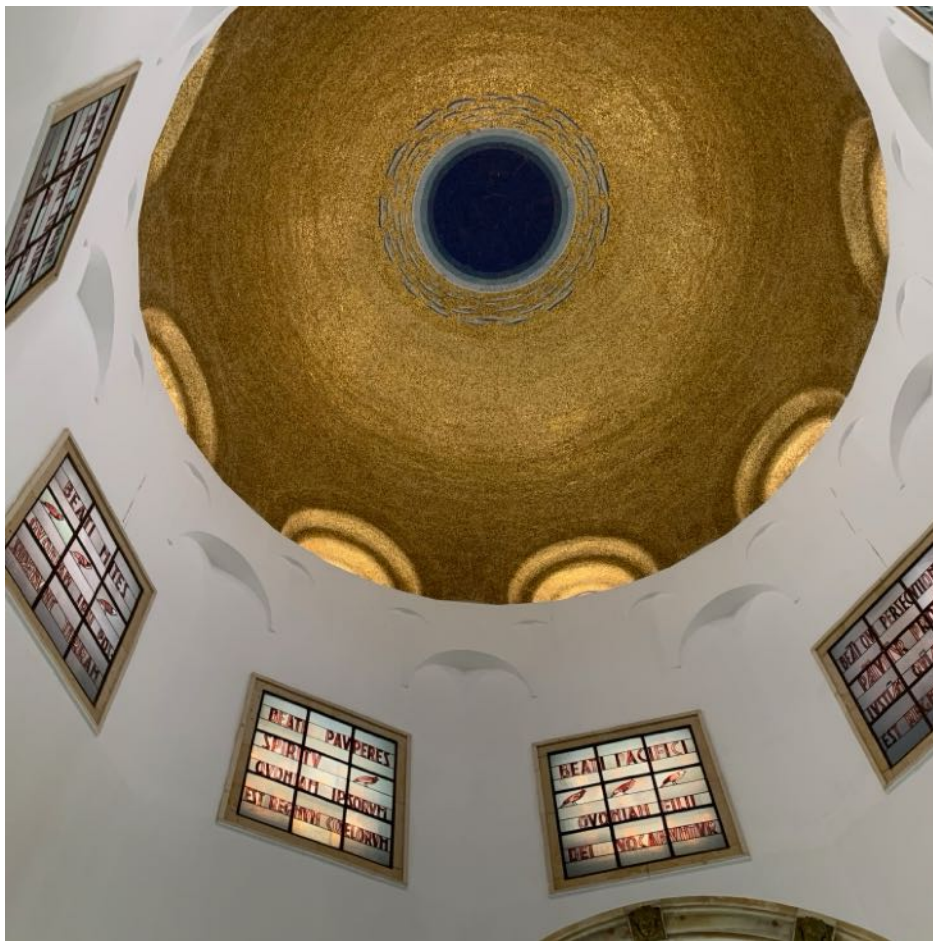


## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



The sacred words above the Altar in the Basilica of the Beatitudes.

St Paul's Church  
16 February 2025

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

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

**Entry Hymn:** *Here in this place* [TIS 474]

### **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**

### **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.**

## Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Righteous God,  
you challenge the powers that rule this world  
and you show favour to the oppressed:  
instil in us a true sense of justice,  
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom  
and strive for right to prevail;  
for the sake of 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**

### **First Reading**

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from  
the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief  
comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an  
uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

### **Psalm 71:1–6**

1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:  
**let me never be put to shame.**

2 In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:  
**incline your ear to me and save me.**

3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
**for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.**

4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:  
**from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**

5 For you, Lord, are my hope:  
**you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.**

6 On you have I leaned since my birth:  
**you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,  
and my praise is of you continually.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.”

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

[TIS 720]

**Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Marty Haugen, 1993.

## The Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

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.**

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Sermon**



View towards Tiberius from Mt Beatitudes

## **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.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The celebrant introduces the prayers.

Let us pray for the world, the church and the city of Ipswich.

A minister continues.

God of the prophets, we know that your blessings do not necessarily follow the logic of the world.

Make us a church with a hunger and thirst for righteousness; fill our hearts with love, overflowing with mercy; make our hearts pure, and give us a vision of your glory.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for a world which believes that the rich are blessed, when Jesus reminds us that it is the poor who are blessed. We pray for a more just world in which all have enough and none are left behind.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

While people covet power, Jesus blesses the meek; instruct us, O God, in the ways of humility; help us to stand in solidarity with the oppressed and marginalized; show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to those who are sick; and comfort those of us who have lost homes and stock in the recent floods and fires. We especially pray for those people in our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Though we fear death and avoid its inevitable arrival, Jesus tells us that those who mourn are blessed. We pray for those who have experienced the truth of this mystery as bereavement has touched their lives, and we remember with thanksgiving those whose year's mind occurs at this time.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,

**and may light perpetual shine upon them.**

Gracious God,  
you have so richly blessed us with life,  
with love and joy,  
with hope in the midst of despair.  
Help us to be the salt of the earth.  
Help us to be the light of the world,  
sharing with others that which we have received,  
boldly proclaiming the good news of your love,  
finding the seeds of your kingdom within us  
and letting your way grow in our lives and throughout the world.

Please join me in saying 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**

*The celebrant concludes the prayers with these words.*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
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.**

## Offertory Hymn

*Blest are the pure in heart* [TIS 448]

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, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,  
the light of the nations,  
and revealed him as the hope  
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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 God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may be partakers of his body and blood,  
and be made one with him and with each other  
in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,  
renew us by your Spirit  
that we may be united in the body of your Son  
and serve you as a royal priesthood  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are 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.**

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.**

### **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.

### **Kids' Time with God**

### **Notices**

### **Mission Hymn**

*Lord of creation, to you be all praise [TIS 626]*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of the nations,  
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.  
Guide us by your presence,  
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

**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 Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
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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