



St Paul's Anglican Church, Wahroonga

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Service of Holy Communion

Whit Sunday

Greetings & Sentence of Scripture: -

God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 5:5

Let us pray

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

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. 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, Mark 12:30-31)

Lord have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness

The Minister says: -

Knowing the goodness of God and our failure to respond with love and obedience,

let us confess our sins,

Merciful God, our maker, and our judge,

We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:
we repent and are sorry for our sins.**

Father forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Declaration: -

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 to do his will 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.**

The Prayers of the People (by Reverend Robert)

Intercession for Whit Sunday

Gracious God you have promised to hear your people when they pray: please receive our prayers:

Heavenly Father thank you for giving wisdom to those lead the counties of the world. May our leaders always be marked as people who have integrity and humility. Guide them to make wise decisions for the good of all, especially the vulnerable in our society. During this pandemic, we pray for a greater sharing of resources throughout the world; and please direct the wealthier nations to assist the nations who need extra assistance at this time.

Heavenly Father we also give thanks for all who work in the medical fields. Keep them safe as they seek to care for the ill, especially those who are dealing directly with patients who have contracted the coronavirus. We pray for organisation such as the Christian Nurses Fellowship, may their members continue to share the love they have for you with their colleagues and patients.

Heavenly Father we continue to ask for wisdom to be granted to the scientist and specialist in the medical fields that are working to produce a vaccine to fight the coronavirus. As trials of various options begin, grant them success, for the welfare of all of humanity.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all who are in the teaching profession. Continue to refresh them with your love for the students under their

instruction. May they see the joy of students growing in their understanding. May their time of teaching be fruitful.

Heavenly Father we give you thanks for your Church; especially today all the laity who faithfully support and work towards the mission of your Church. We ask to mercifully hear our prayers for the lost and grant that we may see them to come to you be responding to the invitation of you Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, as your people we now pray for those who have asked for our prayers, naming them before you. (Pause) Comfort and heal heavenly Father these men, women, and children that we have named in the silence.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's name: mercifully accept us who have now made our prayers to you: and grant us those things which we have asked in faith according to your will; 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

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.

All glory and honour, thanks, and praise,
Be yours now and always,

Lord, Holy Father, mighty Creator, ever-living God.
We give thanks and praise for you Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Who by his death on the cross.
And rising to new life
Offered the one true sacrifice for sin
And obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Through him you have sent upon us
You holy and life-giving Spirit
And made us a royal priesthood
Called to serve you for ever

By the same Spirit
We are led into all truth
And given the power to proclaim with boldness
The glorious gospel to all the world

Therefore, with the whole company of heaven
We proclaim you 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.**

And now, Father, we pray

That we who receive these gifts of bread and wine
according to our Saviour's word,
maybe partakers of his body and blood.

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

After supper, he took the cup,
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
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.”

Christ Has Died
Christ is Risen
Christ will come again.

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord:
Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for us all, preserve our body and soul to everlasting life: take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for each for you, and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for us all, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life; drink this in remembrance that Christ’s blood was shed for you and be thankful.

Sermon is also on the parish Web Page
www.stpaulswahroonga.com – or
<https://youtu.be/VewoyrzaP34>

Sermon Title - the love of God!

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Gracious God, thank you for feeding us with your Word and the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are living members of Christ’s body.

Father,
We offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Equip us through the power of Your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory Amen

The Dismissal

God stir within you the gift of his Spirit
that you may confess Jesus as Lord
and proclaim the joy
of the everlasting gospel
wherever you may be
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen

Thank you for participating in Church at home, and next week is Trinity Sunday!