

Lent 4 Mothering Sunday 27th March 2022



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay10am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee (Associate Priest)10am Preaching: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.

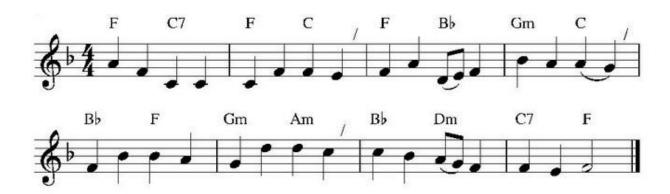
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

Introduction

God has infinite patience with our weaknesses and our failures. He leaves us free, yet as a loving Father he gently supports our efforts to turn to him and his ways, and he always gives us more time to repent, when we don't respond to him.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 136



- 1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea, and forgiveness in his justice sealed for us on Calvary.
- 2. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head
- 3. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
- 4. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own, and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
- 5. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word;

and our lives would be illumined by the goodness of our Lord.

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

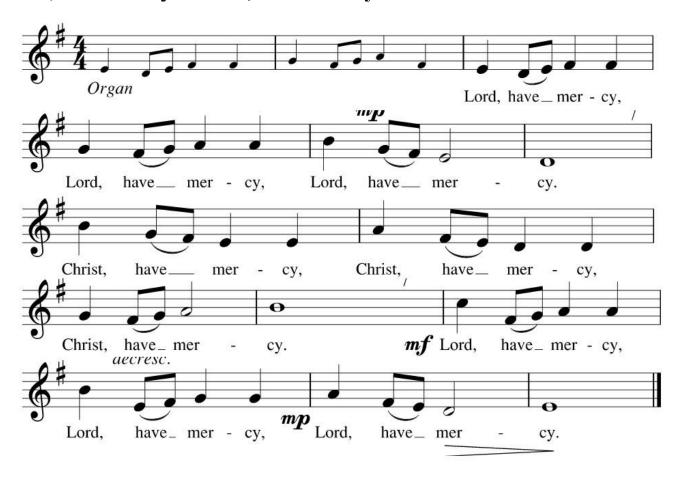
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.



Let us confess our sins to our forgiving father.

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.

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.**

COLLECT

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the book of Joshua:

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of

Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord . To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Joshua 5.2-12

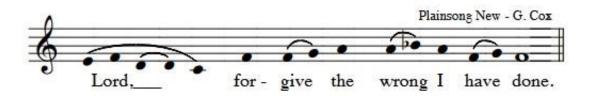
For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34

Geoffrey Cox

Response:



1. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

- 2. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **Response.**
- 5. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Response.
- 7. You are a hiding place for me you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Response*.
- 10b. Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
- 11. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. *Response*.

SECOND READING:

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

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal

through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

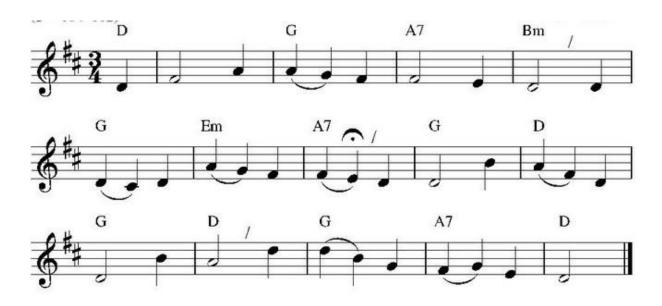
2 Corinthians 5.16-21

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

TIS 564



- 1. God of Bethel, by whose hand your people still are fed, who through this earthly pilgrimage have all our forebears led:
- 2. our vows, our prayers, we now present before your throne of grace; God of our people, be the God of each succeeding race.
- 3. Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide; give us each day our daily bread, for all our needs provide.

4. spread your covering wings around, till all our wanderings cease,

and at our Father's loved abode our souls arrive in peace.

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THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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"I will arise and go to my father and tell him

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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.

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of

your hired hands.' "So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.",

Luke 15.11-32

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

SERMON

THE 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,

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

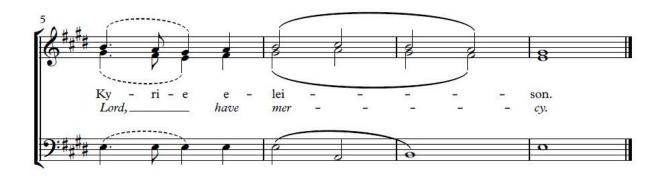
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

After each intercession:

Words: traditional







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.

