

*St Mary's*



**Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Sunday  
11 October 2020**



**Sunday Matins  
(Morning Prayer)**

# *Gathering in God's Name*

*Prelude: Entrée Solennelle, Léon Boëllmann (1862-97).*

*Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Isaiah 25.9*

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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1. King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,

thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
ev'n eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

*George Herbert 1593–1633  
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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**

#### *Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

#### *Final Exhortations*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God,

which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

### *Thanks for Their Gifts*

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from

Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### *Final Greetings*

Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
Amen.

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



## Psalm 23

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.
- <sup>2</sup> He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his  
name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your  
staff comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22: 1-14**

### *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well

as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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*

Saving and healing God,  
you have promised  
that those who have died with Christ shall live with  
him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all  
you have done for us, and in that thankfulness  
to be eager to serve and live for others,  
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your  
salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen. **Amen.**

*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: O Sacrum Convivium, Giovanni Croce (1557-1609).*

*O sacred banquet!  
in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his Passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.  
Alleluia.*

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: Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627, Johann  
Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).*

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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*

