

**A SERVICE OF
THANKSGIVING
& RECEPTION INTO THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH**



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Music: Wayne and the Singing Group

Welcome (Sue)

Bishop's Greeting (Bishop Paul)

Call to Worship

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Remember that our God is the only God—
the One who made us,
the One who sustains us,
the One whose Spirit lives within us.

**Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving;
and come into God's presence with praise.**

For God is good,
with unfailing love that lasts forever,
and faithfulness that extends to all generations.

Song: Hear our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray

**From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air**

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross

May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas

Chorus (twice)

Bridge (twice)

Hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah hallelujah

Chorus (twice)

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Song: Yet Not I

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Puppets

Sentence (Sue)

There is one body and one Spirit

There is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

One God and Father of all

Confession (Sue)

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,

And confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, God through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution (Bishop Paul)

Almighty God have mercy on you,
Forgive your sins and keep you in life eternal.

Bible Reading: 5:16-26 (Colin L)

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy,^[a] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ^[b] have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Message (Bishop Paul)

Song: This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

**I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

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Reception into the Anglican Church (Bishop Paul)

Dianne and Julie, who have already been baptised and who have formally been a communicant member of another church, now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seeks our prayers.

Dianne and Julie are presented by their sponsors.

I present Dianne and Julie who have come to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Bishop says:

Dianne and Julie, do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism? **I do**

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order? **I do**

We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church. We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

The Congregation responds

We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

The Bishop says:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love, source of all good,
by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servant
and guide her in your way of peace and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dianne and Julie may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and His Kingdom in the fellowship of His church. God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you. Amen.

Prayer for the Candidate

The bishop now prays for those upon whom hands have been laid.

Almighty and ever-living God,
watch over these Your servants
upon whom we have now laid our hands.
Let Your Holy Spirit always be with them
and lead them to know and obey Your word,
that they may serve you in this life,
and dwell with You in the life to come:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Moys gift to the church

Moys Sinclair who has been a part of this Church for many years sadly died earlier this year at the age of 103. She was the Sacristan for over 40 years and her family has kindly donated a new communion kit in memory of her. This new kit will be used to take communion to those in our Church community who are unwell or can no longer attend Church. We also, take communion services in 4 aged care homes. I invite Bishop Paul to pray and thank God for Moy's life and for the many people who will be blessed by receiving communion.

Prayers for the Church and our World (Christine)

Offering Song: What a Beautiful Name it is

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is

What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is

What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this

What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

Thanks for the offering

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 forever.

The Great Thanksgiving (Bishop Paul with Julia and Sue)

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 our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. 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.

In baptism you have united us in him and brought us out of darkness into light. You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, and calling us to serve as a royal priesthood.

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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation this bread and wine, and pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. 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 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.

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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us, with all Your people into the joy of Your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of
never ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and 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.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy
sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died
for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Sending out

Father of all

We give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off

You met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love,

Gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;

We who drink his cup bring life to others;

We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;

So we and all your children shall be free,

And the whole world live to praise your name.

Notices (Sue)

Song: The Millenium Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven

Hallowed be Thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth as in heav'n

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive our sins

As we forgive each one

Of those who sins against us

And lead us not to the time of trial

But deliver us from evil

For Thine is the kingdom

The power and the glory

Let all the people say amen

In every tribe and tongue

Let every heart's desire

Be joined to see the kingdom come

Let every hope and every dream
Be born in love again
Let all the world sing
With one voice
Let the people say amen

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Commitment Prayer (Bishop Paul)

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly. We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. I invite all of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

We will gladly do so, in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing (Bishop Paul)

Go forth into the world in peace;
Be of good courage;
Hold fast that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
Help the afflicted;
Give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
And the blessing of God almighty.
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen