

*St Mary's*



**Holy Week  
Tuesday Evening Service  
7th April 6.30pm**



O sing to the Lord a new song:  
**sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Psalm 96.1

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

*The Opening Canticle, The Song of the Three*

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
Blessed is your holy and glorious name:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
Blessed are you who behold the depths:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Song of the Three 29–34

*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. A pause is observed after each.*

**Psalm 69.1-21**

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God:  
for the waters have come up even to my throat.

<sup>2</sup> I sink in the deep mire where no footing is:  
I have come into deep waters  
and the flood sweeps over me.

<sup>3</sup> I am weary with crying out, my throat is parched:

my eyes fail with watching so long for my God.

<sup>4</sup> Those that hate me without cause  
are more in number than the hairs of my head:  
those that would destroy me are many,  
they oppose me wrongfully—  
for I must restore things that I never took.

<sup>5</sup> O God, you know my foolishness:  
and my sins are not hidden from you.

<sup>6</sup> Let not those who wait for you  
be shamed because of me, O Lord God of hosts:  
let not those who seek you  
be disgraced on my account, O God of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> For your sake have I suffered reproach:  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my family:  
an alien to my own mother's children.

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up:  
and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen on me.

<sup>10</sup> I afflicted myself with fasting:  
and that was turned to my reproach.

<sup>11</sup> I made sackcloth my clothing:  
and I became a byword to them.

<sup>12</sup> Those who sit in the gate talk of me:  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

<sup>13</sup> But to you, Lord, I make my prayer:  
at an acceptable time.

<sup>14</sup> Answer me, O God, in your abundant goodness:  
and with your sure deliverance.

<sup>15</sup> Bring me out of the mire, so that I may not sink:  
let me be delivered from my enemies,  
and from the deep waters.

<sup>16</sup> Let not the flood overwhelm me  
or the depths swallow me up:  
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>17</sup> Hear me, O Lord, as your loving-kindness is good:  
turn to me, as your compassion is great.

<sup>18</sup> Do not hide your face from your servant:  
for I am in trouble—O be swift to answer me!

<sup>19</sup> Draw near to me and redeem me:  
O ransom me because of my enemies !

<sup>20</sup> You know all their taunts:  
my adversaries are all in your sight.

<sup>21</sup> Insults have broken my heart:

my shame and disgrace are past healing.

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

God of grace, we thank you for all your gifts to us: grant us to accept both pain and joy in faith and hope, and never to fail in love to you and to our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Amen.**

*One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

## **1st Reading**

### **Lamentations 3.40-51**

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord . Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven. We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven. You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us, killing without pity; you have wrapped yourself with a cloud so that no prayer can pass through. You have made us filth and rubbish among the peoples. All our enemies have opened their mouths against us; panic and pitfall have come upon us, devastation and destruction. My eyes flow with rivers of tears because of the destruction of my people. My eyes will flow without ceasing, without respite, until the Lord from heaven looks down and sees. My eyes cause me grief at the fate of all the young women in my city.

## **2nd Reading**

### **Philippians 3.7-16**

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you

think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

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

*The Canticle, The Song of Simeon (Nunc dimittis)*

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation:  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
A light to reveal you to the nations:  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29–32

*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 Tuesday 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 may be made according to local custom  
and need.*

### *The Evening Collect*

Be present, merciful God,  
and protect us through the hours of this night:  
that we, who are wearied  
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,  
may rest on your eternal changelessness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May Jesus, the Lord of peace, give us peace at all times and in all ways.

**Amen.**

2 Thessalonians 3.16

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The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website [www.stmarys.org.au](http://www.stmarys.org.au).

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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*

