ,
give us the courage to live in faithful witness to you.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.” I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice!
- 2 Let your ears be attentive:
to the voice of my supplication!
- 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities:
Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you may be revered.
- 5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
- 6 My soul waits for the Lord:
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

- 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
And with him is great power to redeem.
- 8 It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Second Reading

Romans 8:33–39

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn

The church's one foundation [TIS 457]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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 and for the mission of the Church.

A minister continues

We pray for strength to follow Jesus.

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble; they will receive what God has promised.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Be merciful as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Love one another, as I love you; there is no greater love than this, to lay down your life for your friends.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere and make them my disciples, and I will be with you always, to the end of time.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

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

I heard the voice of Jesus say [TIS 585]

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Now we give you thanks because
you have called us into the fellowship of all your saints and martyrs,
and set before us the example of their witness
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord; through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit, sanctify this bread
and wine, that we who share in this holy sacrament may be
partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come, on the night before he went up to
the cross to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself, took bread and
gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of
the new covenant which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in obedience to his command,
we commemorate and celebrate
his saving passion and death,
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.
We thank you that by your grace alone
you have accepted us in Christ;
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,
holy and acceptable in your sight.

Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may, by your Holy Spirit,
be one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity and peace.
In your grace and mercy,
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom
with all the company of the redeemed.

May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father eternal,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

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

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for our pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

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

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 earth
be welcomed with the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 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.**

LITANY OF THE MARTYRS

As each name is read, a memorial candle is lit from the Paschal Candle.

Miss Mavis Parkinson

Lord Jesus Christ, we see in your servant, Mavis Parkinson, a loving concern for children's education. Help us in our time to give quality loving care to our children and all other students under our care, so that they may grow in wisdom and truth. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sister May Hayman

God of love and faithfulness, bless us all with your wisdom, as we remember your servant, May Hayman today. May we, like her, think, care and serve a little more for others and a little less for ourselves.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Reverend Henry Holland

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your servant, Henry Holland, who saw in the local church worker, Andrew Uware, the qualities that were necessary for the mission of the gospel and shared the task with him. Pour upon us your insight that we may discern your gifts in others, and value them, work together for your glory and the extension of your Kingdom.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sister Margery Brenchley

God of hope and love, your servant Margery Brenchley lovingly gave hope of healing and health to the sick. Bless all doctors and nurses in their work; guide and strengthen us to be your instruments of hope to the hopeless, the helpless, the suffering and the poor. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Miss Lilla Lashmar

God, our Father, rekindle and deepen our love for you so that we may with our whole being desire to be a good soldier for Jesus Christ, as did your servant Lilla Lashmar. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Reverend Vivian Redlich

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life of Vivian Redlich, who in obedience to your call, left the comforts and security of his homeland and ministered your word and sacraments. Stir up the hearts of all ordained ministers to serve you well and in all circumstances to hold high your light of truth and love. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

John Duffill

God, our Father, you call people in different ministries to build your Church. We thank you for your servant, John Duffill, whose keen desire to serve you as a carpenter—carrying his share of the cross and laying down his life with others—is an example for us. Lord, guide and strengthen us in all that you call us to do, and to be faithful and devoted to you and to each other. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lucian Tapiedi

Lord God Almighty, we thank you for your servant, Lucian Tapiedi, who volunteered to go back and collect items left behind; a decision in the face of danger. Pour upon your Church such bravery, that we too may be ready to stand up and defend the rights of the helpless among us. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Reverend Henry Mathews

God our Father, Creator and Preserver of all, we thank you for your servant Henry Mathews who you called as priest to minister your Word and Sacraments in Port Moresby. Bless the work of clergy in the urban centres that they may be faithful in their calling. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leslie Gariadi

Lord God, we thank you for the example of Leslie Gariadi, whose faithfulness, support and companionship to his priest, meant they were together in life and together in death. Holy and gracious God, help us to be true to each other and to you in faith and love.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Reverend John Barge

We thank you, Lord Almighty, for your servant John Barge who met his death at Kandrian. Clothe us with your peace and enrich us with your grace, that we, like John Barge, may face challenges and dangers with courage and love.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Reverend Bernard Moore

Lord, God of all creation, we thank you for your servant Bernard Moore, priest, teacher, sailor, supplier and transporter of goods and services to the outlying islands on the South West coast of New Guinea. Mercifully give us grace to be agents of your peace and love to those you have called us to care for and those we meet each day. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Please follow the procession as we place the memorial candles on the Martyrs' Altar and then gather for prayers at the Martyrs' Cross in the church garden.

The memorial candles are placed on the Martyrs' Altar.

Flowers and wreaths are then laid at the Martyrs' Cross.



Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

John 12:24–26

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow the saints
in faith and hope and love;
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.

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