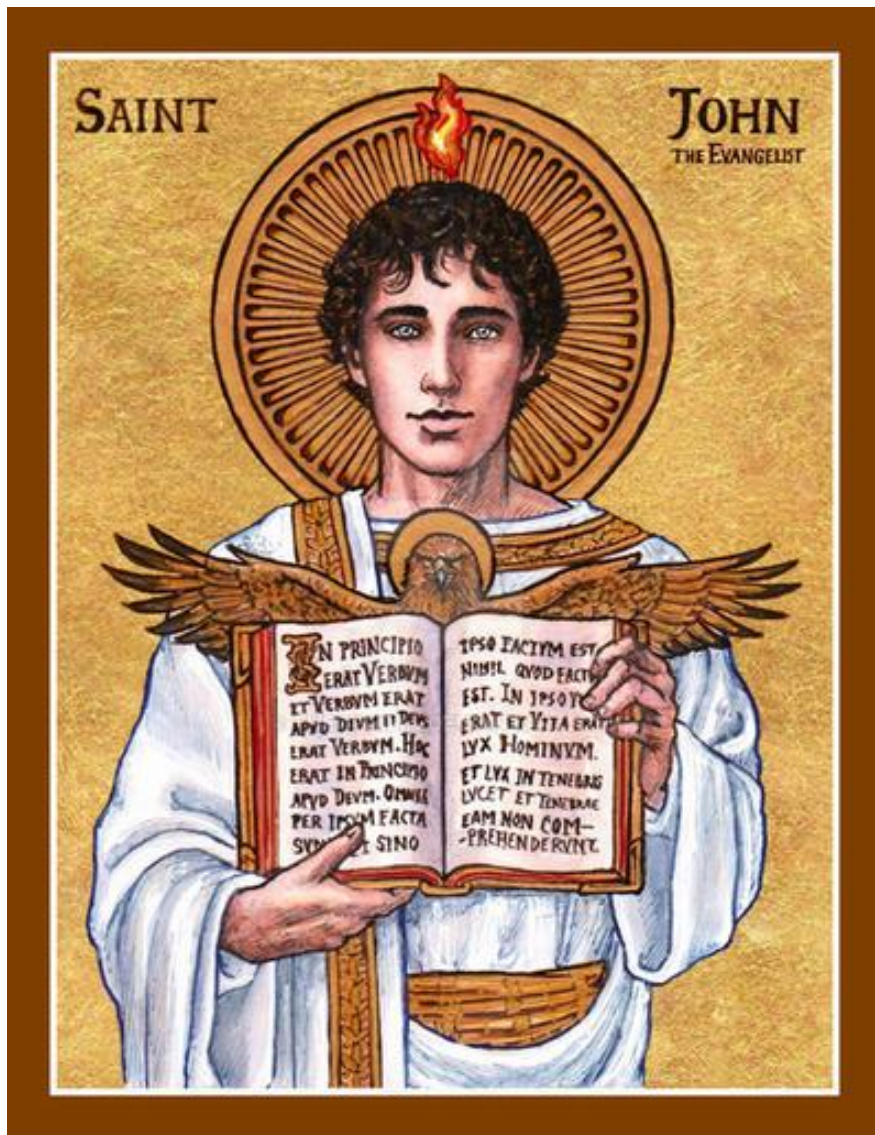


St Mary's



John the Evangelist
27 December 2020



Eucharist at 8 am and 10 am

Gathering in God's Name

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

silence

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The presiding priest pronounces the absolution
Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day ...

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

(Proverbs 8:22-31)

At the end Hear the word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 148

*Response: Praise the Lord from the heavens
and praise him in the heights.*

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; *Response*

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing; *Response*

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and women, old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord. *Response*

For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.
He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of
Israel, a people who are near him. *Response*

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

(1 John 1:1-5)

At the end

Hear the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(John 21:20-25)

At the end

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The prayers of the people

After each section: Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you ...**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest. The Lord be with you.

All. **And also with you.**

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

All. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours ...

...for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Therefore we do ...

...in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to pray,

**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 sins
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.**

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together
and made one bread:

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God ...

Communion

You are welcome to come forward and receive Communion if you are a member of a Christian denomination; if you are not, please feel free to come forward for a blessing. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Communion is in one kind only.

The Sending out of God's People

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with John and all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

God give you grace to follow John and all the saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

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*





IN-CHURCH SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

Please sign in when you arrive at the church, please consider Internet banking for your offering. Bookings are not required. Masks are required to be worn while in church, including when singing.

CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

If you are available to help in the Church Garden with watering, pruning, weeding and general maintenance, please contact Rhondda Fahey on 9329-4438.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Morning Tea will return on 31 January in a Covid safe format. Pancake Picnic will be on 14 February.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 3 JANUARY 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday 3 January 2021 with Fr Mark Lindsay.