



**Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday**  
**23 August 2020**



**Sunday Matins**  
**(Morning Prayer)**

## ***Gathering in God's Name***

*Prelude: G P Telemann. "Herr Christ der einig' Gottes Sohn".*

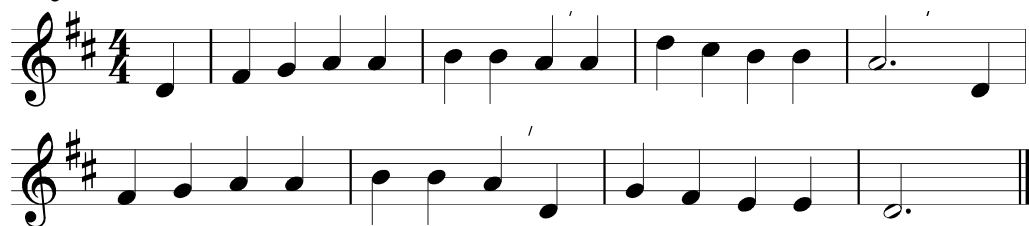
Jesus said to them, 'Who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

*Matthew 16:15–16*

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.**

### **Hymn 403**



**Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  
eternal fount of love,  
in flame, we pray, our inmost hearts  
with fire from heaven above.**

**As you in bonds of love unite**

**the Father and the Son,  
so fill us all with mutual love  
and knit our hearts in one.**

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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. The Bible tells us to approach God  
confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do  
so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness  
through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and  
confidence, and pray together,

**God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need  
your help. We have wandered from your way. We  
have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have  
failed to do what is right. You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to  
forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your**

**Spirit that we may live the new life to your glory.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38-39*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures for ever!**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

## ***The Ministry of the Word***

### **Psalm 113**

<sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the Lord had not been on our side, when our

enemies rose against us,

<sup>2</sup> Then they would have swallowed us alive:  
when their anger was kindled against us.

<sup>3</sup> Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,  
and the torrent gone over us: the raging waters  
would have gone clean over us.

<sup>4</sup> But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a  
prey to their teeth.

<sup>5</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the  
fowler: the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

<sup>6</sup> Our help is in the name of the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of

yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew 16: 13-20

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the

Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ***Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)***

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:  
**who has come to his people and set them free.**  
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:  
**born of the house of his servant David.**  
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:  
**to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all  
who hate us,**  
To show mercy to our forebears:  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**  
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**  
Free to worship him without fear:  
**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our**  
**life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most  
High:

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**  
To give his people knowledge of salvation:  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death:  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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

*Sermon Fr Jan Joustra*

## ***The Apostles' Creed***

Let us affirm the faith of the Church.

**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.**

## ***The Ministry Of Prayer***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 sin 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.**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,  
**let your glory cover the earth.**

Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**

Let your way be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**

Send out your light and your truth,  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

**Hear the cry of those in need.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
**for we put our trust in you.**

*The Collect of the Day*

Creator God,  
you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:

teach us to offer ourselves to your service,  
that here we may have your peace,  
and in the world to come  
may see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let your requests be made known unto God.

**In everything give thanks.**

*Intercessions are led for the world and the church, to which response to each petition may be:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The intercessions conclude with:*

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three gather 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.**

***The sending out of God's People***

*Instrumental Reflection: 1st movement “Largo”,  
Telemann concerto for Viola in G major. TWV 51.  
Violist Marcus Allport.*

Eternal God and Father,  
**by whose power we are created,  
and by whose love we are redeemed:  
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We conclude this time of prayer together with the  
words of the Grace:

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

*Postlude: 2nd movement, “Allegro”, Telemann  
concerto for Viola in G major. TWV 51. Violist  
Marcus Allport.*

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*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*

