

St Mary's



**Holy Week
Monday Evening Service
6th April 6.30pm**



May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.

Romans 15.13

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

The Opening Canticle, A Song of Hope

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me:
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good tidings to the afflicted.
The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted:
to proclaim liberty for the captives,
and release for those in prison,
To comfort all who mourn:
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness instead of mourning:
a garment of splendour for the heavy heart.
They shall be called trees of righteousness:
planted for the glory of the Lord.

Isaiah 61.1–3

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.

Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.

Psalm 25

- ¹ In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.
- ³ Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.
- ⁵ In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁶ Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.
- ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
- ⁹ The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.
- ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.
- ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord:
be merciful to my sin, though it is great.
- ¹² Who are they that fear the Lord?:
them will the Lord direct
in the way that they should choose.
- ¹³ Their souls shall dwell at ease:
and their children shall inherit the land.
- ¹⁴ The confidences of God belong to those that fear him:
and his covenant shall give them understanding.
- ¹⁵ My eyes are ever looking to the Lord:
for he will bring my feet out of the net.
- ¹⁶ Turn your face toward me and be gracious:
for I am alone and in misery.
- ¹⁷ O free my heart from pain:
and bring me out of my distress.
- ¹⁸ Give heed to my affliction and adversity:
and forgive me all my sins.
- ¹⁹ Consider my enemies, how many they are:

and they bear a violent hate against me.

²⁰ O keep my life, and deliver me:

put me not to shame, for I come to you for refuge.

²¹ Let innocence and integrity be my guard:

for in you have I hoped.

²² O God, deliver Israel:

out of all their tribulation.

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

God who wonderfully created us and even more wonderfully restored our humanity: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to triumph over suffering and death, and grant us eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1st Reading

Lamentations 2.8-19

The Lord determined to lay in ruins the wall of daughter Zion; he stretched the line; he did not withhold his hand from destroying; he caused rampart and wall to lament; they languish together. Her gates have sunk into the ground; he has ruined and broken her bars; her king and princes are among the nations; guidance is no more, and her prophets obtain no vision from the Lord. The elders of daughter Zion sit on the ground in silence; they have thrown dust on their heads and put on sackcloth; the young girls of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground. My eyes are spent with weeping; my stomach churns; my bile is poured out on the ground because of the destruction of my people, because infants and babes faint in the streets of the city. They cry to their mothers ‘Where is bread and wine?’ as they faint like the wounded in the streets of the city, as their life is poured out on their mothers’ bosom. What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter Jerusalem? To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin; who can heal you? Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but have seen oracles for you that are false and misleading. All who pass along the way clap their hands at you; they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem; ‘Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth?’ All your enemies open

their mouths against you; they hiss, they gnash their teeth, they cry: 'We have devoured her! Ah, this is the day we longed for; at last we have seen it!' The Lord has done what he purposed, he has carried out his threat; as he ordained long ago, he has demolished without pity; he has made the enemy rejoice over you, and exalted the might of your foes. Cry aloud to the Lord! O wall of daughter Zion! Let tears stream down like a torrent day and night! Give yourself no rest, your eyes no respite! Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street.

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians 5.14-21

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The readings followed by

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

The Canticle, A Song of God's Children

In Christ Jesus, the life-giving law of the Spirit:
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God:
it is the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba!' Father.

The Spirit bears witness
that we are God's children:
and if God's children, then heirs of God.
We are heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ:
If we share his sufferings now
we shall be glorified with him hereafter.
These sufferings that we now endure:
are not worth comparing
with the glory that shall be revealed.
For the creation waits with eager longing:
for the revealing of the children of God.

Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19

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.**

Monday in Holy Week Collect

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.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Amen.

Hebrews 12.1

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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*

