

St Mary's



3rd Sunday After Epiphany

23rd January 2022



10am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay (Associate Priest)

10am Preaching: Rev'd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee

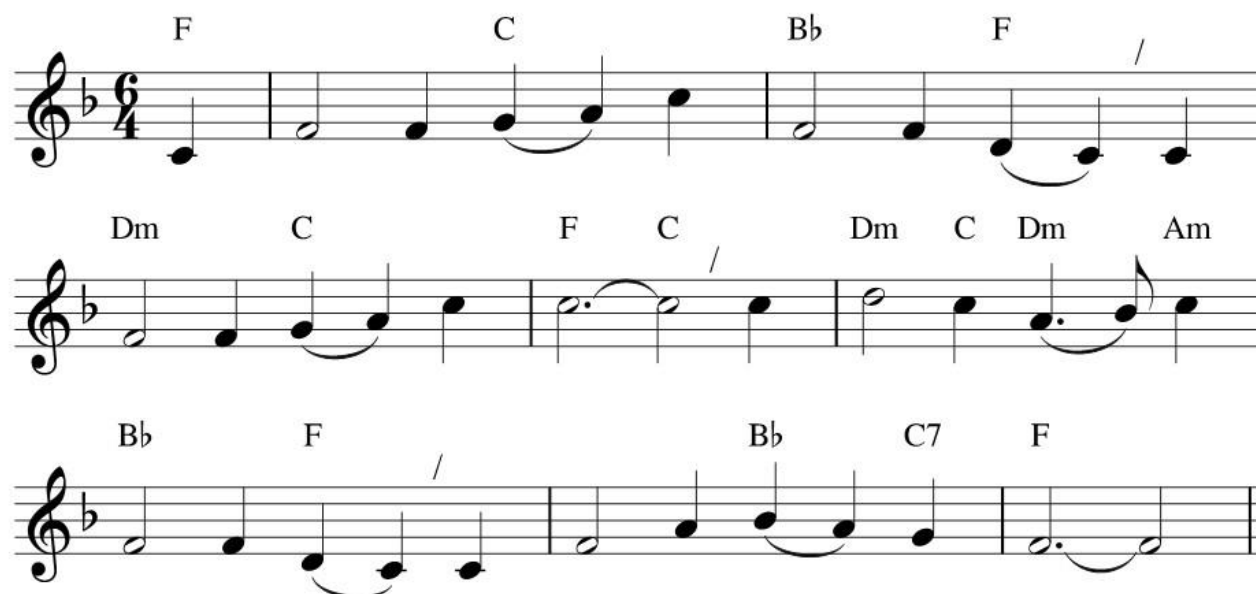
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

The preaching from the scroll of Isaiah, which Jesus gives in his home town is preface and programme for the whole of the Gospel. Are we able to proclaim with Jesus: 'This text is being fulfilled today, even as you listen.' Bringing the good news to all, especially the broken and marginalised, is our greatest challenge as His followers.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 533



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

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3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord,
his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.
 5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–
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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, *mp* Lord, have_ mer - cy.

Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer - cy,

Christ, have_ mer - cy. *mf* Lord, have_ mer - cy,

aecresc. 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

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

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

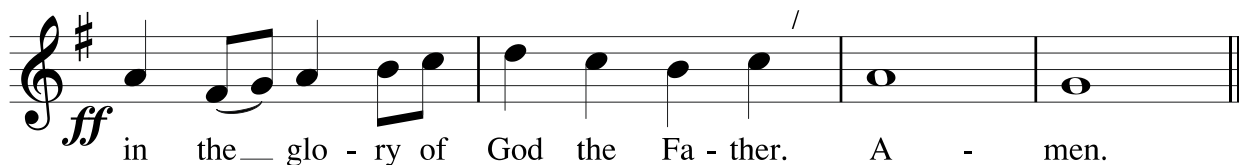
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are

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 book of Nehemiah:

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

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

PSALM 19

Response:

*The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.*

The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.
Day carries the news to day,
night brings the message to night, **Response**

without a word, without a sound,
without a voice being heard,
and yet their message fills the world,
their news reaches its rim. **Response**

There God has pitched a tent
for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed,
an athlete eager to run a race. **Response**

It springs from the edge of the earth,
runs a course across the sky
to win the race at heaven's end.
Nothing on earth escapes its heat. **Response**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners

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:

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a
report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began
to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to
the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to
read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled
the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to
say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Luke 4:14-21

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 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 153

C Am F C Am Dm

C G C Am F C Am

Dm C G B \flat Dm Gm C7 F

G G7 Am E7 Am C Am

B \flat C7 F Dm C F G7 C

1. God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
and who breathes through all creation,
God is love, eternal Love.
2. God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees 1874–1939 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

Sursum Corda

The musical notation is arranged in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The second staff follows the same pattern. The third staff is also divided into two parts for Celebrant and People. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

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.

mf Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. *f* 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,

f D A B

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:



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.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 179

Gtr. Capo 2 D(C) A7(G7) D(C) G(F) D(C) / G(F)

G(F) Em(Dm) A(G) F#(E) F#7(E7) Bm(Am) E7(D7)

A(G) Bm(Am) E(D) A(G) Bm(Am) A(G)

D(C) A(G) B7(A7) Em(Dm) A7(G7) D(C)

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence —
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

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3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure —
foolishness none dare deride.
 4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

*John L. Bell 1949– and Graham Maule 1958–
Words from Wild Goose Songs 1, Heaven Shall Not Wait by permission Wild Goose Publications*

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 love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, and the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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

“Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn” BuxWV 191 *D. Buxtehude*

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: Gledys Mary Yapp, John Barwise, and Reg Pestell.

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email 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 31st 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. 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

YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

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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

There Will Come Soft Rains

There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground,
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;

And frogs in the pools singing at night,
And wild plum trees in tremulous white,

Robins will wear their feathery fire
Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;

And not one will know of the war, not one
Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree
If mankind perished utterly;

And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn,
Would scarcely know that we were gone.

Sara Teasdale - 1884-1933

I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

How Do I Love Thee?

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
I love with a passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints, I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life! and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

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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*

