

St Mary's



Advent 2

5th December 2021



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee

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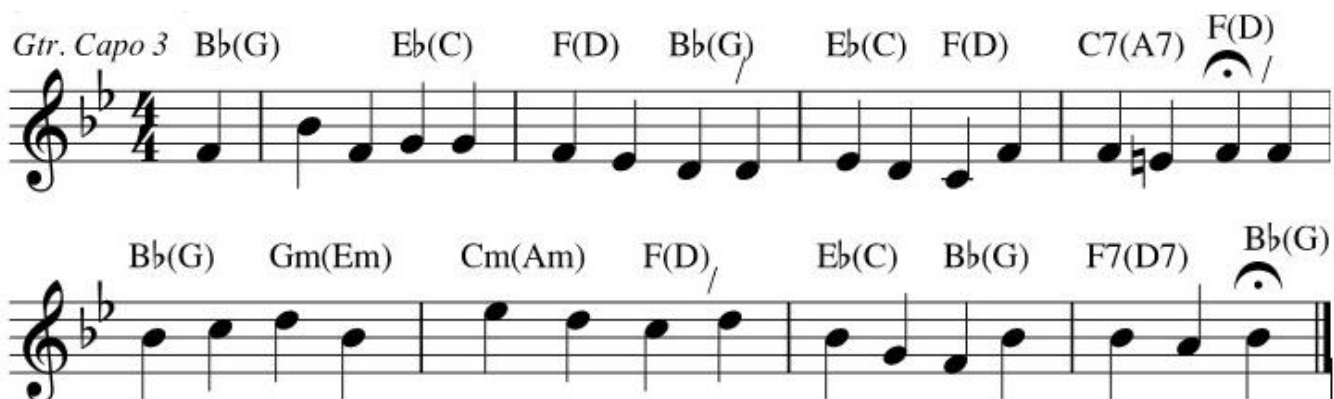
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

John the Baptist is not just another prophet calling Israel back to holiness. His baptism is a sign of the urgency of the times. In the words of Isaiah, God tells us that John is the herald who announces the coming of the Lord and the precursor who prepares the way for him.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 270



1. **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**
2. **Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.**

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3. **For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**
 4. **To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**
 5. **To him who left the throne of heaven
to free us all, let praise be given;
and praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.**

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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.

Remain standing for the lighting of the Advent wreath

We have this ADVENT WREATH to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

As we light the second candle let us say together:

Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’

We light the First candle to remind us of all God's people who, in every age, watched for his coming.

A young person asks: **‘Why do we light the second candle?’**

A parent replies: **"We light the Second candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets."**

‘A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.’

Isaiah 11:1-2

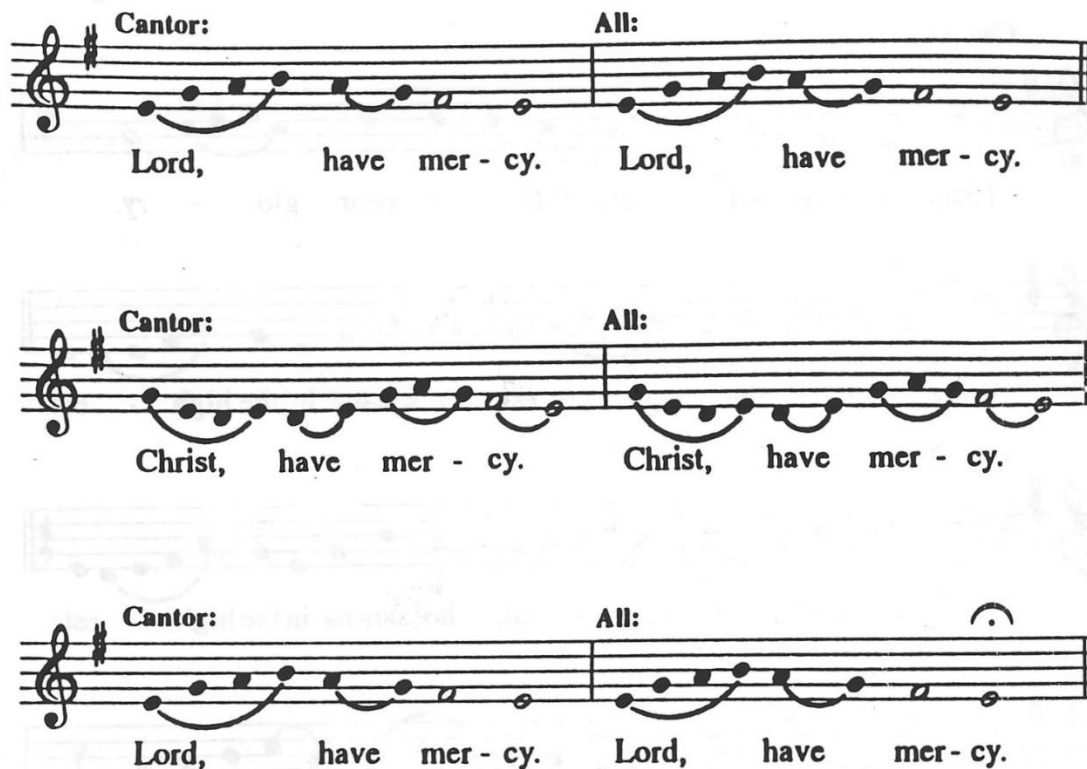
For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: Let us say together:

Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. 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.



*Missa Emmanuel
R. Proulx*

The deacon 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.

The celebrant reads the Collect of the day

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi:

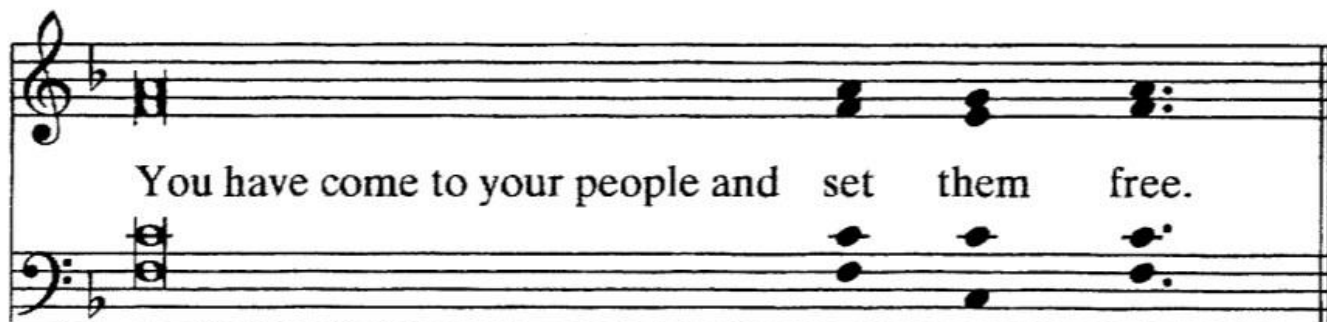
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will anyone rob God? Yet

you are robbing me! But you say, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?’

Malachi 3.1-14

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response:

Response: *You have come to your people and set them free.*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of your servant David.

Response

Through your holy prophets, you 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 your holy covenant.

Response

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

Response

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.

Response

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.

Response

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SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians:

