

## Fifth Sunday of Easter 2 May 2021



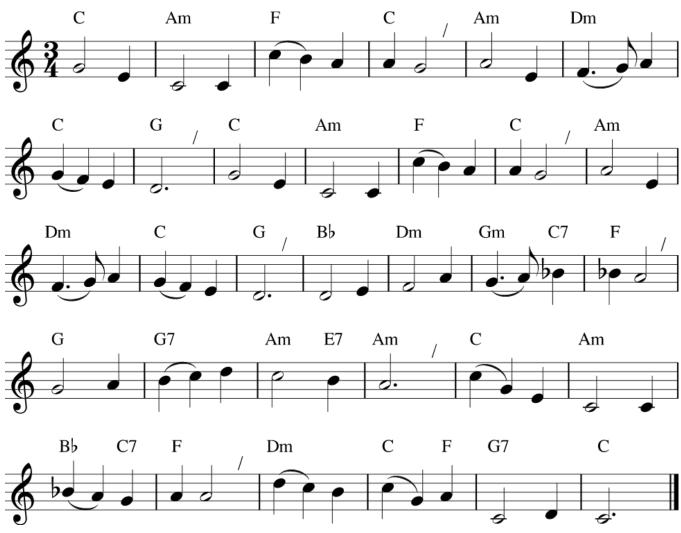
8 am Rev'd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee (Assistant Priest) 10 am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay (Associate Priest) Sermon: Rev'd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee (Assistant Priest) *Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b.1954) TiS 757*  Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please join in saying the text marked in bold and singing the musical responses and hymns.

## Prelude

## INTRODUCTION

Separated from Jesus the vine, we can bear no fruit and will eventually wither and die. Fruitfulness in spreading God's kingdom depends on acceptance of Jesus' word, and continued contact with him through the Christian community, the sacraments, and the intimacy of prayer.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 153



- 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

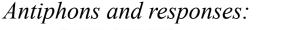
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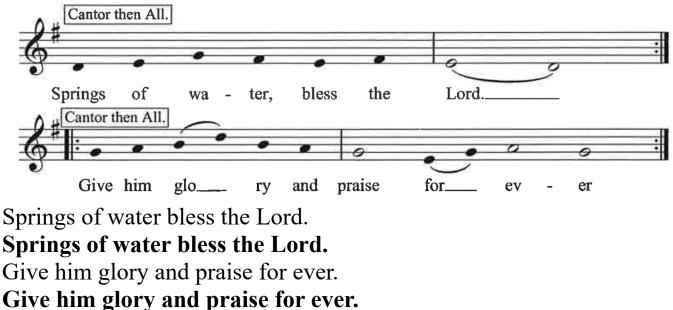
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#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  [At 10am] The choir sings the Vidi aquam as all are sprinkled with water from the baptismal font.





*The celebrant introduces the confession* Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

## Lord, have mercy

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

### Christ, have mercy

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy.

