

*St. Mary's*



**First Sunday of Lent  
21 February 2021**



**Eucharist at 8 am and 10 am**

**Presider: Rev'd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee**

**Sermon: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra**

## *Gathering in God's Name*

*A bell rings as a signal for all to stand silently as the service begins.*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, from the earliest days of the Church, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting. At first this season was observed by those who were preparing for baptism at Easter and by those who, having been excommunicated, were to be restored to the communion of the church. By keeping these days with care and attention Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and grow in faith and devotion to our Lord. So, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, by self-denial and acts of generosity and by reading and meditating on the word of God, let us keep a holy Lent.

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Almighty and everlasting God you hate nothing that you have made and forgive sins of all those who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## *The Litany*

### *The Ministry of the Word*

#### **A reading from the Book of Genesis.**

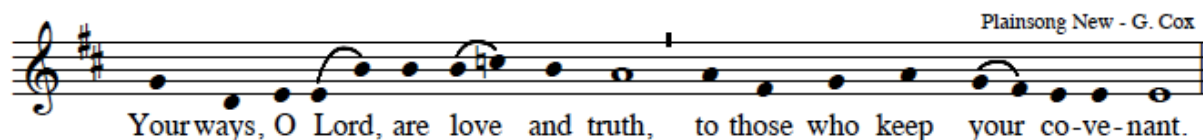
Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*(Genesis 9:8-17)*

*At the end*  
*All*

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

**Psalm 25** (*remain seated, sung with masks on*)



Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of  
my salvation;

*Response.*

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your  
goodness' sake, O Lord!

*Response.*

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in  
the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble  
his way.

*Response.*

## **A reading from the First Letter of Peter.**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*(1 Peter 3:18-22)*

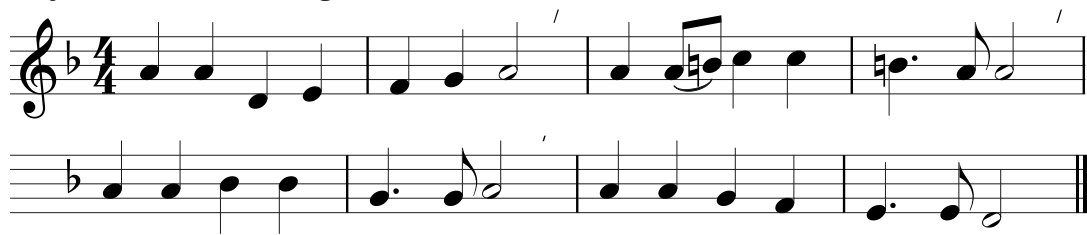
*At the end*

*All*

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 591** (*sung with masks on*)



Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

let us your endurance share  
and from earthly greed abstain,  
with you watching unto prayer,  
with you strong to suffer pain.

And if Satan on us press  
flesh or spirit to assail,  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint or fail.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by your side,  
that with you we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

*George Hunt Smyttan 1822–70 and Francis Pott 1832–1909 alt.*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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.”

*(Mark 1:9-15)*

*At the end*  
*All*

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

*Sermon: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra*

## *The Act of Penitence*

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

*The ashes are placed on the altar, and the priest says:*  
As a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of preparation for Easter, I invite you to receive on your head in ash the sign of the cross, the symbol of our salvation.

## *Blessing of Ashes*

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth: grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

Come, receive the sign of ashes.

*The ashes are placed on each person's forehead with the words:*

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.  
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.



