

*St Mary's*



**Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday**  
**27 September 2020**



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

## *Gathering in God's Name*

*Prelude: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her, BWV 9. JS Bach.*

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

*Hosea 6.1a, 2b*

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.**



(♩ = 66-76)

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Am Dm Em Eb7 G D7 G

C G7 C C7 F E7 Am

Dm G7 C Dm C G7 C

1. At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of Glory now:  
this the Father's pleasure  
that we call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.

3. In your hearts enthrone him,  
there let him make new  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true.  
He is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted and adored.

4. When this same Lord Jesus  
shall appear again  
in his Father's glory,  
there with him to reign,  
then may we adore him,  
all before him bow,  
as our hearts confess him  
King of Glory now.

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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  
2: 1-13**

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-

mindful, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every  
name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is

Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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

### **Psalm 78: 1-4, 11-16**

- <sup>1</sup> Give heed to my teaching, O my people:  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
- <sup>2</sup> For I will open my mouth in a parable:  
and expound the mysteries of former times.
- <sup>3</sup> What we have heard and known:  
what our forebears have told us,
- <sup>4</sup> We will not hide from their children,  
but declare to a generation yet to come:  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
his mighty and wonderful works.
- <sup>11</sup> For he did marvellous things  
in the sight of their ancestors:  
in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.

- <sup>12</sup> He divided the sea and let them pass through:  
he made the waters stand up in a heap.
- <sup>13</sup> In the daytime he led them with a cloud:  
and all night long with the light of fire.
- <sup>14</sup> He cleft rocks in the wilderness:  
and gave them drink in abundance  
as from springs of water.
- <sup>15</sup> He brought streams out of the rock:  
and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.
- <sup>16</sup> But for all this they sinned yet more against him:  
and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21: 23-32**

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

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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*

Grant, O merciful God,

that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,

who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death.

For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in everlasting glory. 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: "Love Is As Strong As Death." Ian Higginson.  
Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7.*

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: JS Bach. Fugue in G.*

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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*

