

*St Mary's*



*Epiphany*

*2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022*



**8am and 10am Presiding and Preaching:**  
Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay (Associate Priest)

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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

Today the Church proclaims the revelation of God to the whole world. Reading the signs in the heavens, the Magi respond to a God who calls everyone, as he or she may be. In contrast the chief priests and the scribes are not open to the revelation of God. We must not miss the wonder of the presence of God in our lives especially when that presence challenges our own plans.

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

**TIS 301**

D A G D /

Bm A D A7 D / Bm

A G D / Bm A

D A7 D / *Refrain* Bm A G

No - well, no - well, no - well, no -

D Bm A D A7 D

- well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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1. **The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Refrain:*

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the king of Israel.*

2. **When they looked up they saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light  
and so it continued both day and night.  
*Nowell, nowell, ...***
3. **And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
*Nowell, nowell ...***
4. **This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
over Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
*Nowell, nowell ...***
5. **Then entered in those wise men three  
and reverently, upon their knee,  
they offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
*Nowell, nowell ...***

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**6. Now let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who has made heaven and earth from naught,  
and with his blood salvation brought.  
*Nowell, nowell ...***

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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.**

Organ

Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy,

Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy, Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy.

Christ, have\_\_ mer - cy, Christ, have\_\_ mer - cy,

Christ, have\_\_ mer - cy. *mf* Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy,

*a cresc.* Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy, *mp* Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy.

### *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.* glo - ry. *mp* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

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

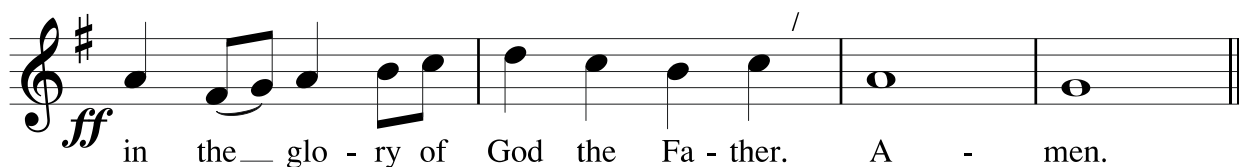
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are

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

*f* - 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,



*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 Isaiah:

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,

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the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Isaiah 60.1-6*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 72**

**Response:**

*Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you;  
Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in fairness  
and your poor in right judgement. ***Response***

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. ***Response***

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all rulers shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. ***Response***

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are  
helpless He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of those in need. ***Response***



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## SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

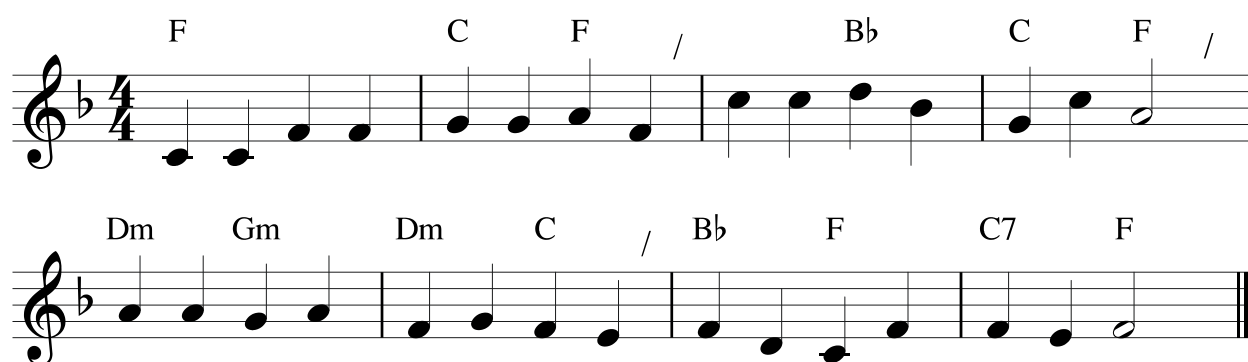
This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



1. **Earth has many a noble city—  
Bethlehem alone excels:  
from it came the Lord from heaven,  
came to rule his Israel.**
2. **Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing,  
seen in human form on earth.**
3. **Eastern sages at his cradle  
make their offerings rich and rare;  
see them give in deep devotion  
gold and frankincense and myrrh:**
4. **sacred gifts of mystic meaning—  
frankincense God to disclose,  
gold the King of kings proclaiming,  
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.**
5. **Jesus, whom the gentiles worshipped  
at your glad epiphany,  
now to you with God the Father  
and the Spirit glory be.**

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## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia**

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold,

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frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Matthew 2.1-12*

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

SERMON

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**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**

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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 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 310 (I)

*Gtr. Capo 2* Bm(Am) C#7(B7) F#m(Em) G(F) A7(G7) D(C)

G(F) F#(E) Bm(Am) A(G) D(C) Bm(Am)

F#(E) Bm(Am) F#(E) Bm(Am) Em(Dm) F#(E) Bm(Am)

1. **Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid:  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
2. **Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**
3. **Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom and offerings divine?  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**
4. **Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

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**5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid:  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

*Reginald Heber 1783-1826 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, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

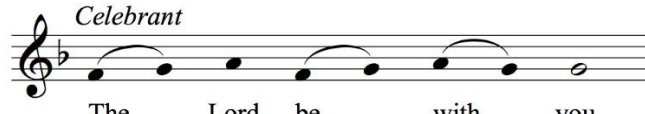



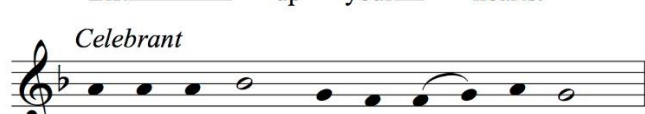
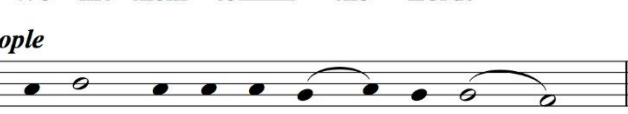
**Blessèd be God for ever.**

