



Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday
13 September 2020



Sunday Matins
(Morning Prayer)

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 64. JS Bach.

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130: 3–4

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.



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Later form of a melody from I. Holdroyd's
'Spiritual Man's Companion', 1753

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The accompaniment is provided by chords placed above the staff: Dm, Bb, Gm, A, Bb, Dm, A, F, C, Bb, A, Dm, A7, Dm.

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew,
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you.
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

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 14:
1-14**

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not

treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,

‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

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

Psalm 114

¹ When Israel came out of Egypt:

and the house of Jacob from among a people
of an alien tongue,

² Judah became his sanctuary:

and Israel his dominion.

³ The sea saw that, and fled:

Jordan was driven back.

- ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.
- ⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- ⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams:
and you little hills like young sheep?
- ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- ⁸ Who turned the rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 18: 21-35**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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,
you call your Church to witness that in Christ
we are reconciled to you:

help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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: Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake. Richard Farrant (1525 – 1580).

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.**

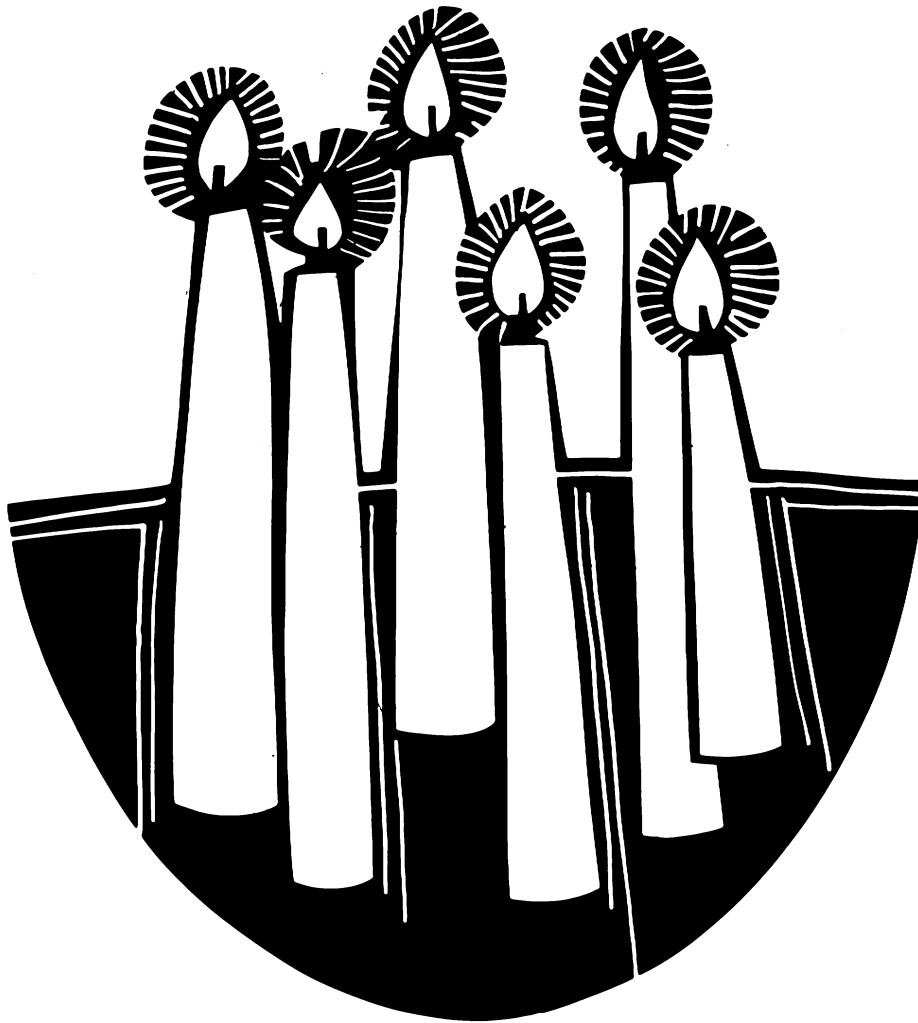
We conclude this time of prayer together with the words of the Grace:

**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: Allegro from Voluntary VIII in D minor, Opus 5 (1748). John Stanley (1712-1786).

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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*

