

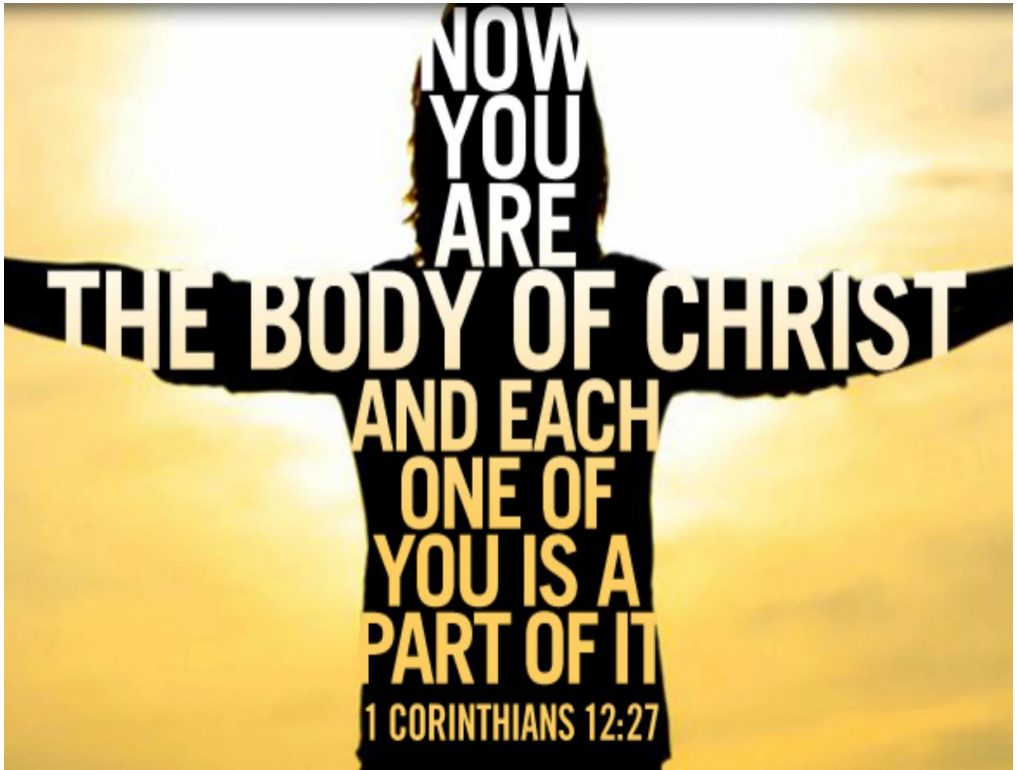
**All Saints, Clifton**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**FAMILY MASS**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*A warm welcome to everyone, please stay for refreshments after the service*



*Today's Theme.....*

*What is a Church ?*

## **The Greeting:**

We meet in the name of God:  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

## **Introduction:**

### **Hymn:**

**Jesus calls us here to meet him  
As, through word and song and  
prayer,  
We affirm God's promised presence  
Where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his  
promise;  
Praise the Son who calls us friends;  
Praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attend.**

**Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of all,  
Sharer of our flesh and frailness  
Saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
Tell his tales that all may hear;  
Tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.**

**Jesus calls us to his table  
Rooted firm in time and space,  
Where the Church in earth and  
heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
Share the love of which we sing;  
Share the feast for saints and sinners  
Hosted by our Lord and King.**

## **Invitation to confession:**

The Spirit of truth will convict the  
world of guilt about sin, righteousness  
and judgement.

**We have grieved the Holy Spirit.**  
In sorrow we confess our sins.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

May God our Father forgive us our  
sins and bring us to the fellowship of  
his table with his saints forever.  
**Amen**

## **The Prayer for Today (Collect)**

Almighty Father, who in your great  
mercy gladdened the disciples with  
the sight of the risen Lord: give us  
such knowledge of his presence with  
us, that we may be strengthened and  
sustained by his risen life and serve  
you continually in righteousness and  
truth; through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Reading for Today:

*1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not

need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Presentation:** Revd. Wendy Bray

We Proclaim our Faith:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of**

**the Father,  
and he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the  
Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **Notices**

### **The Peace and the Offertory:**

The peace of the Lord be always with  
you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of  
peace

After we have exchanged the Peace  
please follow the Offertory  
procession into the Sanctuary and  
gather around the Altar in a large  
circle

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 him thanks and  
praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father,  
Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for  
yourself.

When we turned away you did not  
reject us, but came to meet us in  
your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat  
with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in  
us.

**He opened his arms of love upon  
the cross and made for all the  
perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at  
supper with his friends he took  
bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them,  
saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is  
given for you; do this in  
remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in  
remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven:  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Giving of Communion

After the distribution of communion please stay in the Sanctuary.
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**Hymn:**

There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world!"

Lose your shyness, find your tongue;  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
we can see his power today.

When believers break the bread  
when a hungry child is fed:  
praise the love that Christ revealed  
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our  
ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
Live tomorrow's life today!

There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.

### **Post Communion Collect**

Living God, your Son made himself  
known to his disciples in the breaking  
of bread: open the eyes of our faith  
that we may see him in all his  
redeeming work; who is alive and  
reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