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**

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	

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

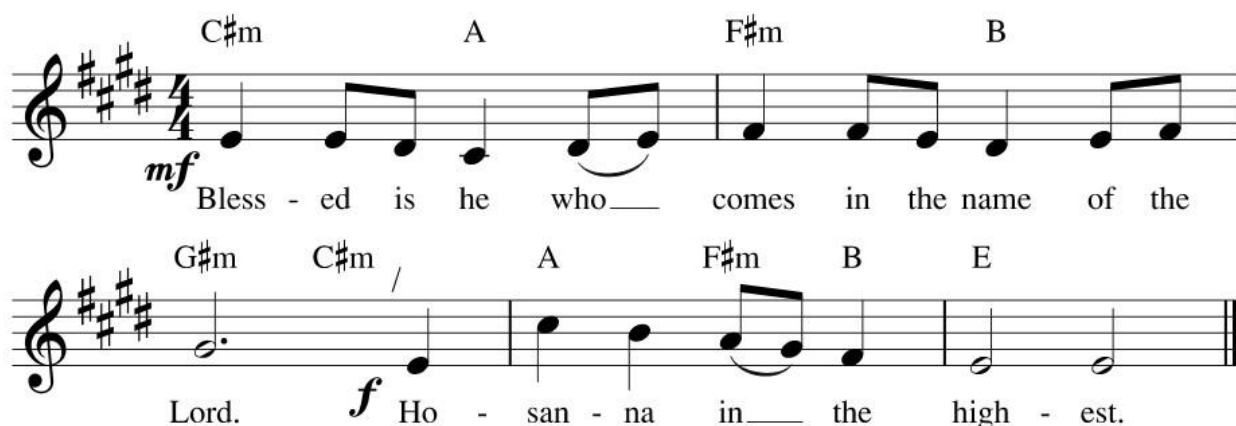
Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

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.





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:

Organ *mf*

E A B E C#m A C# F#m

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,

D A B

*f* Christ will come a - gain.

Detailed description: This musical score is for the 'Mystery of Faith' in E major, 4/4 time. The first system consists of two measures. The first measure has a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a half note E4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a half note E4, a quarter note C#5, and a quarter note A4. The second system also consists of two measures. The first measure has a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a half note D4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C#5. The lyrics are: 'Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.' The organ part is marked *mf* and *f*.

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.

Detailed description: This musical score is for the 'Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.' in E major, 4/4 time. The first system consists of two measures. The first measure has a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a half note E4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a half note E4, a quarter note C#5, and a quarter note A4. The second system also consists of two measures. The first measure has a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a half note D4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second measure contains a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C#5. The lyrics are: 'Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are — yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.' The organ part is marked *f*.

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## 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*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.

## COMMUNION

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

# THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

**TIS 314**

Three staves of musical notation for 'The Sound of Silence' in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains measures 1-4, the second staff contains measures 5-8, and the third staff contains measures 9-12. Chord names are written above the notes.

- 1. As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright:  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore your glory see.**
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to your lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
one whom heaven and earth adore:  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek your mercy seat.**
- 3. As they offered gifts most rare  
at your cradle rough and bare:  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

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4. **Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds your glory hide;**
5. **in the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light:  
you its light, its joy, its crown,  
you its sun which goes not down.  
There for ever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.**

William Chatterton Dix 1837–98 alt.  
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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

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*“In dir ist Freude”* BWV 615

*JS Bach*

‘In you is joy’ a celebration also of the New Year as the ‘bells’ chime through the work.

## 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: John Gregory, Henry Wallace (Billy) Judd and Alice Maude Sophia Forster.

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email [office@stmarys.org.au](mailto:office@stmarys.org.au)

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## **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR JANUARY**

The Parish office will be closed during January and will reopen on the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month. **Mother Dorothy** is the clerical contact during this time. Her number is: 0409 214 072.

If you have matters relating to the St Mary's office, feel free to email [office@stmarys.org.au](mailto:office@stmarys.org.au). The email account is being monitored.

One of the church wardens will handle your queries.

## **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](mailto:rhondda.fahey@bigpond.com)

## **YOUR OFFERING ONLINE**

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## **CHURCH GARDEN GROUP**

It would be helpful to have someone who is able to water during the summer period. If you can help with this, or help with the garden in general, please contact:

Margaret Noble

**0437 519 910**



## 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:

[bevjp@westnet.com.au](mailto:bevjp@westnet.com.au)

### A Hymn to God the Father

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son  
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;  
And, having done that, thou hast done;  
I fear no more.

John Donne

## The Rock

This shore is all that is left of me  
Through raging tides and stormy sea  
No moon to guide this destiny  
As waves dissolve away.

'Twas years before this lonely shore  
Spoke hope of life that promised more  
Than all the heaven's waters pour  
In dawn of breaking day.

I held my ground though oft had found  
No others to repeat the sound  
Of rushing worlds that spin around  
To make a better way.

This Rock that I had built upon  
Was strength of heart from Love beyond  
When ocean's tide was still a pond  
And mountains kissed the sky.

Do you remember 'deep to deep'?  
And 'miles to go before I sleep'?  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep  
If I should chance to die.

Yes all this sand is by thy hand  
No other life can bear  
As look to you my love does too  
And sees my Saviour there  
This sand, this Rock  
Two hands, one clock  
Though time may yet forebear  
But nought prevents me thanking thee  
For glories thou didst share  
For on this Rock I've built my home  
And found my shelter there

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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*