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the

compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

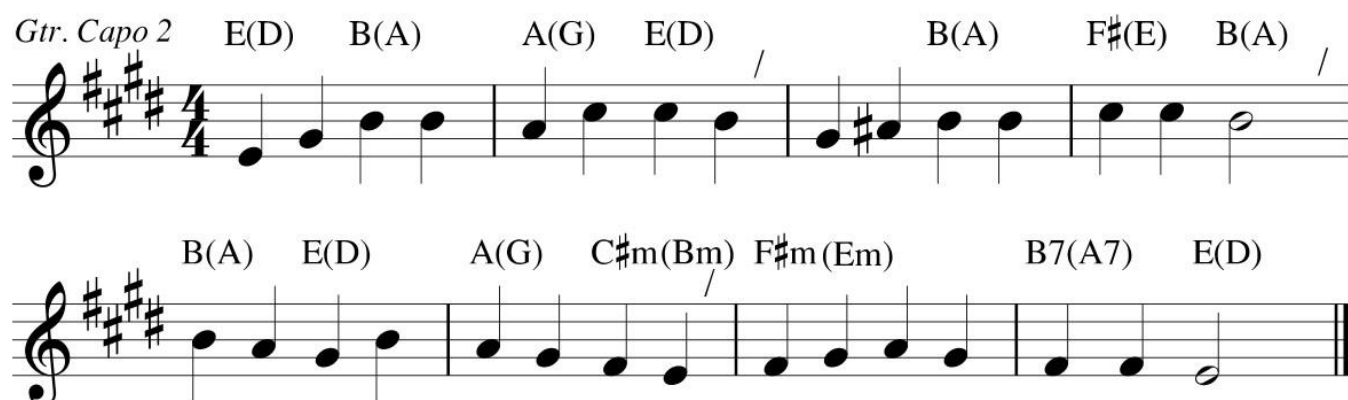
Philippians 1.1-11

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

TIS 264



1. **Hark! a herald voice is calling:
‘Christ is near,’ it seems to say,
‘cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!’**
2. **Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling
shines upon the morning skies.**
3. **Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon now from heav’n;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiv’n.**

**4. So when love comes forth in judgment,
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,
faithful may he find his servants
watching till the dawn appear.**

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God

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:

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

Luke 3.1-6

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.

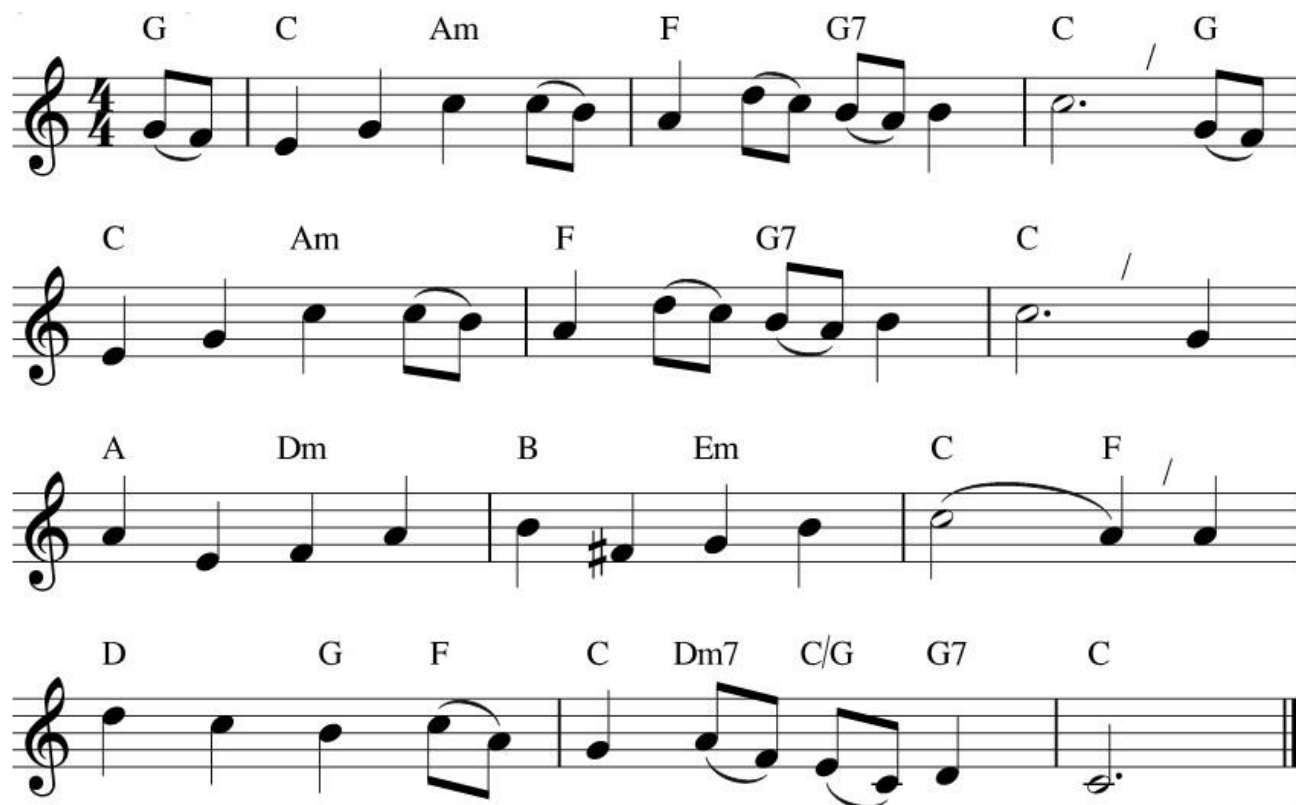
The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 282



