

Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday 30 August 2020



Sunday Matins (**Morning Prayer**)

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: Herr Jesu Christ, wahr' Mensch und Gott. BWV deest (Emans No 101). JS Bach. (Lord Jesus Christ, true man and God.)

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16:24-25

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 583



- 1 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said, 'if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart and humbly follow after me.'
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still: your Lord refused not even to die upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
- 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave; it guides you to a better home and leads to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only they who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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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 105

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name: tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- ² Sing to him, O sing praises: and be telling of all his marvellous works.
- ³ Exult in his holy name: and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- ⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength:

O seek his face continually.

- ⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done: his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth.
- ⁶ O seed of Abraham his servant: O children of Jacob his chosen one.

- ²³ Then Israel came into Egypt: and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.
- ²⁴ There the Lord made his people fruitful: too numerous for their enemies,
- ²⁵ Whose hearts he turned to hate his people: and to deal deceitfully with his servants.
- ²⁶ Then he sent Moses his servant: And Aaron whom he had chosen.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written,

'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16: 21-28

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want

to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. or what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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
O God,
whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the
way of life:
transform and renew our minds
that we may not be conformed to this world

but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice

through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. **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

Anthem: Christus factus est. Felice Anerio. (1560 - 1614). 'Christ was made obedient even to death, death on the cross. God therefore exalted him and gave him a name excelling all others.' Philippians 2. 8-9.

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: Sonata Nr 1. Opus 65. 4th movement. Felix Mendelssohn.

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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

