

St Mary's



**Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday
29 August 2021**



**Sunday Matins
(Morning Prayer)**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building up of the Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves. The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

Thaxted

G T HOLST (1874–1934)

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The musical score for 'Thaxted' is presented in four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The piece features a steady piano accompaniment with a rhythmic bass line consisting of eighth notes. The melody in the treble staff is composed of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1: B \flat Eb Cm B \flat Eb F Gm F Eb Cm B \flat

System 2: Eb B \flat B \flat /D F Gm F/A B \flat /D F B \flat Eb Eb/D Cm

System 3: Gm B \flat /F Eb B \flat /D Cm 7 B \flat Eb Cm Gm/B \flat F/A Gm 7 F Eb F 7 /A B \flat /D B \flat Dm

System 4: Eb F Gm F Eb F 7 /C B \flat /D B \flat Eb Cm/E \flat B \flat

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1. O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honour and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.
 2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favour
May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless your still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry 1942-96

A READING FROM THE SONG OF SONGS

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Song of Songs 2.8-13

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

PSALM 15

Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing which is right:
who speaks the truth from the heart,
and has not slandered with the tongue;

Who has done no evil to a friend:
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:
and will not go back on that oath;
Who has not put money to usury:
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things:
shall never be overthrown.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

James 1:17-27

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

THE SERMON

BENEDICTUS (THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
**to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all
who hate us,**
To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear:
**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our
life.**
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us affirm the faith of the Church.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

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 sin 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.

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,
and enlighten our hearts
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,
that when he comes in glory to be our judge
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Intercessions are led for the world and the church, to
which response to each petition may be:*

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude with:

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our
prayers, and you have promised that when two or three
gather in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil
now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for
us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in
the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The chords above the first staff are C, G7, C, F, G7, C, Am, and Dm. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The chords above the second staff are Em, Eb7, G, D7, G, C, G7, C, and C7. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The chords above the third staff are F, E7, Am, Dm, G7, C, Dm, C, G7, and C. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes.

1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.

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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Eternal God and Father,
**by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We conclude this time of prayer together with the
words of the Grace:

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

Sonata V in C BWV 529. J S Bach. 1st Movement
“Allegro”

Prayers

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

Please pray for the recently departed: Father Gary Bouma.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Henry Wallace Judd, Gweneth Marjorie Ford, Ernest Prosser, Gladys Gill, Gwyneth Strasser, Jeff Acland.

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

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CHRISTMAS STALL



We are planning, all going well, to hold a Christmas stall on Advent Sunday, November 28. In the absence of the Fair this will be our main big money raising project for the year. We need the help of everyone to help stock this stall with gifts and useful things for people to buy at Christmas time.

Are you a cook or a craftsperson? Can you make jams or marmalades, pickles or chutneys, sauces or other preserves? Suggestions for favourite preserves include:

- preserved lemons
- citrus marmalades (orange, kumquat, grapefruit)
- raspberry jam
- onion marmalade
- tomato relish
- tomato kasoundi
- mint jelly

I have good recipes for all these if required. Jars available at the Church. If you can sew, maybe you could make items such as potholders, serviettes, hand towels, cushion covers, lavender bags, or anything else you can think of. Lockdown times are a good chance to make things, so do get cooking or sewing!

Ring me if you want to talk (0417364431)

Marion Poynter for the Hospitality Committee



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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*

