

*St Mary's*



**Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday  
19 July 2020**



**Sunday Matins  
(Morning Prayer)**

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

*Prelude: 'Psalm 140' (O Dieu, donne moy deliverance). 1st variation. Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

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 AHB 416**



**Father, we give you thanks, who planted  
your holy name within our hearts.  
Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
Jesus your Son to us imparts.**

**Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,  
and giv'n us food for all our days,  
giving in Christ the bread eternal;  
yours is the power, be yours the praise.**

**Watch o'er your church, Lord, in mercy,  
save it from evil, guard it still,  
perfect it in your love, unite it,  
cleansed and conformed unto your will.**

**As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,  
was in the broken bread made one,  
so may your world-wide church be gathered  
into your kingdom by your Son.**

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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*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

## **Psalm 139.1-11, 139.23-24**

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.

2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways.

3 For there is not a word on my tongue:  
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

4 You have encompassed me behind and before:  
and have laid your hand upon me.  
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it.  
6 Where shall I go from your spirit:  
or where shall I flee from your presence?  
7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:  
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.  
8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:  
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
9 Even there your hand shall lead me:  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:  
and the night will enclose me',  
11 The darkness is no darkness with you,  
but the night is as clear as the day:  
the darkness and the light are both alike.  
23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart:  
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.  
24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

13.24-30, 13.36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good

seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

## ***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*

Saving God,  
in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts  
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **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: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

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: 'Toccata' Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck.*

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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*

