

St Mary's



**Holy Week
Wednesday Evening Service
8th April 6.30pm**



**The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
and all people shall see it together.**

Isaiah 40.5

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of Praise

God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make your face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth:
your salvation among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
for you judge the peoples with equity
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
Then the earth will bring forth its increase:
and God, our own God, will bless us.
You, O God, will bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear you.

Psalms 67

The Opening Prayer

The day is now past and the night is at hand.
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept.

Father of lights, receive the prayer and praise we offer you as our evening sacrifice; make us a light for all the world, delivered by your goodness from all the works of darkness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

The Psalms as appointed.

Psalm 31

¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.
² O deliver me in your righteousness:
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.
³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
⁴ Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:

bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,
for you are my strength.

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit:
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

⁶ I hate those that clutch vain idols:
but my trust is in the Lord.

⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your loving-kindness:
for you have looked on my distress
and known me in adversity.

⁸ You have not given me over to the power of the enemy:
you have set my feet where I may walk at liberty.

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.

¹⁰ For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

¹² I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

¹⁴ For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;

¹⁵ While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

¹⁶ But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'

¹⁷ All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

¹⁹ O Lord, let me not be confounded,
for I have called upon you:
but let the wicked be put to shame
and brought to silence in the grave.

²⁰ Let the lying lips be dumb:
that in pride and contempt
speak such insolence against the just.

²¹ O how plentiful is your goodness,

stored up for those that fear you:
and prepared in the sight of all
for those who come to you for refuge.

²² You will hide them in the cover of your presence
from the plots of their enemies:
you will shelter them in your refuge
from the strife of tongues.

²³ Blessed be the Lord our God:
for he has wonderfully shown me his steadfast love,
when I was as a city besieged.

²⁴ When I was afraid, I said in my haste:
'I am cut off from your sight.'

²⁵ But you heard the voice of my supplication:
when I cried to you for help.

²⁶ Love the Lord, all you his faithful ones:
for the Lord guards the true,
but fully requites the proud.

²⁷ Be strong, and let your heart take courage:
all you that hope in the Lord.

At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft
in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us
with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings from the Bible as appointed.

1st Reading

Jeremiah 11.18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed
me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the
living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O Lord
of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my
cause.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 2.19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while

suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

The Canticle, The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.47-55

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Collect of the day Wednesday in Holy Week

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The Evening Collect

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray:
and in your great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, comfort our hearts and

establish them in every good work and word.

Amen.

2 Thessalonians 2.16–17

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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.

God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

- *To grow substantially in faith and numbers*
- *To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups - children and adults - equally*
- *To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community*
- *To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term*
- *To become more open to change as we learn to grow*

