

St Mary's



First Sunday After Christmas

26th December 2021



10am Presiding and Preaching:
Rev'd Canon Prof 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

There are lessons for us in the differing responses Mary and Jesus in today's gospel. On the one hand Jesus calls us to be about the affairs of our Father; on the other Mary shows us the value of storing up things in our hearts. Action and reflection are both essential in the Christian life.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 290

Gtr. Capo 2

E(D) A(G) B(A) E(D) /

E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) / A(G) E(D) G#m(F#m)

C#m(Bm) / F#m(Em) B7(A7) E(D) / A(G)

A(G) E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) / E(D) A(G)

E(D) B(A) A(G) E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D)

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1. Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.
 2. O that birth for ever blessèd
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Spirit's power conceiving
bore the saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.
 3. This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.
 4. In the heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
all dominions bow before him
and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice together sing
evermore and evermore.

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348–c.413 tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66, Henry Williams Baker 1827–77
and others
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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Peace 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 musical score is written for organ and voice in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The organ part is indicated by the word "Organ" under the first staff. The vocal part begins on the second staff with the lyrics "Lord, have mercy,". The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano) on the second staff, *mf* (mezzo-forte) on the fourth staff, and *mp* on the fifth staff. There is also an *aecresc.* (crescendo) marking on the fourth staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy." The score ends with a double bar line on the fifth staff.

The assistant introduces the confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

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.**

Organ *f* Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, *mf* Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

cresc. wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your —

cresc. /

mp Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: *p* re -

- ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One:

cresc. you a-lone are the Lord: you a-lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

ff in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The celebrant reads or sings the prayer of the day

Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: in your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ, who came to share our human life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the prophet Samuel:

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Response: Let all praise the name of the Lord!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his: praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you shining stars. **Response**

Praise him, heaven of heavens: and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever: he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **Response**

Praise the Lord from the earth: you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog: tempestuous wind, doing his will;
Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars; **Response**

Wild beasts and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds;
Kings of the earth and all peoples: princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and maidens: old and young together. **Response**

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven. He has raised up strength for
his people: and praise of all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a
people who are near him. Alleluia! **Response**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Collosians:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another,
forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must
forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together
in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were
called in the one body. And be thankful.

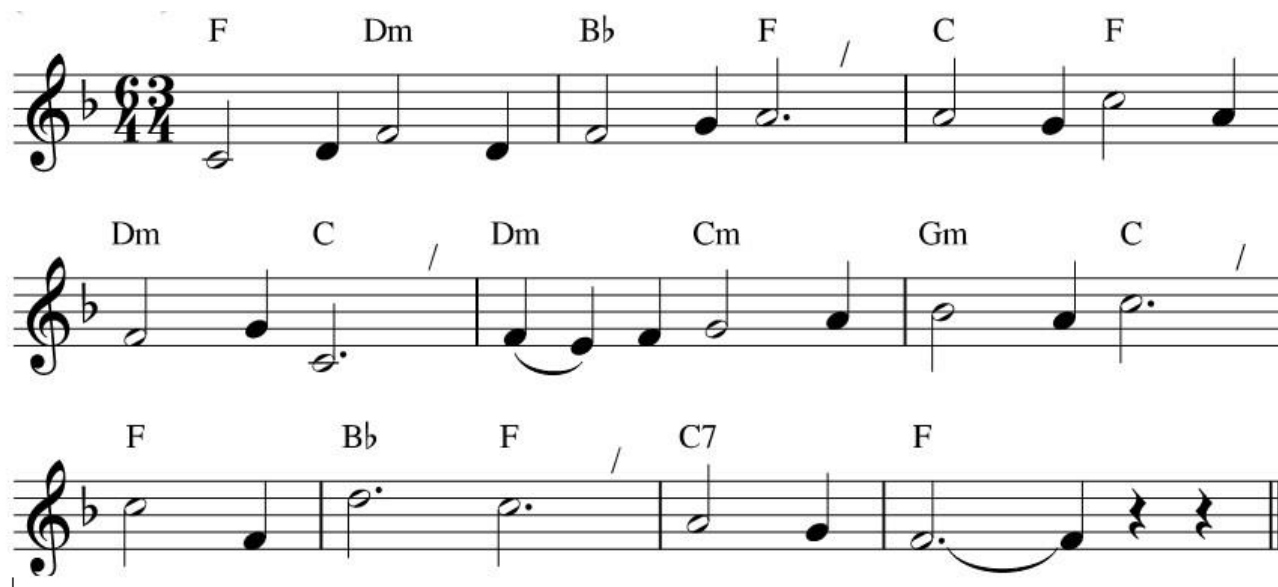
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one
another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1. See, to us a child is born:
glory breaks on Christmas morn!
Now to us a Son is giv'n:
praise to God in highest heav'n!
2. On his shoulder rule shall rest:
in him all the earth be blest!
Wise and wonderful his name:
heaven's Lord in human frame!
3. Mighty God, who mercy brings:
Lord of lords and King of kings!
Father of eternal days:
every creature sing his praise!
4. Everlasting Prince of peace:
truth and righteousness increase!
He shall reign from shore to shore:
Christ is King for evermore!

