

# 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

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

**<sup>2</sup>In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.**

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

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

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

**<sup>6</sup>He says to himself, "Nothing will ever shake me." He swears, "No one will ever do me harm."**

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

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

<sup>9</sup>like 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.

**<sup>10</sup>His victims are crushed, they collapse; they fall under his strength.**

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

**<sup>12</sup>Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.**

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

**<sup>14</sup>But 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.**

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

**<sup>16</sup>The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land.**

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

**<sup>18</sup>defending 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.**

*Terry Falla*

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.**

*Terry Falla*

*The Lay Assistant says*

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

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