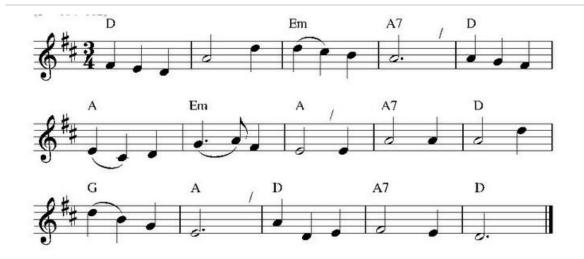
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 584



- 1. Just as I am, without one plea but that your blood was shed for me, and that you would my Saviour be, O Lamb of God, I come.
- 2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.
- 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind sight, riches, healing of the mind, yes, all I need, in you to find, O Lamb of God, I come.
- 4. Just as I am, you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.
- 5. Just as I am your love unknown has broken every barrier down now to be yours, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come.
- 6. Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

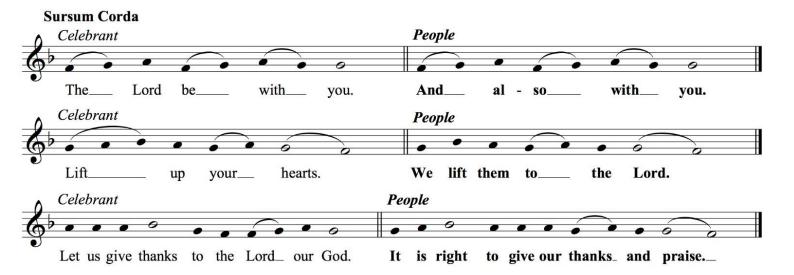
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

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



PREFACE

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 by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.
He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

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. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:



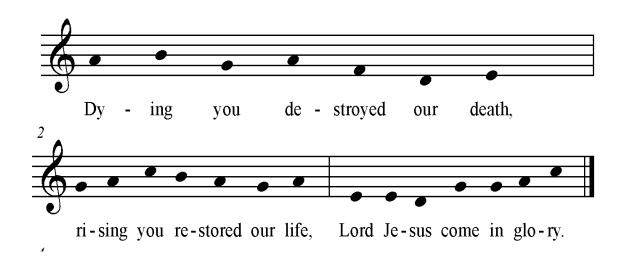
Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,

this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Holy Spirit we who eat and drink them may be partakers of your 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.'

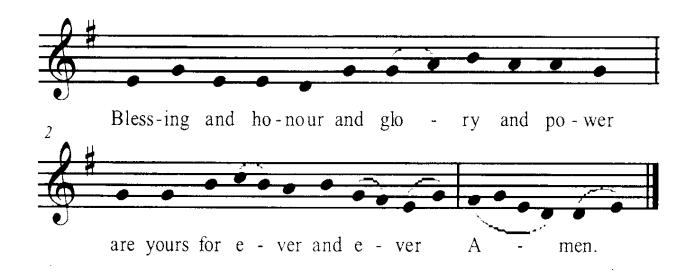
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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 we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

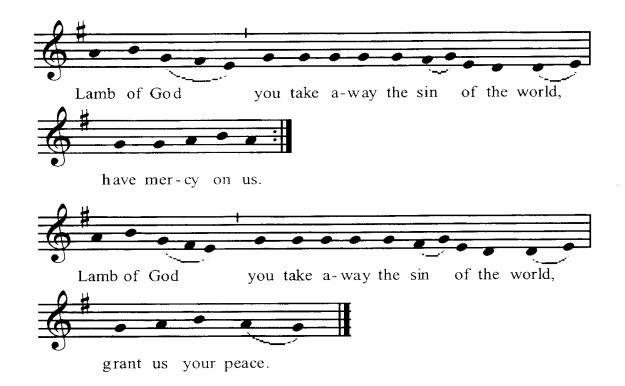
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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

'Almighty and everlasting God'

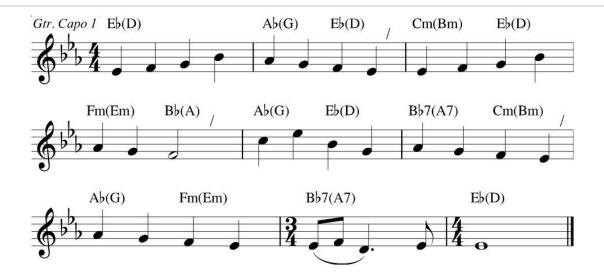
Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, And with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 TIS 650



- 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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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 give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ. Amen.
POSTLUDE

'Allein zu dir Herr Jesu Christ BWV1100

J.S. Bach

Please feel free to stay or leave as you please during the Postlude.

