



Fourth Sunday of Lent
14 March 2021



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

Preludes

Introduction

Today is traditionally Mothering or Refreshment Sunday. We honour the place of our Patron Saint, Mary and recognise the role of mothers and motherhood. In past years this was done by sharing of Simnel Cake and the use of rose-coloured vestments.

Gathering in God's Name

Hymn 472 (sung with masks on)

The musical score for Hymn 472 is written in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The chords are indicated above the notes as follows:

Staff 1: D, A, D, G, D, A

Staff 2: D, F#m, Bm, E, A, Bm, D, A, D

Staff 3: Em, G, A, F#m, Bm, Em, D, A7, D

1. Father of mercy, God of consolation,
look on your people, gathered here to praise you:
pity our weakness, come in power to aid us,
source of all blessing.
2. Son of the Father, Lord of all creation,
come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners:
grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit,
heal us and save us.
3. Joy-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness,
come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens:
give us true courage, breathe your peace around us,
stay with us always.
4. God in three persons, Father, Son and Spirit,
come to renew us, fill your church with glory:
grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection,
foretaste of heaven.

James Quinn 1919–

Words ICEL

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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 Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in
him may have eternal life.

John 3.14–15

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

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

Everlasting God

in whom we live and move and have our being,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:

give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,

that no selfish passion may hinder us

from knowing your will,

no weakness prevent us from doing it;

that in your light we may see light,

and in your service find perfect freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

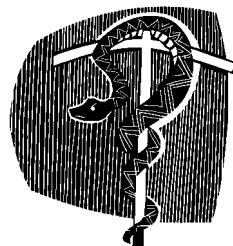
A reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

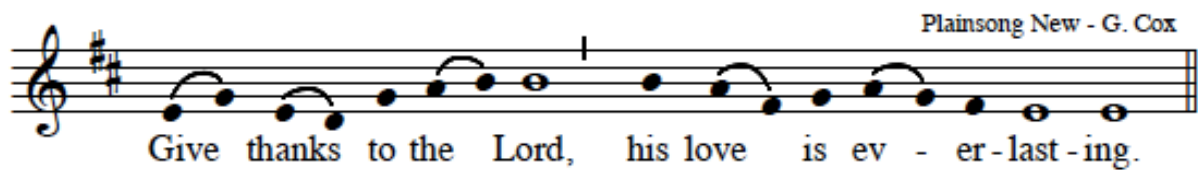
(Numbers 21:4-9)

*At the end
All*

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Psalm 107 (*remain seated, sung with masks on*)



Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

Response

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

Response

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Response

Then they were glad when it grew calm, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Response

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

At the end
All

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so
must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in
him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have
eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn
the world, but in order that the world might be saved through
him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those
who do not believe are condemned already, because they have
not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is
the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and
people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds

were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

(John 3:14-21)

At the end

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Mthr 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.**

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.*

Hymn 141 (*sung with masks on*)

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the following chords: G, D, G, Em, D, G, D, G. The second staff contains the following chords: Am, E, Am, A7, D, Em, Am, D7, G. The melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love, that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
4. and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5. O generous love, that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo,
6. and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his friends, and thus inspire
to suffer and to die.
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman 1801–90 alt.
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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.



Anthems

*“God so loved the world.” John Goss (1800-1880). Text John
3: 16,17.*

*“I am the resurrection.” Thomas Morley (1558-1602). Text
from John 11: 25-26.*

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 495 (*sung with masks on*)

D F#m G A7 D / G

D E7 A / Bm F#m G F#7

A7/G D/F# / G Em D A7 D

1. Nature with open volume stands,
to spread her maker's praise abroad;
and every labour of his hands
shows something worthy of a God.

2. But in the grace that rescued us,
his brightest form of glory shines;
here, on the cross, 'tis fairest drawn
in precious blood, and crimson lines.

3. Here his whole name appears complete:
nor wit can guess, nor reason prove,
which of the letters best is writ,
the power, the wisdom, or the love.

4. O the sweet wonders of that cross
where God my Saviour loved, and died!
Her noblest life my spirit draws
from his dear wounds, and bleeding side.

5. I would for ever spread his name
in sounds to mortal ears unknown,
with angels join to praise the Lamb,
and worship at his Father's throne.

Isaac Watts 1674–1748 alt.

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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;
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

Christus, der uns selig macht" BWV 620 J S Bach.

*Based on a 14th C hymn - Christ, who makes us blessed,
committed no evil*

*Written as a Canon at the octave, whilst the melody has a
clear progression Bach harmonises with halting cadences, a
chromatic motif increasingly prominent and syncopated. It is
surmised much of this noting the text that in the 7 verses
follow the events of the Passion.*

*Offered as a reflection, please feel free to leave at any time,
applause is not appropriate.*

Morning tea will be served after the service.

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Prayers

Please pray for those in need, including Jocelyn, Calvin, Jackie, Roderick, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Jane, and Paul.

Recently departed: Beverley Kennedy

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Alan Barker, George Higgs, Florence May Dove.

We have refocussed and renewed our prayers during March. If there is a name that should be included please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

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 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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The Anglican Diocese in conjunction with St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne does not tolerate abuse, harassment or other misconduct within our communities. If any person has concerns about behavior of a church worker, past or present. The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website www.stmarys.org.au.

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

BEVERLEY KENNEDY MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service in memory of Beverley Kennedy will be held at St Mary's on Friday 26 March at 11 am. Registration is required to attend.

RESUMPTION OF ANNUAL MEETING - 21 MARCH 2021

The Parish Council have now received a certificate from the Parish auditors certifying that the accounts have been duly audited. As such, the Annual Meeting commenced on 29 November 2020 can now be concluded. A short Annual Meeting will be held at 11am, Sunday 21 March 2021 in order to close off this last remaining item of business. Parishioners should note that there have been no changes to the accounts by the auditors, and copies of the accounts and the auditors' certificate will be available at the meeting. A copy of the Notice of Annual Meeting has been circulated with this Pew Sheet and is publicly displayed in the Church.

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. 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.

**JUSTICE AND A FAIR GO FOR REFUGEES
PALM SUNDAY WALK – 28 MARCH**

Members of St Mary's community who want to show their support for refugees or to find out more about the challenges now facing refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia are invited to:

1. Follow the 'Justice and a Fair Go for Refugees' social media campaign.
2. Register for the webinar on Tuesday 23 March, 7:30pm (AEDT)
3. Take part in making a parish message of support for refugees on Sunday 21st March following the 10 am service.
4. Meet for prayer on the steps of St Paul's underneath the diocesan banner on Palm Sunday 28 March before the Walk for Justice (registration link for this COVIDSafe gathering with more info will be provided soon).

To access the links for the social media campaign and webinar, please see the electronic version of the St Mary's pewsheets in your inbox. If you would like to take part in making a parish message of support or have any questions, please get in touch with Audrey at audreycstatham@gmail.com.

Notices from the Diocese and Further Beyond

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.

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St Mary's



Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

28 March 8am & 10am
2pm Walk for Justice for
Refugees

Maundy Thursday

1 April 7pm

Good Friday

2 April 10am

Great Pascal Vigil

Saturday 3 April 9pm

Easter Day

Sunday 4 April 8am & 10am

