

Sixth Sunday of Easter 9 May 2021



8 am Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay (Associate Priest) 10 am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra Sermon: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay (Associate 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

The central theme of today's gospel is the command to love. We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us, love in action, self-giving, suffering all for the other, even to the point of death.



- Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave: thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3. Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be, let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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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.**



THE COLLECT

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PLEASE SIT FOR THE READINGS

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *(Acts 10:44-48)*

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. *Response*. The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. *Response*.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. *Response*.

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. *Response*.

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SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life,

and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:1-12)

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN 139



- 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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THE GOSPEL



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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. *(John 15:9-17)*

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

SERMON FR MARK LINDSAY

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 606







- Son of God, eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace, Son of Man, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race, Christ our Head, who throned in glory for your own will ever plead, fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2. As you, Lord, have lived for others so may we for others live; freely have your gifts been granted, freely may your servants give: yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of sea and land, we but stewards of your bounty held in trust as from your hand.

- 3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease; by your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, shame our selfish greed of gain.
- 4. Son of God, eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace, Son of Man, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race, in your love you prayed the Father that your people should be one: grant, O Christ, our hope's fruition, here on earth your will be done.

Somerset Corry Lowry 1855–1932 alt. Music by permission Stainer & Bell, London

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER Sursum Corda People Celebrant The Lord be. with with you. And al - 50. you. Celebrant People Lift We lift them up hearts. to the Lord. your. Celebrant People 0 our God. Let us give thanks to the Lord_ It is right to give our thanks, and praise,

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:



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.**

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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: "O Sacrum Convivium" Giovanni Croce (1557-1607).

Text: O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion renewed, the mind filled with grace, and a promise of future glory given to us. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of life, in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord. May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation. **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.



 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend: I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

- Still let me feel you near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, and tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw me nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
- 3. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; Lord, speak to reassure me, to chasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.
- 4. Lord, let me see your footmarks and in them plant my own; that I may follow boldly and in your strength alone; O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

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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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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: "Resurrection" Rosalie Bonighton (1982, rev. 1989)

Inspiration and melodic material for this piece are derived from the Easter Chorale 'Christ ist erstanden'.and its plainsong forbear 'Victimae Paschali Laudes'. Rosalie wrote - 'sensual and passionate, with timbral and dynamic contrasts and asymmetrical rhythmic patterns, the piece aims to be reflective of both the mystery and the joy of the Resurrection.'

Please feel free to depart at any time during the Postludes.

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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: David Hood, Roslyn McIntosh.

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".

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ST MARY'S 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

THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN

The May edition of The Melbourne Anglican is available for you to collect in the porch.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT WEBINAR

Environmental sustainability webinar on Sat 29th 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 29 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 29 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/BRDXG