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Open our heart O Lord,
to listen to the word of your Son.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2:41-52

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

SERMON

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**

After each sections: 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 GREETINGS OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 313

F C / F C /
F C F Dm / Gm C F /
C F Dm / Gm C7 F /
Dm A7 Dm C / F C7 F

1. Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
listen well to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today,
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today.

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2. Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you hear of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and you are blest for evermore;
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this.
3. Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save,
calls you one and calls you all,
to gain his everlasting hall;
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save.

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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

Sursum Corda

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who was looked for by the prophets,

heralded by the Baptist

announced by an angel,

born of the Virgin Mary,

and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

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.

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:

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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:

E A B E C#m A C# F#m
Organ mf Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
D A B
f Christ will come a - gain.

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:

Organ *f* Bless - ing and hon - our and
glo - ry and power are yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

Organ *mp* Je - sus, — Lamb of God, have
mer - cy — on us. Je - sus, — bear - er of our — sins, have
mer - cy — on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the — world,
grant us your peace, *p* grant 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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

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 Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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.

1 The north wind is toss-ing the leaves, the
2 The tree - ferns in green gul-lies sway, the

1 red dust is o-ver the town, the spar-rows are un-der the
2 cool stream flows si-lent-ly by, the joy-bells are greet-ing the

1 eaves and the grass in the pad-dock is
2 day, and the chimes are a-drift in the

1 brown, as we lift up our voi-ces and sing to the
2 sky, as we lift up our voi-ces and sing to the

v. 1 Christ-child, the hea-ven-ly King.

v. 2 Christ-child the hea-ven-ly King.

1. The north wind is tossing the leaves,
the red dust is over the town,
the sparrows are under the eaves
and the grass in the paddock is brown,
as we lift up our voices and sing
to the Christchild, the heavenly King.

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2. The tree ferns in green gullies sway,
the cool stream flows silently by,
the joybells are greeting the day,
and the chimes are adrift in the sky,
as we lift up our voices and sing
to the Christchild the heavenly King.

John Wheeler 1901–
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POSTLUDE

“Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich” BWV 605.

“This day is so full of joy for all creatures; because God’s son from Heaven
transcending nature is born of a Virgin.”

J S Bach

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Deepa, Susan, Sharne, Barbara, Pat, Jocelyn, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Pamela, Paul, and + Andrew.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Darren Rooke
Andrew Scragg, Geoffrey Sambell (Bishop, former Vicar), Alison Reimann-Basch, Roma Cain, Ewan Paterson, Elizabeth Prosser, Eveline Cope and Bruce Ford.