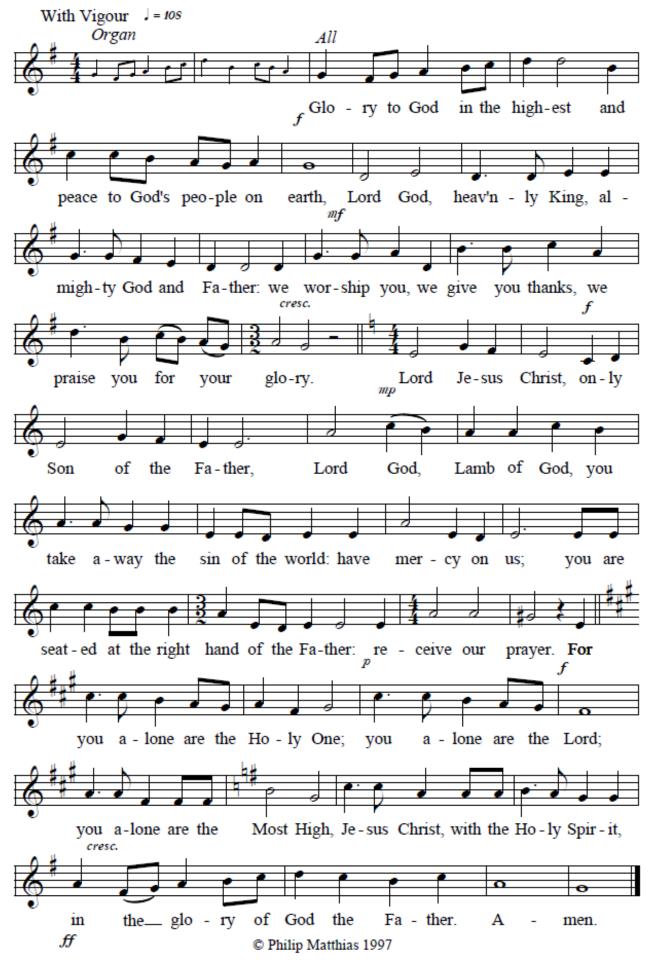
## Lord, have mercy

## The celebrant 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.** 



#### Gloria in excelsis



## THE COLLECT

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PLEASE SIT FOR THE READINGS

#### FIRST READING

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

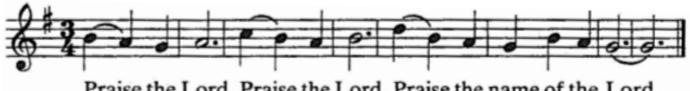
Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:26-40)

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 22



Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

Give praise, all you that fear the Lord: proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob; stand in awe, all you children of Israel.

For you, O God, have not despised or abhorred the poor in their affliction: you have not hidden your face from them, but you heard them when they called to you. *Response*.

You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:" my vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied: Those who seek you, O Lord, shall praise you; May they be in good heart for ever. *Response*.

Let all the ends of the earth remember And turn to you, O Lord: And let all the families of the nations Bow down before you. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord: And you are the ruler over the nations.

As for those who sleep in the grave, How shall they worship you: All those who go down into the dust, How shall they bow before you? *Response*.

But I shall live through you, And my children shall serve you: They shall tell of you to the Generations that are yet to come. To a people as yet unborn they shall make known: The saving deeds you have done. *Response*.

## SECOND READING

## A reading from the First Letter of St John.

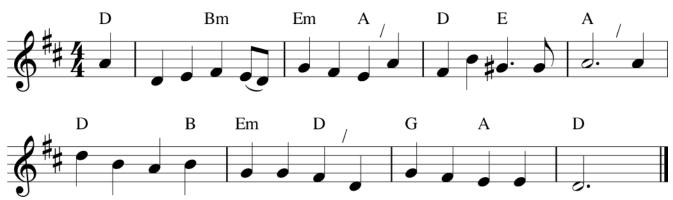
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. *(1 John 4:7-21)* 

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

THE GRADUAL HYMN 459



- 1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find, his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
- Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be; who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north, all Christlike souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

> William Arthur Dunkerley ('John Oxenham') 1852–1941 alt. Words: additional permission required. Available from LicenSing

THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. *(John 15:1-8)* 

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

SERMON MTHR DOROTHY LEE

NICENE CREED 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 PEACE

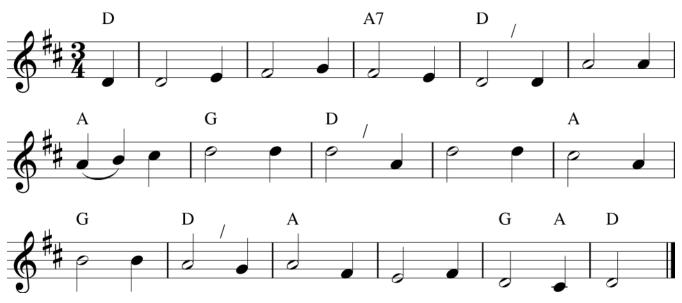
### Please stand.

The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you!'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 194



- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.

- 6. 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.

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

### Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd 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.

### Blessèd be God for ever.



All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for 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.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant, and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,

a new day has dawned,

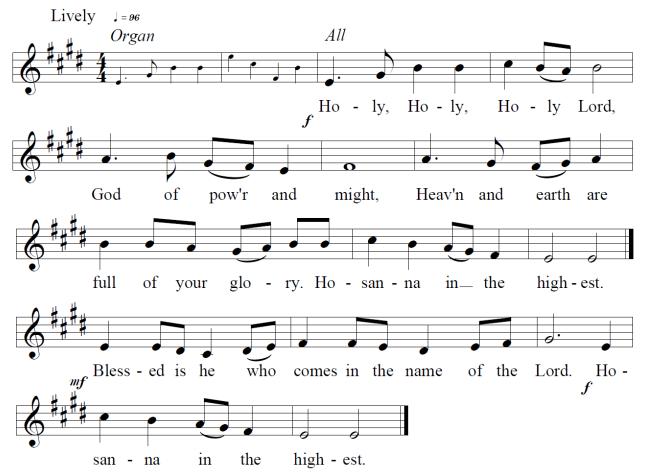
a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and singing:



