

*St Mary's*



**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
24 January 2021**



**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**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent, and believe in the gospel.

*Mark 1: 15*

### *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.**

### *The introduction to the confession*

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The celebrant reads the prayer of the day*

Bountiful God,  
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,  
to believe the good news,  
and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:  
teach us, like Christ's first apostles,  
to hear the call to discipleship,  
and, forsaking old ways,  
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *The Ministry of the Word*

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah.**

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

*(Jonah 3:1-10)*

*At the end*  
*All*

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 62: 5-12**

*Response:* **Rest in God alone; rest in God alone, my soul, my soul.**

5 Yet be still my soul, and wait for God:  
from whom comes my hope of deliverance.

6 God only is my rock and my salvation:  
my tower of strength, so that I stand unshaken.

*Response*

7 In God is my deliverance and my honour:  
the rock of my strength and my place of refuge.

8 Put your trust in God always you people:  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

*Response*

9 For we mortals are only a puff of wind,  
the great among us are but illusion:  
weighed in the balance they rise upward,  
all of them lighter than air.

*Response*

10 Put no trust in extortion, set no vain hopes on plunder:  
if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

*Response*

11 Once God has spoken,  
and twice I have heard God say:  
Power belongs to God alone.

12 Steadfast love O Lord is yours:  
and you reward us all according to our deeds.

*Response*

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

*(1 Corinthians 7:29-31)*

*At the end*

Hear the word of the Lord

**All**

**Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The kingdom of God has come near.

**Alleluia**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is

fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*(Mark 1:14-20)*

*At the end*  
*All*

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon: Rev Canon Dorothy Lee*

## *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, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**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 always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,  
the light of the nations,  
and revealed him as the hope  
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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 of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we worship you, Father, 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.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of  
Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in  
our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### *The sending out of God's People*

God of the nations,  
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.  
Guide us by your presence,  
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

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.**

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives  
may be a light to the world;  
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.**

## **YOUR OFFERING ONLINE**

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Melbourne, Bank: Westpac North Melbourne.  
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## **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 held on 14 February.**