

# The Anglican Parish of St Luke Toowoomba

(in partnership with the Parish of St George-Dirranbandi)



**Jesus on the Tube**

*"I am a painter and work holistically with people facing dying, grief and loss. I paint portraits and anything that I am requested to paint. I also work on the A Graceful Death exhibition, portraits and words from the end of life. My latest project is called Addicts and Those Who Love Them, working with addicts through words and paintings. I love sitting on my sofa in my pyjamas, wrapped in a colourful blanket, drinking tea and thinking." Antonia Rolls*

<http://antoniarollsaltistextraordinaire.blogspot.com/2013/01/i-am-going-to-introduce-you-to-phase-of.html>

**22 November 2020**

**Feast of Christ the King**

**Prayer during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Crisis.**

*Today we use the First Order of Morning Prayer (APBA page 2) which is based on the old form of Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (1662).*

*The service begins with celebratory music.*

*Welcoming Song: 'He is exalted' (Songs of Fellowship 169) Sung twice.*

**He is exalted,  
the King is exalted on high,  
I will praise Him,**

**He is exalted, forever exalted  
and I will praise His name.**

**He is the Lord,  
forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth  
rejoice in His holy name.**

**He is exalted,  
the King is exalted on high.**

*Twila Paris*

*Sentences of Scripture.*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

*Revelation 4.11*

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

*John 4.24*

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

*Psalms 100.1*

*Hymn: 'We have a gospel to proclaim'. (TIS 245)*

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross,  
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn;  
empty the tomb, for he was free:  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*Edward Joseph Burns  
1938- alt.*

*Confession.*

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his infinite goodness and mercy.

We ought always to admit our sins before God, and especially when we come together to give thanks for the good things we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul.

Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of our gracious God, as we pray:

Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us come before God with honest and open hearts:

**Loving God,  
we confess that we sometimes crown other kings in our hearts,  
we allow our lives to be ruled by other patterns and not your grace,  
we allow ourselves to slip into disregard for other members of your  
kingdom.  
We ignore the thirsty, the stranger, the naked,  
the prisoners and others in need around us.  
Touch our hearts with love, and challenge,  
and bring us to see with clarity, act with courage and rejoice in hope.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

The King of glory and peace, hears us and forgives our sins.  
Embrace that forgiveness,  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Open our lips, O Lord;  
**and we shall declare your praise.**  
O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**  
Let us praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

*Psalm 100. Sung as a Hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell' (TIS 59)*

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

*William Kethe d. 1594. alt.*

*Notes on Psalm 100.*

*Psalm 100 is an explosion of praise and joy. It is a cry of thanks and hope on entering into a place where we are loved, peaceful and safe. It is a cosy blanket of reassurance, a tender caress of comfort, an expression of exquisite delight. Paul Mitchell*

*The first reading, from the Old Testament, Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24.*

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

*Here ends the second reading.*

*Notes on Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24.*

*Read this passage carefully several times. How many echoes can you hear of words which Jesus spoke, stories he told, themes which he explored with passion and perseverance? This is an exploration of the love and determination and justice of God. Read it again and again and hear it as the words of the Father which were then lived out in the life of the Son and which have then been handed on to us as a manifesto for engaging in the journey into which we have been invited. Paul Mitchell*

*The Song of the Church (Te Deum)*

**We praise you, O God:  
we acclaim you as the Lord.  
All creation worships you:  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you:  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you:  
Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaim you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded:  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Lord Christ, are the King of glory:  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free:  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death:  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory:  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood:  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

*The second reading, from the New Testament, Ephesians 1:15-23.*

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Here ends the second reading.*

*Notes on Ephesians 1:15-23.*

*Seeing clearly releases us into deeper living. When we see through the clouds and scales of personal privilege and the constraints of self-interest and the shackles of fear we are set free to love, delightfully, freely, inspired and encouraged and strengthened by being aligned with the greatest love ever experienced. Paul Mitchell*

*The Peace*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all!

Wherever you are, reaching out with your hands or with your heart to those who are nearby and those who are far away, send a greeting of peace and love.

*Hymn: 'King of glory king of peace' (TIS 201)*

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.**

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
ev'n eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

*George Herbert*  
1593-1633

*A reading, from the New Testament, Matthew 25:31-46.*

<sup>31</sup> 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was

thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

*Here ends the third reading.*

*Notes on Matthew 25:31-46.*

*Kings are people who always live in privilege ... surely!?! The whole ‘born with a silver spoon in their mouths’ thing is an insult thrown at people who live disconnected from the realities and the pain which is the lot of most people, at least in parts of their lives. In this passage any sense that Jesus is above the grittiness of the worst of human experience is thrust aside. Any sense that God is absent from us even in our darkest times is blown away. And any self-protective inner dialogue where we can convince ourselves that following Christ means anything less than being present to people at the most painful times of their lives is dissolved by the call to live life fully, deeply, richly and engaged with our whole selves. Paul Mitchell*

*Sermon.*

*Music for reflection.*

*The Apostles’ Creed.*

With the Church, throughout the world and across the ages we say together:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: 'Crown him with many crowns' (TIS 228)*

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for me,  
and hail him as your chosen king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began:  
and we who tread where he has trod  
crown him the Son of Man,  
who every grief has known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel there on high  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downwards bends a burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,

and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high;  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
majestic and sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and  
Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 alt.*

*The Prayers*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

*The Lord's Prayer (from the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

We pray the prayer that Jesus taught His friends, in words shaped by the experience of the Anglican Church in New Zealand

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Lord, show us your mercy,  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness,  
**and make your chosen people joyful.**  
Lord, save your people,  
**and bless your inheritance.**  
Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**for you are our help and strength.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

*The Collect for the Feast of Christ the King.*

God of power and love,  
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,  
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:  
free the world to rejoice in his peace,  
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.  
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace*

O God, the author and lover of peace, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies, that, surely trusting in your defence, we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Morning Collect*

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by your mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but lead and govern us in all things, that we may always do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Prayers are offered by a member of the Church community.*

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*A concluding prayer from the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom*

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal.

**Amen.**

*A general thanksgiving*

Almighty God and merciful Father,

we give you hearty thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us

and to all people.

We bless you for our creation and preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all, for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies,  
that our hearts may be truly thankful  
and that we may praise you  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Missional Hymn: 'At the name of Jesus'. (TIS 231)*

**At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of Glory now:  
this the Father's pleasure  
that we call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.**

**In your hearts enthrone him,  
there let him make new  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true.  
He is God the Saviour,**

**he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted and adored.**

**When this same Lord Jesus  
shall appear again  
in his Father's glory,  
there with him to reign,  
then may we adore him,  
all before him bow,  
as our hearts confess him  
King of Glory now.**

*Caroline Maria Noel  
1817-77 alt.*

*The service concludes with a time of joyful music.*

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