



A service of thanksgiving to celebrate the
100th anniversary of the Parish of Ekibin
and the conclusion of our redevelopment project

Sunday 20th July 2025 at 3pm

Officiant: The Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson, Rector
Preacher: The Most Rev'd Jeremy Greaves KCSJ, Archbishop of Brisbane

Gathering in God's name

Hymn: Let us build a house (TIS 821)

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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Greeting

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to God glorious praise. Say, 'How awesome are your deeds!'

Psalm 66:1-3

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Friends in Christ,
we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

Today we also give thanks for all those who have worshipped on this site for the past 100 years, celebrate the conclusion of our redevelopment project, and pray for our continuing of God's mission in our community here.

So, as we gather together, we pray:

Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.

But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;

for the gift of your Spirit;

and for the hope of sharing in your glory.

Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The story of St Luke's

A snapshot of the past, present and future of our parish

The Ministry of the Word

Hymn: Christ be our light (MP 1201)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people;
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts,

shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church

gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us Your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come.

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Prayer before the reading of scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament reading

The first reading is from the book of Lamentations

- ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:22-26

Here ends the first reading

Psalm

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.

² O give thanks to the God of gods:
for his mercy endures for ever.

³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
for his mercy endures for ever;

⁴ To him who alone does great wonders:
for his mercy endures for ever;

⁵ Who by wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy endures for ever;

⁶ Who stretched out the earth upon the waters:
for his mercy endures for ever;

⁷ Who made the great lights:
for his mercy endures for ever,

⁸ The sun to rule the day:
for his mercy endures for ever.

⁹ The moon and the stars to govern the night:
for his mercy endures for ever.

Psalms 136:1-8

New Testament Reading

The second reading is from the letter to the Philippians

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-11

Here ends the second reading

The Sermon

The Most Rev'd Jeremy Greaves KCSJ, Archbishop of Brisbane

Choir: "Revival"

Robin Mark (1957-)

The Ministry of Prayer

Prayers are led by the minister, concluding with

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us,

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.

Hymn: God sent his son (MP 52)

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll **fight** life's **final** war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

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Music by William J Gaither

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Expressions of thanks

Hymn: Now thank we all our God (TIS 106)

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms,
has blest us on our way
**with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
who ever was, is now
and shall be ever more.

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tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt.*

Blessing and Dismissal

A blessing is offered

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

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