



**Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday**  
**20 September 2020**



**Sunday Matins**  
**(Morning Prayer)**

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

*Prelude: Jesu, meines Lebens Leben, BWV Emans 121.  
JS Bach.*

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is  
not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

*Ephesians 2.8–9*

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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Welsh traditional melody  
arr. from the *English Hymnal*, 1906

(♩ = 84-96)

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Bb F Bb F / Gm Dm Gm C /

F Bb Gm C / Bb C7 F

1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour  
God's will is done;

in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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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 Philippians 1: 21-30**

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you

will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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

### **Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45**

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:  
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, O sing praises:  
and be telling of all his marvellous works.
- <sup>3</sup> Exult in his holy name:  
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- <sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength:  
O seek his face continually.
- <sup>5</sup> Call to mind what wonders he has done:  
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
- <sup>6</sup> O seed of Abraham his servant:  
O children of Jacob his chosen one.
- <sup>37</sup> He brought Israel out with silver and with gold:  
and not one among their tribes was seen to stumble.
- <sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad at their going:  
for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.

- <sup>39</sup> He spread out a cloud for a covering:  
and fire to lighten the night.
- <sup>40</sup> The people asked, and he brought them quails:  
and satisfied them with the bread from heaven.
- <sup>41</sup> He opened a rock, so that the waters gushed:  
and ran in the parched land like a river.
- <sup>42</sup> For he had remembered his holy word:  
that he gave to Abraham his servant.
- <sup>43</sup> So he led out his people with rejoicing:  
his chosen ones with shouts of joy;
- <sup>44</sup> He gave them the land of the nations:  
and they took possession of the fruit  
for which other peoples had toiled,
- <sup>45</sup> So that they might keep his statutes:  
and faithfully obey his laws. O praise the Lord.

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20: 1-16**

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told



them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made

them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”  
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*

Loving and righteous God,  
your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can  
desire or deserve,

and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:

liberate us from all jealousy and greed,  
that we may be free to love and serve others,  
and in your service may find our true reward;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: "Bless the Lord, O my soul." Bach/Busoni, arr  
Evelyn R Larter. Text Psalm 103.*

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.**

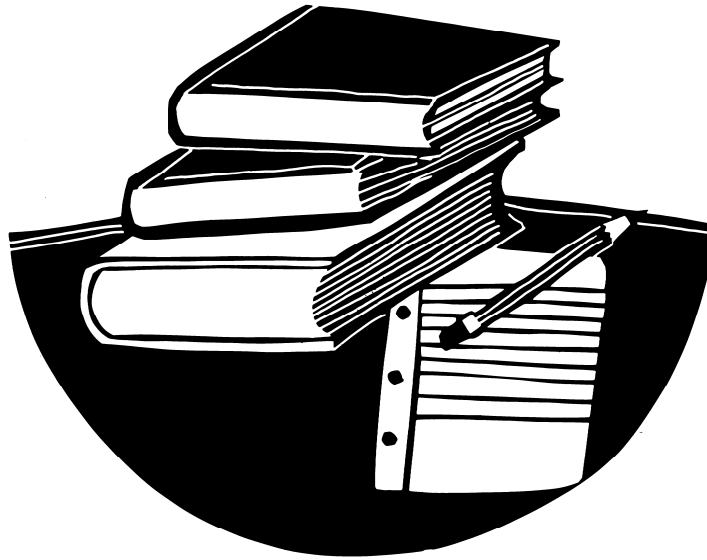
We conclude this time of prayer together with the  
words of the Grace:

**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: Choral Song. Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
(1810-1876.*

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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*

