

St. Mary's



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
7 February 2021**



Eucharist at 8 am and 10 am

Preludes

Based on Chorale “Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort” (Keep us Lord, by your word).

Gathering in God’s Name

Hymn 153 (sung with masks on)

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. Chords are indicated by letters above the notes: C, Am, F, Dm, G, Bb, Gm, C7, E7. The music concludes with a double bar line.

God is love, let heav'n adore him;

God is love, let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.

God, who laid the earth's foundation,

he who spread the heavens above,

and who breathes through all creation,

God is love, eternal Love.

God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874–1939 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

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 Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:21-31)

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

Psalm 147 (*remain seated, sung with masks on*)

Refrain G Em C D / G Em

Sing to God, with joy—and glad-ness, hymns and psalms of

C G / G Em C D /

grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise—dis - cov - er

G Em C G / Fine

that to wor - ship God— is— good.

Verse G Am D B / Em Am

1 God u-nites his scat-tered peo-ple, gath-ers those who

B7 Em Am D G /

wan-dered far, heals the hurt and bro-ken spir-its,

C Am D G / D.C.

tend - ing ev - ery— wound and scar.

God unites his scattered people,
 gathers those who wandered far,
 heals the hurt and broken spirits,
 tending every wound and scar.

Response.

Such is God's great power and wisdom
none can calculate or tell;
keen is God to ground the wicked
and with humble folk to dwell.

Response.

God, with clouds, the sky has curtained
thus ensuring rain shall fall;
earth, responding, grows to order
food for creatures great and small.

Response.

God's discernment never favours
strength or speed to lift or move;
God delights in those who fear him,
trusting in his steadfast love.

Response.

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

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

(1 Corinthians 9:16-23)

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.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

(Mark 1:29-39)

At the end

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr Jan Joustra

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.**

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Offertory

Hymn 650 (sung with masks on)

Gtr. Capo 1 Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Cm(Bm) Eb(D)

Fm(Em) Bb(A) Ab(G) Eb(D) Bb7(A7) Cm(Bm)

Ab(G) Fm(Em) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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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.

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.**

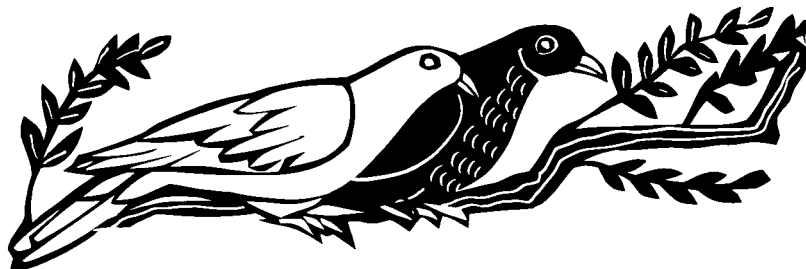
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

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.



*Anthem during Communion: “Laudate nomen Domini”
Christopher Tye (1505-1572). O come ye servants of the Lord
and praise his holy name, from early morn to setting sun his
might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the
heart; He makes his mercies known. Ye princes come, ye
people too, and bow before his throne.*

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.**

Hymn 282 (sung with masks on)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four staves. The chords for each staff are as follows:

- Staff 1: G, C, Am, F, G7, C, G
- Staff 2: C, Am, F, G7, C
- Staff 3: A, Dm, B, Em, C, F
- Staff 4: D, G, F, C, Dm7, C/G, G7, C

1. The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to star:
'With power, with justice, he will walk his way.'
2. The Lord has said, 'Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light':
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.
3. The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.
4. Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

5. His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Luke Connaughton 1917–79

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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

*Postlude: “Concerto del Sigr. Tomaso Albinoni” Johann
Gottfried Walther. 1st Movt.*

*Please feel free to leave or stay during the Postlude. It is not
appropriate to applaud, the music accompanies the final
procession of the Liturgy.*

Morning tea will be served after the service.

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Please pray for those in need, including 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.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Violet Hodge.

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PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246

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, please contact Rhondda Fahey on 9329-4438.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

CHOIR

St Marys Choir is returning. Meeting Tuesdays at 5.30 in the Church, and Sundays at 9.20 in the Hall. We would welcome new members, understanding that everything is being conducted according to strict protocols. If you would like to contribute in any way to the music program and events at St Marys, please contact the Director of Music.

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

Today at 11.45 am in the church at St Mary's and Zoom.