Most merciful God,  
**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.**

With our hearts turned to God in repentance, with the  
knowledge of our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus  
Christ, in the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven.  
Receive God's mercy, take hold of your forgiveness, and, in  
the power of the Holy Spirit. walk in the light of Christ.  
**Amen.**

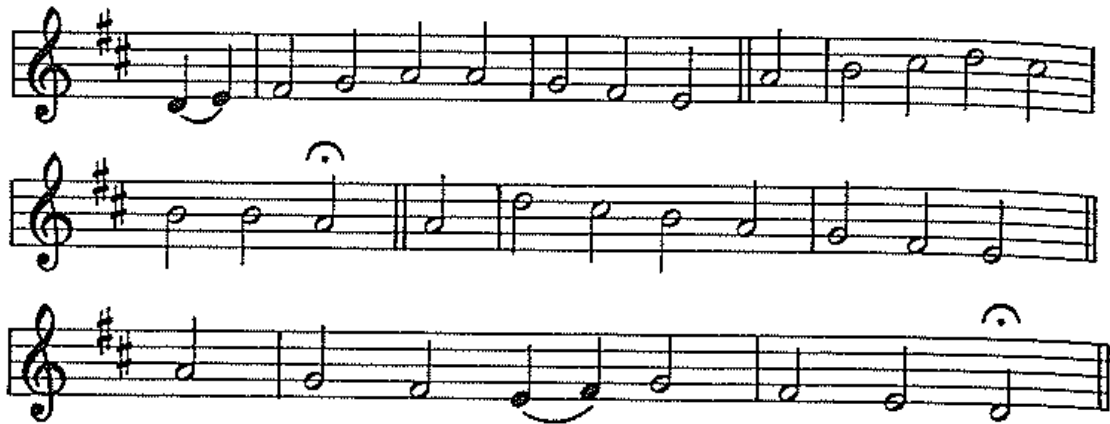
### *The Greeting of Peace*

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
**We meet in his name and share his peace.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### *Offertory*

*Please make your offering as you leave the church after the  
service.*

**Hymn 194** (*sung with masks on*)



O love how deep, how broad, how high!  
it fills the heart with ecstasy  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,

for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through his Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

*Attrib. Thomas à Kempis 1379–1471 tr. Benjamin Webb 1819–85 alt.  
Melody by J.H. Schein 1586-1630 in his revised Cantional 1645*

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.

He was tempted in every way as we are,  
yet he did not sin.

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.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,  
and to walk in the way of his love.

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: “Call to remembrance, O Lord”. Richard Farrant  
(d.1580). Text Ps 25: 5-6.*

## *The sending out of God’s People*

God of mercy,  
may we who have shared in this holy meal  
know your forgiveness in our lives,  
bring your reconciliation to others,  
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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 463 (sung with masks on)

**Refrain** D Em A D Bm  
May this Len - ten dis - ci - pline, which we un - der -  
E A Bm Em A D  
- take with love, turn our minds to things a - bove.

**Verses** E7 F#m E A Bm F#m  
1 Sin has sun - dered us from God, self - ish we have -  
E A Em Bm D A  
grown and cold, fool - ish were the ways we trod,  
D Em A D  
e - vil ha - bits keep their hold.

*May this Lenten discipline,  
which we undertake with love,  
turn our minds to things above.*

1. Sin has sundered us from God,  
selfish we have grown and cold,  
foolish were the ways we trod,  
evil habits keep their hold.
2. Now we fast that we may feast  
where the Lord of Life presides;  
may our hunger be increased  
for the bread which he provides.

3. As we keep this Lent with prayer  
and from pleasures are withdrawn,  
minds and bodies we prepare  
for the joy of Easter dawn.

James Phillip McAuley 1917–76  
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Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in  
him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## *Postlude*

*“Aus tiefer not schrei ich zu dir”. J Pachelbel.*

*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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## *Prayers*

Please pray for those in need, including Jocelyn; Roderick, Samuel and James; Sahra and family; John and Helen; Michael, 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: Linda Guy, Nettie Barnes, Richard Davidson, Dawn Hoy, Stan Archer.

At the end of this month, we will refresh the prayer list. If you wish to add a name to the prayers, please advise the Parish Office by email [office@stmarys.org.au](mailto:office@stmarys.org.au) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. If you wish to renominate names that are currently on the list, please do so. This will allow us to refocus and renew our prayers during March.

