

8am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra10am Presiding& Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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

INTRODUCTION

To love an enemy or to forgive a persecutor sounds at least unrealistic, if not altogether childish, in our sophisticated world. Yet, this kind of morality is demanded of all who call themselves 'Christians'. Today's readings are indeed filled with difficult challenges, and it is only in the privacy of our hearts that we can evaluate our present lives and ask the Lord for his guidance for the future.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 160



- 1. Father all-loving and ruling in majesty, judgment is yours, and condemns all our pride; stir up our rulers and people to penitence, sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.
- 2. Blessèd Lord Jesus, born humbly in poverty, sharing a stable with beasts at your birth, stir us to work for your justice and charity, truly to care for the poor upon earth.

- 3. Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness, lift up our lives to your standard of right; stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness, flood the whole church with your glorious light.
- 4. Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity, bind in your love every nation and race: may we adore you for time and eternity, Father, Redeemer and Spirit of grace.

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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 assistant introduces the confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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 or sings the prayer of the day

Righteous God,

You challenge the powers that rule this world And you show favour to the oppressed: Instil in us a true sense of justice, That we may discern the signs of your kingdom And strive for right to prevail; For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 book of the prophet Jeremiah:

Thus says the Lord : Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart. to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Jeremiah 17.5-10

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

PSALM 1

PSALTER 1



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SECOND READING:

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

TIS 448



- 1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
- 2. The Lord who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell with us in lowliness, our pattern and our King:
- 3. still to the lowly soul he will himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne chooses the pure in heart.
- 4. Lord, we your presence seek; this blessing now renew: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for you.

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia** Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. **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:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Luke 6.17-26

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



- 1. O changeless Christ, for ever new, who walked our earthly ways, still draw our hearts as once you drew the hearts of other days.
- As once you spoke by plain and hill or taught by shore and sea, so be today our teacher still, O Christ of Galilee.
- 3. As wind and storm their Master heard and his command fulfilled, may troubled hearts receive your word, the tempest-tossed be stilled.
- 4. And as of old to all who prayed your healing hand was shown, so be your touch upon us laid, unseen but not unknown.

- 5. In broken bread, in wine outpoured, your new and living way proclaim to us, O risen Lord, O Christ of this our day.
- 6. O changeless Christ, till life is past your blessing still be given; then bring us home, to taste at last the timeless joys of heaven.

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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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is right to praise you, faithful God,

Always and everywhere,

For with your only begotten Son

And life-giving Spirit,

You are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing

A universe of beauty and splendour,

Bringing light from darkness

And order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,

And endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out,

Making a covenant of mercy,

Giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,

Joining with your faithful people of every time and place,

Singing the eternal song:



When the fullness of time was come, You sent your Son to be born of Mary. Bright image of your glory, He learnt obedience to you in all things, Even to death on a cross, Breaking the power of evil, Freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, Exalting him to glory, And the new day dawned. 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 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



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

THE ANTHEM

'Blest are the pure in heart.'

H Walford Davies (1869-1941)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith That we may grow in love for you and for each other; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN





- Now is eternal life if ris'n with Christ we stand, in him to life reborn, held firm within his hand; no more we fear death's ancient dread, in Christ arisen from the dead.
- For God, the living God, stooped down to share our state; by death destroying death Christ opened wide life's gate. He lives, who died; he reigns on high; who live in him shall never die.
- 3. Unfathomed love divine, come reign within my heart; from you no depth or height, nor life nor death can part; my life with you in God shall be, now and through all eternity.

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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

May the peace of God which is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

PRAYERS

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

Please pray for the recently departed: Catherine McLean.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Vidya Fernandez and Daniel Joseph O'Brien.

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

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ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

MORNING TEA

We are now ready to resume our normal gathering and socialising after the 10.am service so, starting this Sunday, we plan to provide a light morning tea every Sunday from now on (COVID 19 permitting!). It will be served outside for the time being unless it is raining.

Please let Anne or Harriet know if you can be on the roster.

APPEAL FOR TONGA

We will be holding a special service at St Mary's on the 20th of February to celebrate and support the Tongan community. As you're no doubt aware, a disaster struck the country on the 15th of January that decimated the country. We will be taking up a retiring collection at the service on the 20th to help provide aid to Tonga.

We look forward to seeing you this week at our regular services, as well as our special service on the 20th of February.

STUDY GROUPS

No study groups are planned at the moment, but when they resume it is proposed that they take place in the church and people who cannot attend in person will be able to view it online.

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

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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

Although evening prayer in the Lady Chapel Tuesdays at 5pm prior to Choir practice is currently on hold, choir practice is still proceeding as normal. All warmly welcomed.

Choir practice is from 5.30pm to 7pm. We always welcome new members. If you have moved into North Melbourne, or are at all interested, please contact the Director of Music. All Covid protocols observed.

Please contact Bev if you'd like to be involved: <u>bevjp@westnet.com.au</u>

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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