1. The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to star:
'With power, with justice, he will walk his way.'
2. The Lord has said, 'Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light':
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.
3. The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

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- 4. Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.**
- 5. His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way.**

Luke Connaughton 1917–79

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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

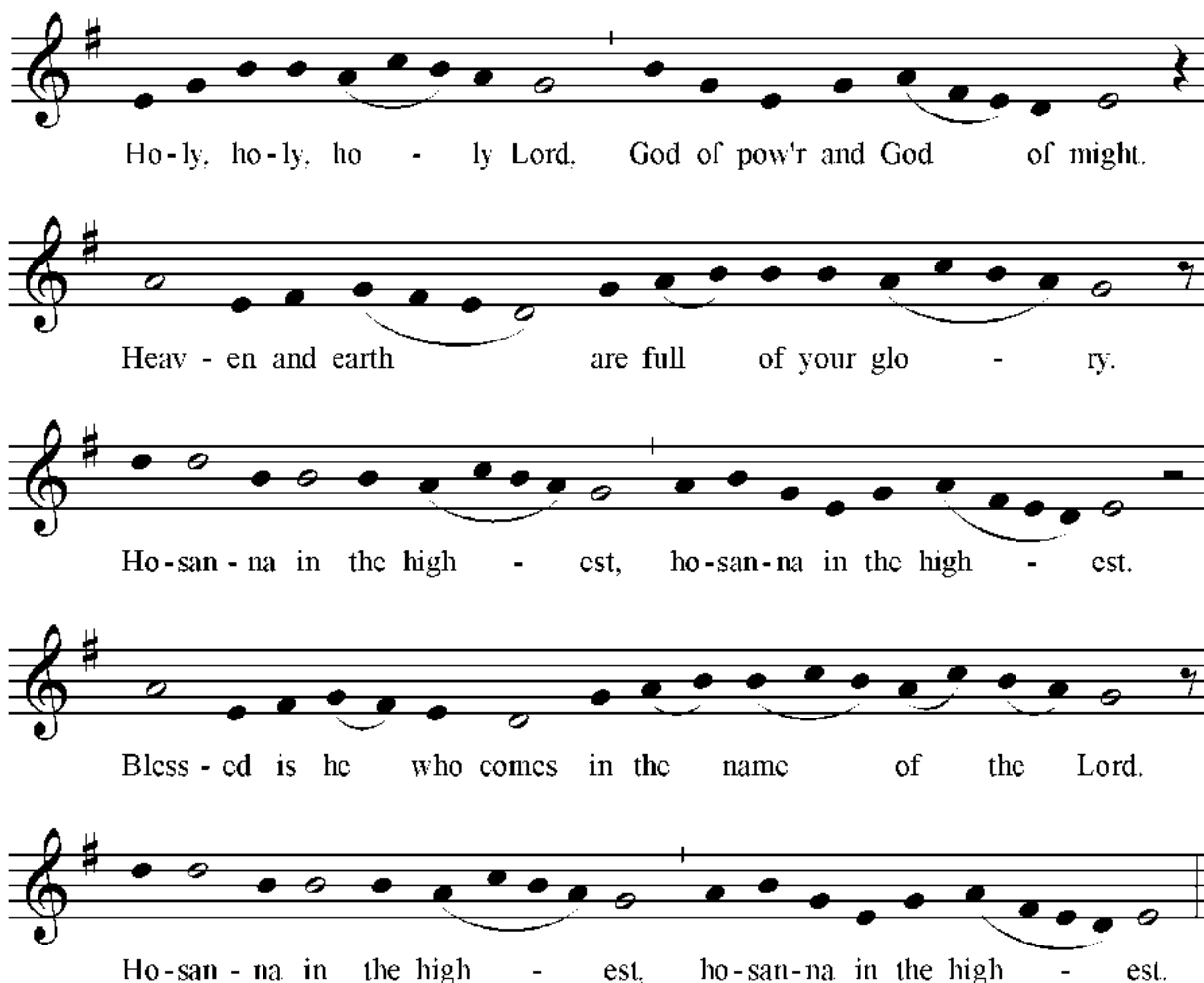
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

