

All Saint's Community

St David's Frenchville, St John's Ford St, St Matthew's Cottages + the Northern District

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

A Liturgy of Lament – Survivors of Abuse

The Priest says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn O Lord Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer
O Lord hear my prayer
When I call, answer me
O Lord hear my prayer
O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me

Taize Community

Why Are You Hidden?

Why, God? Why?

Why when our need is desperate,
when all other help is vain,
do you turn away from us?

**Why? Why, when the darkness is deepest,
and our midnight is starless,
do you hide yourself from us?**

O Lord hear my prayer...

Why, in times of grief and distress,
when there is no light in the window,
do we find a door slammed in our face,
and a sound of bolting and
double bolting on the inside?

**Why forsake us when we need you most?
Why are you present when the skies are
clear,
our help in our days of prosperity,
but so absent in our time of trouble?**

O Lord hear my prayer...

Why, like your servant Job, do you give us
reasons to feel that were you to pass us,
we would not see you, like your prophet
Jeremiah to feel deceived, angry, desolate?

**We know that faith does not exempt us
from
sorrow or shield us from evil – we know
that;**

**we know, too, that the earth is wet
with the blood of the innocent,
but why this? Why now? Why?**

O Lord hear my prayer...

Know this, God, know this: if faith were
dependent on feelings, if our trust in you
were no more than a matter of the mind, we
would be done with you, done with you
now, done with you forever.

**And hear this, God, hear this: if it were not
for that God-man who was friend of the
poor and damned, for that God-man who
healed the sick and gave sight to the blind;**

If it were not that God-man whom we
cursed and crucified, and who is crucified
still, for that God-man who bore our griefs
and carried our sorrows, and who carries
them still,

**God, Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus,
God who said yes to his life, his love, his
suffering, his death, God of the cross,
crucified God, sharing our pain, bearing our
sin, if it were not, O God, for you our lover,
you our judge, you our hope, you our
friend, we would indeed be lost.**

Together

**God of Christ,
God who raised him from the dead,
God with whom life can begin again,
come to us now, hold us, help us, heal us,
for you and you alone are our salvation.**

Adapted from Terry Falla

The Paschal Candle is lit and the Lay Assistant says

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of
darkness," made his light shine in our hearts
to give us the light of the knowledge of
God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

The Prayer of the Day

The Lay Assistant says

Loving God, whose Son was both victim and
victor, we cry to you for those who have
suffered and suffer abuse. We pause now in

silence to acknowledge and remember them. *(silence)* Be with them in their confusion and pain. Heal the wounds of the body, mind and spirit; break open the prisons of fear, self-doubt and despair; and strengthen them to face the future with faith, hope and courage. Reach out to them with your love, that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit, through the healing balm of the suffering Christ. **Amen.**

Video Lamenting with Abuse Survivors

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Reading Habakkuk 1:2-4, p.???

Psalm 10

¹Why, LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

²In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.

³He boasts about the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.

⁴In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

⁵His ways are always prosperous; your laws are rejected by him; he sneers at all his enemies.

⁶He says to himself, "Nothing will ever shake me." He swears, "No one will ever do me harm."

⁷His mouth is full of lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue.

⁸He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders the innocent. His eyes watch in secret for his victims;

⁹like a lion in cover he lies in wait. He lies in wait to catch the helpless; he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net.

¹⁰His victims are crushed, they collapse; they fall under his strength.

¹¹He says to himself, "God will never notice; he covers his face and never sees."

¹²Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.

¹³Why does the wicked man revile God? Why does he say to himself, "He won't call me to account"?

¹⁴But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked man; call the evildoer to account for his wickedness that would not otherwise be found out.

¹⁶The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land.

¹⁷You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,

¹⁸defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror.

Reading Hebrews 4:12-16, p.???

Hymn ???

Gospel Mark 14:32-42, p.???

Message Lament

The Nicene Creed

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Please stand

**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,**

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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 PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and the Church...

The prayers are led by a member of the congregation.

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.**

CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

The Lay Assistant says

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

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

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 GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

People are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn ???

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

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.

The Scandal of Grace

10th February

Epiphany 5

Lord Jesus Christ, as we break this bread and put this cup to our lips, we would remember that we are in unusual company:

The company of every disciple, every outcast, every hesitant follower, with whom you broke bread, drank wine, and shared a meal;

The company of every person who knew in your presence the grace of God and the joy of the kingdom;

The company of the poor, the sick, the blind and the lame, with whom you laughed, with whom you wept, and whom you healed;

The company of beggars, prostitutes, and extortioners, the tormented and the rejected, the disillusioned and the condemned;

Of Mary from Magdala, sneered at, avoided, the subject of whispers, haunted by shadows of a demon-dark past, to whom you gave womanhood, dignity, freedom, and life;

The company of Zacchaeus and Levi, self seeking, unscrupulous, hated, unhappy, to whose homes you were welcomed, whose lives were transformed;

Of Simon the zealot, disciplined, dedicated, insurrection in his thoughts, revolution in his dreams, impatient for the overthrow of his people's oppressors;

The company of Thomas, doggedly loyal, determined, unyielding, wanting the truth, but unwilling to settle for a second-hand faith;

Of Peter the fisherman, once bold, then broken, alone with the memory of a friendship betrayed, whose love you affirmed in the dawn by the sea.

With the breaking of bread and the fruit of the vine, you offered them friendship and peace, forgiveness and trust, the love of God and a future with promise.

Lord Jesus, with the church through the ages we join them today; we share their

need, we have their doubts, we know their failures, we too are sinners hungry for grace.

We come in their company, hesitant, eager, scarcely daring to believe this incredible news, this offence to niceness, the scandal of your love, for them, for the world – for us.

With awe, with amazement, in worship, we break the bread, we share the cup, we hear your words, 'Until I come', we confess you, Lord, now and forever.

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And so with everyone who believes in you, we rejoice and praise you, singing:

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.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,

“Take and eat.

This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said,

“This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,

10th February

Epiphany 5

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.

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. **Amen.**

Hymn ???

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord, our joy is found in you. You are our salvation and our strength. Whatever our circumstances, whatever fears or anxieties we have, whatever darkness lurks on the horizon, whatever is happening in the world around us, we thank you that in the bread and the wine we are reminded that you are our salvation and our joy. When the world around us seems confusing and hopeless, we pray that you would fill us with incredible hope in your goodness, grace and sovereignty over all things. Help us fix our gaze on you all the days of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Christina Fox

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.

Announcements

Hymn ???

The Blessing For the Knowing Every Child Needs

Daughters and sons of God, go now in the deep knowledge that you are forgiven, that you are accepted, that you are loved, that you are free. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the peace and infinite mercies of God, and the presence of the Spirit, go with you. **Amen.**

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The Lay Assistant says

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

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