Merciful God,

we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and 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

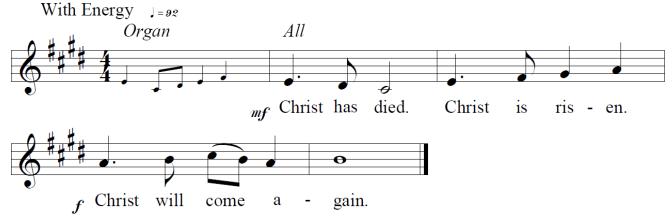
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'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.'



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:

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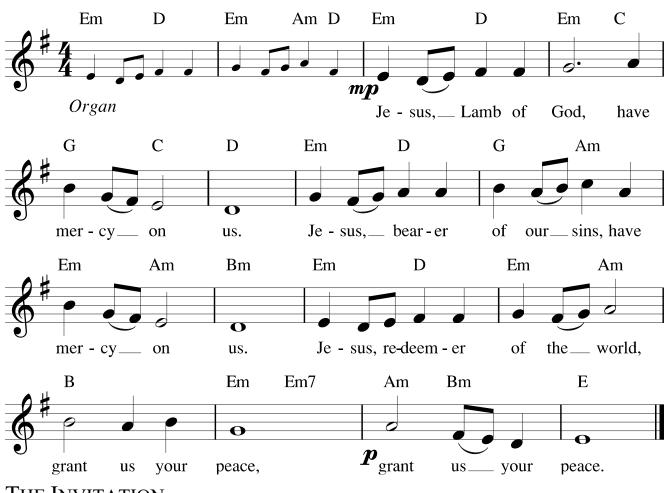
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As 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.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**  AGNUS DEI



THE INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

## Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Anthem "A new commandment". William Maundy c.1529-c.591. Text John 13, v 34

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** 

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life: who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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. Amen.









 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain: love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

- In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, thinking that he never would awake again, laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen. Love has come again, ...
- 3. Up he sprang at Easter, like the risen grain, he who for the three days

in the grave had lain, raised from the dead my living Lord is seen: Love has come again, ...

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, then your touch can call us back to life again fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: *Love has come again,* ...

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

# Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

### THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

#### We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Postlude

# *Prelude on 'Noel Nouvelet'. Peter Treloar, dedicated to Rosalie Bonighton.*

Fr Peter is an Anglican priest and composer in the Ballarat Diocese. I first played this piece in a concert commemorating and celebrating the extraordinary compositions of Rosalie Bonighton who taught organ at the Grammar where Fr Peter was the Chaplain. The Prelude is based around the tune of our final hymn.

#### Acknowledgements:

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Prayers

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Lily Whittingham, Lorna Gunnersen, John Foster.

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

## A Prayer for 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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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

#### **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 not required to be worn while in church, unless you wish to do so.

#### ST MARY'S PARISH NEWS PASCHAL EDITION

Please find in the porch a copy of St Mary's Parish News Paschal Edition of "Ave".

### YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

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#### 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.

#### **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

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT WEBINAR

Environmental sustainability webinar on Sat 15th May, 10:00 – 11:30am hosted by the Social Responsibilities Committee will focus on practical actions that parishes in the Diocese of Melbourne can take to lessen their footprint and become more sustainable as a community and individually.

## ORGAN MUSIC FOR THE AGES, ST PETER'S BALLARAT

Andrew Blackburn is performing a concert at St Peter's Ballarat on May
22nd - Saturday at 2pm as a part of the Ballarat Heritage Festival on the
1929 Hill, Norman & Beard organ. Enquiries can be made to the
Festival office (03) 5320 5500 or the church (03) 5332 3929.

THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR WEBINAR

#### Taking action for an environmentally sustainable Melbourne Diocese

Our environmental sustainability webinar on **Saturday 15 May** will focus on practical actions that parishes can take to lessen their footprint and become more sustainable as a community and individually in the Diocese of Melbourne.

Sat 15 May 10-11:30am





Presenters: Jessica Malthorpe, Director of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards program, Uniting Church, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) representative and others Register: www.trybooking.com/BQWWF