

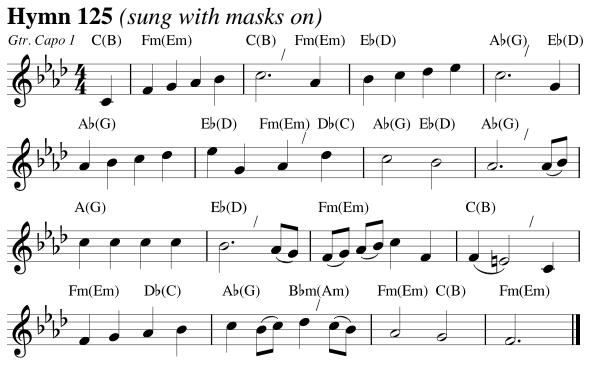
Second Sunday of Lent 28 February 2021



Eucharist at 8 am and 10 am 8 am: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay 10 am Presider: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra Sermon: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay

Preludes

Gathering in God's Name



 The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above, ancient of everlasting days, and God of love: the Lord, the great I AM by earth and heaven confessed! We bow and bless the sacred name for ever blessed.

- 2. The God of Abraham praise, whose all-sufficient grace shall guide us all our happy days in all our ways. He calls us each a friend, he calls himself our God; and he shall save us to the end through Jesus' blood.
- 3. He by himself has sworn, we on his oath depend: we shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend: we shall behold his face, we shall behold his face, and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.
- 4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry, 'almighty King!' who was and is the same and evermore shall be, the Lord, our Father, great I AM eternally.

- 5. Before the Saviour's face the ransomed nations bow, all praising his almighty grace, for ever new.
 He shows his wounds of love, they kindle to a flame and sound through all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.
- 6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high: 'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!' they ever cry. Hail, Abraham's God and ours! with heaven our songs we raise: all might and majesty are yours, and endless praise.

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

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8.34

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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, 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.**

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

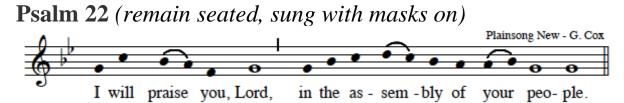
The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

(Genesis 17:1-7)

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



My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever! *Response*.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *Response*.

I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. *Response*.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

(Romans 4:13-25)

At the endHear the word of the LordAllThanks be to God

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless gloryPraise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselvesand take up their cross and follow me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

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.

Then Jesus began to teach the Disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

(Mark 8:31-38)

At the end	This is the gospel of the Lord.
All	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr Mark Lindsay

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

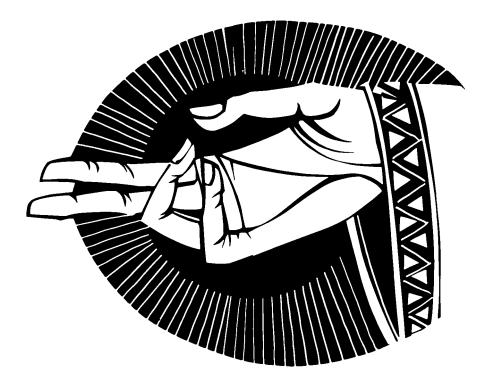
After each section: Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

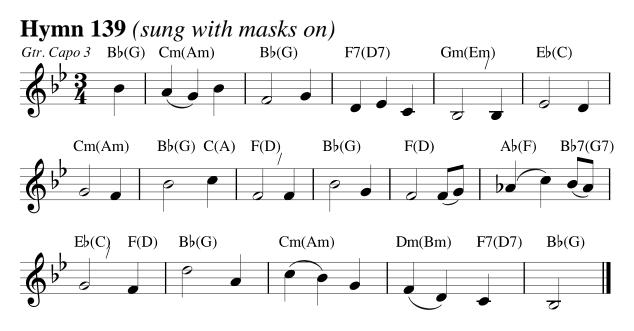
And at the end: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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





- O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new, uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
- 2. O wide-embracing, wondrous love, we read you in the sky above, we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
- 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
- 4. We read your power to bless and save ev'n in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of your might.

5. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way; eternal love, in you we rest, for ever safe, for ever blest.

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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.

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.



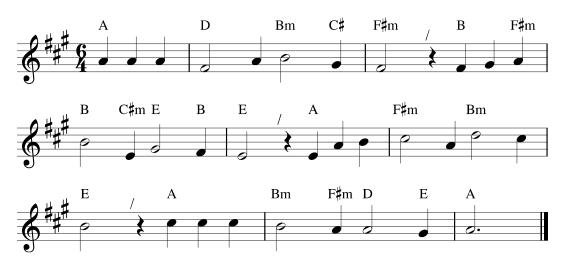
Anthem: "Purge me, O Lord." Thomas Tallis.

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 583 (sung with masks on)



- 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said, 'if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart and humbly follow after me.'
- Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
- 3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still: your Lord refused not even to die upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
- 4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength and calmly every danger brave; it guides you to a better home and leads to victory o'er the grave.
- 5. Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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; 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

"Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan" (What God Ordains Is Always Good), J. S. Bach BWV deest.

Please feel free to leave or stay during the Postlude. The Postlude is selected to integrate with the Liturgy of the day when at all possible. It is not appropriate to applaud as the music accompanies the final procession of the Liturgy.

Morning tea will be served after the service.

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Prayers

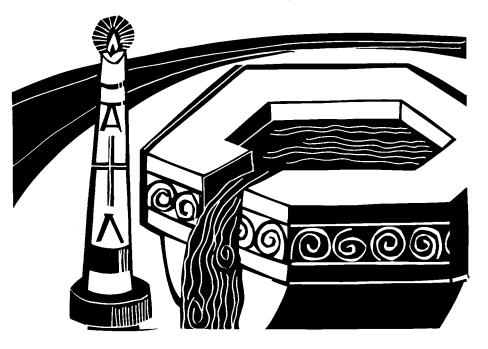
Please pray for those in need, including Jocelyn; Roderick, Samuel and James; Sahra and family; John and Helen; Michael, Calvin; Sophie and Esther; Brian, Kayla; Annie and Ben; Jayne; John, Lisa and family; Jill, Sasha, Elaine; Jensen Harry, Alan and Mimi; Joy and Norene, Christine, Kathy, Jacquie, Leonie, Martin, Colin, Heather.

Recently departed: Beverley Kennedy

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Eunice Jones, Lilly Conlan, Tom Love.

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 by the 1st 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 stops 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 have recorded a service of Night Prayer ('Compline') which will be available from our parish YouTube channel.
- 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 Baptistery 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. 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

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