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

SHORT MYSTERY/DETECTIVE STORY COMPETITION

Entries are to be submitted by February 15, 2022. The prize will be a recent crime novel so start writing now!

Email Rhondda: rhondda.fahey@bigpond.com

Please Note:

The Parish office will be closed during January and will reopen on the 31st of the month.

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ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

THE ROSTER - WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK!

	December	
8:00am Reader		
10:00am Readers		
Serving Team		
Welcome		
Introduction & Intercessions		
Video/AV		
Kids Corner & Sunday School		
Morning Tea		
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	
Flowers		

The End

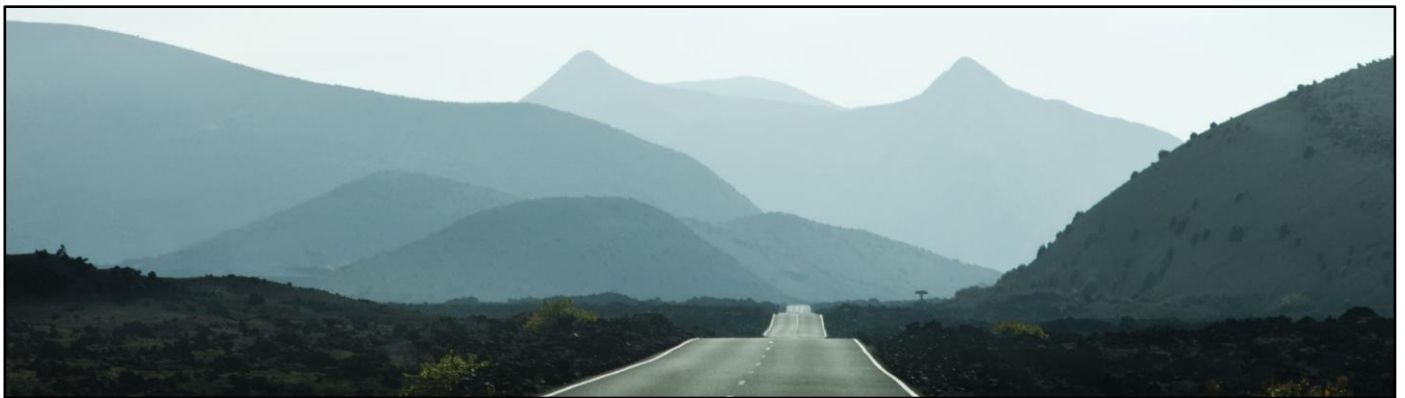
Not every man knows what he shall sing at the end,
Watching the pier as the ship sails away, or what it will seem like
When he's held by the sea's roar, motionless, there at the end,
Or what he shall hope for once it is clear that he'll never go back.

When the time has passed to prune the rose or caress the cat,
When the sunset torching the lawn and the full moon icing it down
No longer appear, not every man knows what he'll discover instead.
When the weight of the past leans against nothing, and the sky

Is no more than remembered light, and the stories of cirrus
And cumulus come to a close, and all the birds are suspended in flight,
Not every man knows what is waiting for him, or what he shall sing
When the ship he is on slips into darkness, there at the end.

Mark Strand

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Source: *The Continuous Life: Poems* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1990)



The Shape of Love

What we see is not the most important.
Could dust rise without the invisible
hand of the wind?
Could a fan turn without any current?
Could lungs breathe without breath?
Tell me
What is the shape of Love?
How much does Joy weigh
when held in the palm of your hand?
Can you catch the Spirit of Life in a jar?

All things seen depend
upon the Unseen.
All sounds depend upon Silence.
All things felt depend
upon what is not felt.

Adyashanti

from *My Secret is Silence: Poetry and Sayings of Adyashanti*, by Adyashanti



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CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

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

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CHOIR PRACTICE



The choir will be in recess until the end of January. We always welcome new members. If you have moved into North Melbourne, or are at all interested please contact the Director of Music. The Choir usually meets on Tuesdays, 5.30 - 7pm.

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

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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*

