

St Mary's



Thirty-First Ordinary Sunday

31st October 2021

Reformation Sunday



8am Presiding and Preaching: The Rev'd Jan Joustra

10am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay

10am Preaching: The Rev'd Robert Gribben

12pm Presiding and Preaching: The Rev'd Jan Joustra

*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

Jesus links the two fundamental aspects of Jewish life and faith, love of God and love of neighbour, so that they become one single law that sums up all laws. There is now one commandment, and one only. God calls us to a love of one another which shows how much we are aware of his love for us.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN TIS 59

G Bm Em D G /
G Em C G D / Em D G
C D7 G / Bm Em Am G D G

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.**
- 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

*William Kethe d.1594 alt.
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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

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

God of peace, you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: by the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen

Almighty God,
Who revealed the faith to the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ being their foundation stone:
following the example of the saints and martyrs of the Reformation era,
may we live in your fear, die in your favour, and rest in your peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the book of Ruth:

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.

The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food.

So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.'

But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,

would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.’

Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’

But Ruth said,

‘Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!’

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Ruth 1.1-18

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

PSALM 146

Richard Proulx



Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

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Response:

*Praise the Lord my Soul
Praise the Lord.*

My soul, give praise to the Lord;
I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music to my God while I live.

Response

Put no trust in the powerful,
mere mortals in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay,
and their plans that day come to nothing.

Response

They are happy who are helped by Jacob's God,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
Who alone made heaven and earth,
the seas and all they contain.

Response

It is the Lord who keep faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is God who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free,

Response

The Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

Response

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
Zion's God from age to age.

Response

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SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled

so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Hebrews 9.11-15

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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

Then they sent to Jesus some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or

should we not?’ But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, ‘Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.’ And they brought one. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ And they were utterly amazed at him. One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “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.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Mark 12.13-17, 28-34

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

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 436

The image shows the musical notation for the offertory hymn 'Tis 436'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The first staff contains six measures with the following chords: Em, D, G, Em, D, G, Am, B, Em. The second staff contains six measures with the following chords: Am, Bm, D, G, Bm, C, G, Em, B, Em. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2.

- 1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to nothing all he's done.**
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**
- 3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
grant one mind to your flock on earth;
support us in our final strife,
and lead us out of death to life.**

*Martin Luther 1483–1546 tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt.
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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.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already here,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and with the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread: who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 440

G Em D G / C Em A7 D /
Em C Am D / G Em C D7 G

- 1. Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who your nature share,
who your mystic body are.**
- 2. Join us, in one spirit join,
grant us still your help divine;
still for more on you we call,
you, O Christ, fill all in all.**
- 3. Move, and animate, and guide:
various gifts to each divide;
placed according to your will,
let us all our work fulfil;**
- 4. freely may we all agree,
touched with loving sympathy;
kindly for each other care;
every member feel its share.**
- 5. Love, like death, has all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall;
you, O Christ, are all in all.**

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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

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you 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 in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

J. S. Bach (BWV 720)

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Sharne, Grace, Ellie, Leanne, Barbara, Pat, Jocelyn, Roderick, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Pamela, Paul, Rhondda, + Andrew and Father Tim.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Ian Ross, and Meryl Larkins.

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

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ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

ST MARY'S CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ST MARY'S CAG WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER AT 11:45AM ON ZOOM.
ALL ARE WELCOME, AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

JOIN ZOOM MEETING BY CLICKING:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/STMARYS-CAG](https://bit.ly/stmarys-cag)

MEETING ID: 893 2410 6242

PASSWORD: 48465927

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Parish of St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne (the Parish)

The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held in the church at:
11.30 am on Sunday 21 November 2021 in person and by videoconference and/or teleconference.

Nominations of Candidates for the offices of:

- 2 Churchwardens
- 9 Members of Parish Council
- 2 Members of Incumbency Committee

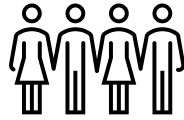
shall be given to the Vicar before 8.00 am on Sunday 14 November 2021.

After prayers, the order of business shall include:

1. The reading of this notice;
2. The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting;
3. Reception of the electoral roll of the church of the Parish;
4. An annual report by the incumbent;
5. An annual report on the proceedings of the Parish Council by the Parish Council;
6. The audited accounts of the churchwardens for the year ended 30 September immediately preceding the meeting;
7. A report from Parish Council on the pastoral care, evangelism, community service and educational programs of the Parish;
8. A report by the churchwardens of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church of the Parish and vicarage and other buildings of the Parish;
9. A report by the Incumbent on the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, person received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and other such statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines;
10. A report by the churchwardens and confirmed by the auditors on Parish assessment for the current financial year as calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Archbishop in Council.
11. The election and appointment of churchwardens and members of the parish council;
12. The election of auditors;
13. The election of lay representatives to the parish Incumbency Committee;
14. Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

By order of the Parish Council

Signed
Andrew Murray (Parish Secretary)



ELECTORAL ROLL

In preparation for the Annual Meeting we are required to consider revisions to the Electoral Roll. Only those on the Electoral Roll have the right to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting or to be elected to office, such as Warden or Council Member. As at the last Annual Meeting, November 2020, there were 65 people on that Roll.

Part of the revision process is removing the names of those who have died or who no longer meet the eligibility criteria (for example if they have relocated, often to another country or State).

We are also required to add the names of those who wish to join the Electoral Roll and are eligible to do so. One criterion that has to be met is that the person to be enrolled “regularly and habitually” attends public worship at St Mary’s. In the current unprecedented situation, where the church has been closed, a certain amount of flexibility will need to be shown in assessing this. Please don’t be put off applying just because you have not been able to attend a closed church! If anyone wants to join the Electoral Roll please contact Darrell who will send you the form: office@stmarys.org.au.

Of course the wider St Mary’s community includes many more people than are on the Electoral Roll - there are more than 150 addressees on the parish email list, for example. Some might want to join the Electoral Roll but have not yet got round to it. If you are in that category we urge you to get in touch with Darrell in the Parish Office.

In normal times we would display the current Electoral Roll for a few Sundays in Church so that people could check if they are on it. We cannot do that as the church is closed, but will do so as soon as in-person worship is permitted. We could post the current Roll on Facebook and the Parish website but perhaps not everyone would be happy to have their names published in this way. So, if you want to check if you are on the Roll, we suggest that you get in touch with Darrell and he will clarify that for you.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will resume at St Marys on Tuesday 9th November under the Covid protocols appropriate to any gathering and singing required. We are looking forward to preparing to sing in the Liturgy of November 14 and from then on. The choir needs to rebuild and, if we are lead the worship well, it will be essential to recruit new voices.

This is also an invitation to any who may not be able to commit to weekly rehearsals, to be a part of the Carol liturgy, that we may try to prepare for in a less intensive way, depending on volunteers. Please support the choir by prayer and consideration if you might be able to participate.

Please contact Bev if you'd like to be involved.



YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

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COVID SAFETY PLAN

Our COVID safety plan can be found on the St Mary's Website.



CHRISTMAS STALL ON ADVENT SUNDAY



Just a little reminder!

Have you time to make preserves, or handcrafts or baked goods suitable for gifts to be sold at the Christmas stall on Advent Sunday, the last Sunday in November? Ring me if you need any more information, or to let me know what you have already made.

Marion: 0417 364 431



CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

If you are available to help in the Church Garden, please contact:

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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*