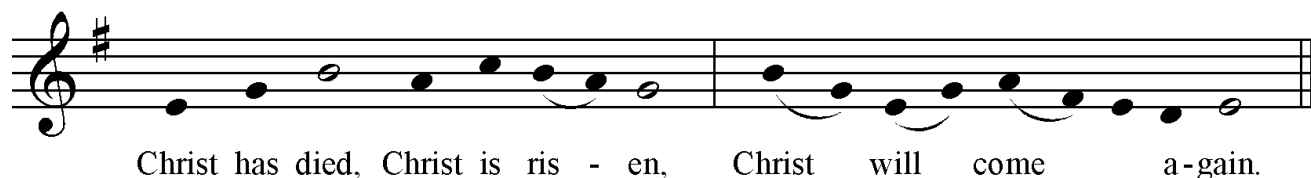
for ever praising you and singing:



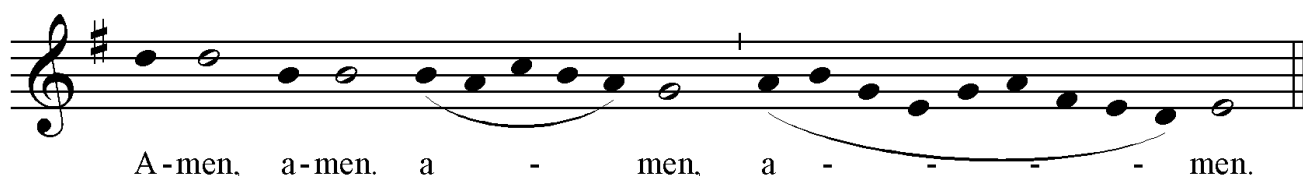
Merciful God,
we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of
Christ's body and blood.

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:



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 all glory is yours, eternal God , now and forever.



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

* Je - sus, wis - dom and might - - - y Lord: you
Je - sus, true branch of Jes - - - se's tree:
Key of Da - vid and Day - spring form on high:
De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

grant us peace, grant us 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.

THE ANTHEM

“Lord, you are the light of life to me”

Words/music Brian Hoare (b1935) arr D Iliff (b1939)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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.

Em Am Em G Em Am Em

Am G D Am Em Am Em

Refrain D G Bm Em Am Em C Am Bm Em

Re-joyce! re-joyce! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to the tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

3. O come, O key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

- 4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

- 5. O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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POSTLUDE

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

Gustav Adolf Merkel (1827-1885)

PRAYERS

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

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Graeme Harper, Anna Harrison, and Marjorie Kenny.

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

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



ALL WELCOME

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

19TH DECEMBER 2021 – 7.00PM

THE ROSTER - WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS AND NEXT WEEK!		
	December 5th	December 12th
8:00am Reader	Anne Sunderland	Judie Bainbrige
10:00am Readers	Paul Eikelboom <i>Mal 3:1-14</i> Audrey Statham <i>Phil 1:1-11</i>	Geoff Jenkins <i>Zeph 3:14-20</i> Robert Gribben <i>Phil 4:4-7</i>
Serving Team	Graeme Archer TBC	Anne Sunderland Alice Christofi
Welcome	Samuel Miller Denise Archer	Michael Golding Rosie Moloney
Introduction & Intercessions	Andrew Murray	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Paul Eikelboom	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Susan Gribben	Marion Poynter Paul Eilkenboom
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Helen McCallum (Advent Greenery)	TBC

Climate in the Kitchen

When: 5 December, after 10am service and morning tea

Join the Climate Action Group for a discussion about how our domestic habits and practices can help in the fight against Climate Change and the degradation of our environment.

Practical tips and exchange of information.

We will have a guest to talk to us about ecological food and products.

Roster

Dear Friends,

With life returning to normal, we are asking if you can indicate your rostering availability for the November/December period. Please click on this link:

<https://forms.gle/JPk4WcEPLb6m75TY8>

Hotham Mission

The **Hotham Mission** is a faith-based, non-profit organisation which has provided education support, food relief and other general support to young people and their families in North Melbourne and surrounding areas since 1927. The assistance provided by Hotham Mission is targeted, compassionate, and delivered through strength-based, community collaboration.

Five local congregations are affiliated with Hotham Mission; St Mark the Evangelist Uniting Church; the joint Anglican and Uniting Church congregation of Christ Church, Kensington; St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne; St Alban's Anglican Church, North Melbourne; and The West Melbourne Baptist Church, West Melbourne.

More information, including how to support the Hotham Mission, can be found on the website.

YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

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BSB: 033 132 **Account Number:** 264412

CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

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

Margaret Noble

0458 753 654



CHOIR PRACTICE



**There will be a carol liturgy rehearsal at:
4pm on the 19th of December.**

Choir practice has resumed on Tuesdays at 5.30pm under the Covid protocols appropriate to any gathering and singing required. The choir needs to rebuild and, to lead the worship well, it is 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:

bevjp@westnet.com.au

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Wayne Gleeson and I am the (relatively new!) Team Leader of the Homeless Support Program at St Mark's Community Centre in Fitzroy. I follow the amazing work completed by my predecessor, Christopher DePaiva, who resigned from this position earlier in 2021. Who, however, still works in Anglicare Victoria.

I started in this role in June 2021, following ten years of being a Social Worker in the homelessness sector in Fitzroy and it is an absolute honour to be the leader of such an iconic and well respected program.

I am very fortunate to have such a wonderful team who have worked tirelessly, throughout the pandemic, by providing support to people experiencing homelessness in the community across both sites at St Mark's and St Peter's. I am also very fortunate to have the support of both Father Stuart, Father Hugh and the parishes who have made me feel so welcome since my appointment several months ago.

As well as introducing myself, I'd like to reach out and thank each and every one of you and acknowledge how grateful we are at the donations which are given to us. We couldn't operate this program without the help and support of our friends in the community, Anglican parishes and schools, especially during these difficult times. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of those whom I'm writing to today, however, if our paths are yet to cross, I'm sure it won't be too much longer before we're well acquainted.

I thought I would take this opportunity to provide you with an update about what is happening with the Homeless Support Program and what our plan is now that Victoria is re-opening after enduring its sixth lockdown to date:-

St Mark's Community Centre, Fitzroy

My staff and I continue to be based at St Mark's Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm. We are continuing with our "Covid Safe" plan of reduced service delivery by providing support to those experiencing homelessness by giving out food parcels, clothing, payments for PBS medication and case management support between the hours of 10.30am-2.30pm.

Initially, we had planned to re-open the centre for late August for two days per week, however, the sixth lockdown occurred in early August which rendered the centre to be closed to the community for the foreseeable future. However, now that we are edging closer to the point where 90% of the public will be fully vaccinated, we are aiming to re-open the centre by mid-January to the community once again. We are starting to see the return of life long and much valued volunteers, who took a break from working at the centre due to the pandemic. After filming a volunteer "call out" video on social media, I have received an influx of enquiries from people who are wanting to volunteer in the future. We will have a new "Covid Safe" plan which will include people using the QR codes or if they do not have a phone, are able to check in with an iPad which will be used by staff as a kiosk.

Between now and January 2022, my team and I are looking at what activities can be completed outdoors as the warmer months are upon us- such as a BBQ with health services attending once per week, for example. Having outdoor activities mitigates the risk of the virus spreading and provides a more "interpersonal service" to what we have at the moment.

Melbourne 4 Life Initiative with St Mark's



Christmas Hampers



The Season is fast approaching yet again and Anglicare Victoria's Homeless Support Services is continuing their established tradition of distributing Christmas hampers of food and other amenities to the homeless. The festive season can be a lonely and depressing time for those on the margins of society, so these hampers can often bring a little joy to those who have very little. If you would like to support this community outreach, your donation of items such as the following will be gratefully received:

- ✿ Small Christmas puddings
- ✿ Small Christmas cakes
- ✿ Tins of ham, turkey and chicken (ring pull or key opening)
- ✿ Tins of vegetables (ring pull)
- ✿ Shortbread
- ✿ Cans of soft drink
- ✿ Custard
- ✿ Small jar of coffee (50g)
- ✿ Packets of tea bags (25pk)
- ✿ Small packets of sugar
- ✿ UHT long-life milk – Packets of 6
- ✿ Christmas cards
- ✿ Mince Pies

While not limited to Christmas hampers, toiletries are also handy items - things like: toothpaste & brushes, shampoo & conditioner, disposable safety razors, deodorant, soap (small packages or hotel size).

Also please consider that most of the clients are single people, so individually packaged items are best, or small packets - as family sized packages are often difficult to break down to smaller sizes for distribution.

All donations will need to be received at St Mark's by **Thursday 9th of December** at the latest, as the following weekend the team of elves (err, volunteers) will begin sorting and packing the hampers.

Thank you for all your generosity

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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*

