

*St Mary's*



**Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Sunday  
18 October 2020**



**Sunday Matins  
(Morning Prayer)**

## *Gathering in God's Name*

*Prelude: Richard III Elegy, William Walton (1902-1983).*

*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

*Matthew 22: 21*

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.**



(♩=90-100)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "1 Ho-ly Spi-rit, li-ving wa-ter, flow in us and set us". The second staff continues with: "free. Cleanse our un-be-lief and sor-row, wash our". The third staff concludes with: "eyes and make us see. 2.3.4.5. Ho-ly Light." Above the notes, various chords are indicated: A7, D, A, Bm, D, G, Bm, F#m, G, A7, D, A7, and D. Some chords are marked with a slash (/) indicating a change. The lyrics "2.3.4.5." are written above the notes in the third staff, corresponding to the second ending.

1. Holy Spirit, living water,  
flow in us and set us free.  
Cleanse our unbelief and sorrow,  
wash our eyes and make us see.
2. Holy Spirit, come as wind and  
blow the dust of death away.  
Breathe the gift of life into us,  
lighten hearts to laugh and play.
3. Holy Spirit, rushing fire,  
burn with truth and justice here.  
Catch our minds alight with passion,  
perfect love that casts out fear.
4. Holy Spirit, come in silence,  
wordlessly to heal and bless.

Be the heart that prays within us,  
fill the void with tenderness.

5. Holy Spirit, blessèd Wisdom,  
teach us all of God's delight.  
Offer us the wine of grace and  
make us children of the Light.

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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 First Epistle to the  
Thessalonians, Chapter 1.**

Paul, Silas and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace and peace to you.

*Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Faith*

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God

from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

### **Psalm 99**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord is great in Zion:  
he is high above all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and terrible name:  
for holy is the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> The Mighty One is king and loves justice:  
you have established equity,  
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> O exalt the Lord our God:  
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:  
they called to the Lord and he answered.

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:  
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave  
them.

<sup>8</sup> You answered them, O Lord our God:

you were a forgiving God to them,  
and pardoned their wrongdoing.

<sup>9</sup> O exalt the Lord our God:  
and bow down towards his holy hill,  
for the Lord our God is holy.

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:15-33**

### *Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar*

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.



Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

### *Marriage at the Resurrection*

That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?”

Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read

what God said to you, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

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: Estote fortes, Luca Marenzio (1553-1599).*

*Be valiant in war and fight the ancient serpent and you shall receive the everlasting kingdom. 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: Richard III Scherzetto, William Walton  
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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*