## *Prayer During Lent*



During Lent, we are hoping to increase our commitment to prayer as a community. We are taking several steps towards this:

1. Each Sunday morning, commencing at 9.35, we invite anyone who wishes to come and join together in a short time of silent contemplation. There will be a few words to commence it and a prayer at the end, and in between we'll have 10 minutes of silence. Seats will be organised in a circle within the church. This will start in Lent 2.
2. Beverley and the choir are organising to record a service of Night Prayer ('Compline') which you will be able to access from our parish YouTube channel. More information on this initiative will come soon.
3. We are suggesting that each Wednesday evening during Lent, at 6 pm, we commit to pray for our parish of St Mary's for five minutes in our homes. The following prayer, written for the occasion, may be useful:

## *A Prayer for Lent*

### *The Parish of St Mary's, North Melbourne*

Loving and gracious God, we give you thanks for calling us as your church to worship and to serve. We pray for your blessing on our parish of St Mary's, asking that you will direct us in our hopes and plans for the future.

Bless, we pray, all those who lead: for our Vicar, Fr Jan, and other clergy, Mthr Dorothy and Fr Mark; for our Wardens, Sam, Anne and Michael; for Harriet in her educational work with the children; for our organist, Beverley, and choristers; for the members of the parish Council, the Hospitality committee and all who serve in many other ways. We thank you for their willing service. And we pray for all who enter our doors: to pray, to worship, to find acceptance and healing, to serve, to encounter you.

We pray also for the wider community of North Melbourne. Help us to discern how we may work for your kingdom in our mission. We pray for Indigenous people, refugees, and those who are poor, that they may discover your inclusive and welcoming love through our witness.

We pray for ourselves and for anyone we know who needs our prayers at this time ...

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Risen Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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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*





# *St Mary's Parish Notices*

## **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**

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North  
Melbourne, Bank: Westpac North Melbourne.

BSB: 033 132, Account Number: 264412

## **CHOIR**

Meeting Tuesdays at 5.30 in the Church, and Sundays at 9.20 in the Hall. We welcome new members, understanding that everything is being conducted according to strict protocols. Please contact the Director of Music.

## **SHARING SUNDAY**

On the first two Sundays each month we will bring non-perishable groceries and toiletries to share with Mission House Fitzroy. You can also donate directly to Anglicare. Please leave your donations in the Baptistry in the basket provided.

## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES**

There will be a joint Lenten series on the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday, 10, 17 and 24 March by the parishes of St Mary's and Mark the Evangelist. These Bible studies will be held at St Mary's, beginning at 7.30 pm. They will be led by Mthr Dorothy. All are welcome!

## **BOOK LAUNCH**

There will be a book launch at St Mary's on Saturday 10 April at 4 pm: Dorothy A. Lee, *The Ministry of Women in the New Testament.*

*Reclaiming the Biblical Vision for Church Leadership* (Baker Academic, 2021). The book will be launched by Bishop Kate Prowd and will be on sale for 20% discount. The event will include refreshments by the Hospitality committee. All are welcome!

## **CHURCH GARDEN GROUP**

If you are available to help in the Church Garden, please contact Rhondda Fahey on 9329-4438.

## *Notices from the Diocese and Further Beyond*

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN RESPONSE & PREVENTION TRAINING Saturday 27 February 2021**

Violence Against Women Response and Prevention training day to equip clergy and lay leaders in the Diocese of Melbourne.

### **HEARTEDGE SEMINAR SERIES**

'Receiving God's gifts: recognising assets & abundance' is a programme of seminars and panel discussions introducing the HeartEdge ethos and its mission model (the 4 Cs – compassion, culture, commerce, congregation) to the Anglican Dioceses' of Southern Queensland and Melbourne. This series will feature stories, case studies, ideas and approaches presented by clergy and lay leaders from the two Dioceses.

### **THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN**

February edition available in the porch.