

St Mary's



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
31 January 2021**



**Eucharist at 8 am and 10 am
Baptism of John Richard Sharman**

Prelude

The organ preludes are all settings of the Chorale. “Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam.”

Gathering in God’s Name

Hymn 275 (sung with masks on)

Gtr. Capo 2 E(D) A(G) B(A) E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D) /

A(G) B(A) E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D) /

F#m(Em) G#(F#) C#m(Bm) B(A) C#m(Bm) G#(F#) /

E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D) A(G) B(A) E(D)

Hail to the Lord’s anointed,
great David’s greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free,
and take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with help and mercy
to those who suffer wrong,
to raise the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls condemned and dying
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is love.

James Montgomery 1771–1854 alt.

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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.**

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

God of compassion,
you have shown us in Christ
that your love is never ending:
enable us both to love you with all our heart
and to love one another as Christ loved us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

(Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

At the end
All

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 111 (sung with masks on)

Response

Am G F Dm Am F C F

God es - tab-lished an e - ter - nal cov - e-nant, and

C F C Dm7 G C

sends _____ re - demp-tion, re - demp-tion to earth.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with chords Am, G, F, Dm, Am, F, C, and F written above it. The lyrics 'God es - tab-lished an e - ter - nal cov - e-nant, and' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with chords C, F, C, Dm7, G, and C written above it. The lyrics 'sends _____ re - demp-tion, re - demp-tion to earth.' are written below the notes. The first staff has a fermata over the note 'e' in 'e-ter-nal'. The second staff has a fermata over the note 'e' in 'earth'.

1. Praise the Lord.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2. Great are the works of the Lord,

studied by all who have pleasure in them.

3. Full of honour and majesty are the works of the Lord

whose righteousness endures for ever,

4. who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;

the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Response.

5. The Lord provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant.
6. The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.
7. The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;
8. they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Response.

9. The Lord sent redemption to his people
and has established his covenant for ever.
Holy and wondrous is God's name!
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
The praise of the Lord endures for ever.

Response.

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

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin

against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

(1 Corinthians 8:1-13)

At the end
All

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn 223 *(sung with masks on)*

Gtr. Capo 1 Eb(D) Bb(A) Cm(Bm) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Cm(Bm) Bb(A)

Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Eb(D) Ab(G) Cm(Bm) Ab(G)

Eb(D) Fm(Em) Gm(F#m) Bb(A) Cm(Bm) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Eb(D)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast,
is manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace:

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are
I'll praise you as I ought.

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Alleluia, **Alleluia**

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn
shines on those lost in death.

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.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

(Mark 1:21-28)

At the end

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr Jan Joustra

Presentation for Baptism

We welcome those who come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

Sponsors (parents and godparents):

We present John Richard Sharman to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing John Richard for baptism?

Sponsors: I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of John Richard?

Sponsors: I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage John Richard in the life and faith of the Christian community?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

Sponsors: I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

Sponsors: I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

Sponsors: I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

Sponsors: I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Sponsors: Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

To the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that John Richard may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. **Amen.**

Give to his sponsors and family the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called John Richard to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptized in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church
Do you believe in God the Father?

Sponsors:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

Sponsors:

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. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Sponsors:

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 priest says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith: We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The minister baptises the child:

John Richard

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister makes a cross on the child's forehead:

John Richard

I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

God has brought you out of the darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

The newly baptized is greeted by the congregation.

The Greetings of Peace

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 606 *(sung with masks on)*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The notes and chords are as follows:

- Staff 1: F, Am, Gm, C, F, Bb, Gm, C7
- Staff 2: Dm, Am, Gm, C, Bb, Gm, C7, F
- Staff 3: C, F, Bb, Am, Gm, C7
- Staff 4: F7, Bb, C, Am Dm, Gm, C7, F

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
Christ our Head, who throned in glory
for your own will ever plead,
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others
so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted,
freely may your servants give:
yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of sea and land,
we but stewards of your bounty
held in trust as from your hand.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease;
by your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
in your love you prayed the Father
that your people should be one:
grant, O Christ, our hope's fruition,
here on earth your will be done.

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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 God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a
star to find Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your
pilgrimage to find the Lord; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and
remain with you always.

Amen.

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

Postlude

*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam". J S Bach. BWV 684.
In this chorale Bach sets the tune above the 'running waters' of the Jordan, with constant references to the sign of the cross, visible and audible in the music.*

The Postlude is offered as a reflection and accompaniment to the final procession of the Eucharistic celebration. Applause is not appropriate.

Morning tea will be served after the 10 am service.

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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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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 returns today.
Pancake Picnic (BYO) will be held on 14 February.**

PRAYERS

Sahra and family; John and Helen; Michael; Judie and Family, Calvin; Sophie and Esther; Brian, Kayla; Annie and Ben; Jayne; John, Lisa and family; Jill, Sasha, Elaine; Jensen Harry, Alan and Mimi; Joy and Norene, Christine, Kathy, Jacquie, Leonie, Martin, Colin, Heather.