



Eleventh Ordinary Sunday
13 June 2021



8 am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Canon Dorothy Lee (Assistant Priest)
10 am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra
Sermon: Rev'd Prof Canon Dorothy Lee (Assistant Priest)

*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.*

INTRODUCTION

The growth of the kingdom of God cannot be measured by the yardstick of human success – high public profile, political influence and cultural dominance. God's kingdom will grow silently and steadily according to God's design. Today's parables encourage us to allow our God to be God, and to be confident that in God's mysterious and surprising ways, God's silent action in the world will eventually bear fruit.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN TIS 452

The musical notation for the Entrance Hymn TIS 452 is presented in three staves. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: D4, A4, G4, D4, /, E4, B3, D4, A4, /
- Staff 2: A4, D4, B3, E4, /, A4, E4, A4, /
- Staff 3: F#4, G4, A4, B3, /, G4, E4, A4, D4

The guitar chords indicated above the notes are: D, A, G, D, /, Em, Bm, D, A, /, A, D, Bm, E, /, A, E7, A, /, F#m, G, A7, Bm, /, G, Em, A, D.

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
to the earth's remotest end.

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2. Let the people praise you, Lord!
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour king;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

 3. Let the people praise you, Lord!
earth shall then its fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live:
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

*Henry Francis Lyte 1793–1847 alt. from Psalm 67
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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Amen.

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 deacon introduces the confession:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, 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 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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
without you we are unable to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of the prophet Samuel:

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.” Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said,

‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20

Response: **We put our trust in the Lord our God.**

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble:
the God of Jacob lift you up to safety.
May he send you his help from the sanctuary:
and be your strong support from Zion. *Response.*

May he remember all your offerings:
and accept with favour your burnt sacrifices,
Grant you your heart’s desire:
and fulfil all your purposes. *Response*

May we also rejoice in your victory
and triumph in the name of our God:
the Lord perform all your petitions. *Response*
Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed:

and will answer him from my holy heaven
with the victorious strength of his right hand. *Response*

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 5.14-17

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

All who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’ He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Mark 4.26-34

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

SERMON

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.

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 495

Musical notation for the offertory hymn 'Tis 495'. The score is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. Above the notes are guitar chord symbols: 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. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

1. Father, we give you thanks, who planted
your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus your Son to us imparts.
2. Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,
and giv'n us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the bread eternal;
yours is the power, be yours the praise.
3. Over your church, Lord, watch in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in your love, unite it,
cleansed and conforming to your will.
4. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in the broken bread made one,
so may your world-wide church be gathered
into your kingdom by your Son.

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise, glory and honour,
be yours at all times and in all places,
holy and loving Father, true and living God.

We praise you that through your eternal word
you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image.
You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,
and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race
with the promises of a gracious covenant
and called us to serve you in love and peace.
Above all, we give you thanks for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ: born as one of us,

he lived our common life and offered his life to you
in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin,
brought us new life,
and reconciled us to you and to one another.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, 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 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
be yours for ever and ever Amen.**

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace.**

THE INVITATION

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 168

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first three staves are vocal lines, and the fourth is a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the first staff. The chords are indicated above the notes: F, Bb, Gm, C, Bb, C7, F, Bb, F, Bb, F, Gm, Dm, Gm, C, F, Bb, Gm, C, Bb, C7, F.

1. For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

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3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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

May the God of all grace who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, confirm you and make you strong and sure in your faith, 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 in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

Bell Allegro by John Stanley 1713-1786

Prayers

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

Please pray for the recently departed.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Lucy Yapp and Sister Margaret Dewey SSM.

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

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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.

Dear Friends,

An update on what we are allowed to do during this period of Covid.

We will be holding two services as usual at 8 and 10. Numbers at all services are limited to 50 people and one leader. We therefore encourage a few from the 10am service to attend the 8am service (which will be held in the nave).

The liturgy for 10am has been simplified to minimise singing and we are not permitted a choir at this time.

It is a legal requirement that everyone checks in with the Service Victoria app, and that anyone who doesn't will be barred entry.

Following the service, congregation members are asked to disperse as we are not permitted to offer refreshments.

Thank you for your patience.

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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.

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We welcome new members, understanding that everything is being conducted according to strict protocols. We also welcome participation from those who may not be able to contribute every week. If you are interested, 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.

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