PRAYERS

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

Please pray for the recently departed.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Florence May Dove, Grace Elizabeth Lansell, Ethel Moran, Gerrit Stork and Henry Wallace Judd.

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

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THE ROSTER	
	March 27th
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead
10:00am Readers	Rebe Taylor Geoff Jenkins
Serving Team	Anne Sunderland TBC
Welcome	Sam Miller
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Paul Eikelboom
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Margaret Nobel Michael Nobel
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1
Flowers	N/A

STEWARDSHIP AT ST MARY'S

In order to plan our parish finances, we welcome pledges of support from parishioners. Forms are available from the Parish Office or the Stewardship Secretary (role shared by Andrew Murray and Darrell Pitt). Please note that the collection of pledges is confidential. Individual pledges are kept confidential from the Wardens, Parish Council and Vicar. The Stewardship Secretary passes on only a deidentified record of the amounts pledged.

The treasurer will be providing a periodic update on finances to let the parish know how we're tracking.

ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

HOTHAM MISSION AT WORK: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are essential for the on-going work of Hotham Mission.

Currently there are only five paid staff, and they are all part time. When you add their time fractions together it amounts to an Effective Fulltime workforce of 1.75. They are Neysa (Homework Club), Kymberlee (WomEmpower), Danielle (Food for Thought and Homework Club), Alex (Mount Alexander College Cooking Class), and Joey (Food for Thought and Coordinator of all programs).

Each member of staff is putting in a lot of effort and all programs are going well.

But the staff need help!

Already they are supported by several enthusiastic volunteers, but more are needed. The Mission would like to establish a pool of volunteers from which people can be called upon to help where help is needed most.

At present, programs needing volunteers include Food for Thought (packing food parcels), Homework Club (relating personally to students), and WomEmpower (preparing program materials). And the new van might need drivers. Please, can you help? Phone the office on 9326 8245, or send an email to:

programs@hothammission.org.au

Go to the Hotham Mission web site for more information and an application form:

https://hothammission.org.au/volunteer-registration/

INVITATION TO TENEBRAE



You are invited to attend our special Tenebrae service to be held on the 3rd of April at 7.00pm

Tenebrae is the Latin word for darkness. At this special event, as we listen to the story of the last hours of Jesus' life, candles are extinguished to symbolise the enveloping darkness.

The singing of hymns, plainsong and moments of silence mark the solemnity of the occasion.

ST MARY'S CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

ST MARY'S CLIMATE ACTION GROUP - RESCHEDULED TO 3 APRIL

The first meeting of the St Mary's CAG in 2022 will take place on **Sunday 3 April after the 10am service in the church hall.** Come along to hear an update on the data gathering exercise regarding our parish's energy usage, ideas for political engagement of religious groups around climate change, and discussion of how churches are taking steps to better care for the environment through participating in the Five Leaf Eco Awards. All are welcome to attend!

If you wish to attend online, the Zoom link and details are: bit.ly/StmarysCAG

Meeting ID: 834 8867 8417

Password: 59186031

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES – 10 APRIL



A group from St Mary's will be attending the Walk for Justice for Refugees. This Palm Sunday there will be music at State Library from 1.30pm. At 2pm there will be speakers including Rev Tim Costello AO, Somayeh an Iranian refugee, and faith leaders.

The Walk for Justice will proceed to Park Hotel in Carlton to hear from a refugee speaker detained inside the hotel and refugee advocate, Arnold Zable, followed by more music. The meeting point for Anglicans is at 1:30 pm in front of State Library under the diocesan banner (you can't miss it, it says 'Anglicans Walking Together – Justice for Refugees'). If you are interested in joining the St Mary's group let Audrey know at:

audreycstatham@gmail.com

Don't forget to wear your St Mary's T-shirt!

CHURCH STALL SUNDAY 1ST MAY

The Church will hold a stall after church on Sunday May 1. It will be stocked with goods which will be suitable for Mother's Day giving a week later. Could people start preparing goods for selling on this stall. Jams, chutneys, cakes, etc. would all be welcome. Ask Marion if you want any recipes.

Also little gifts like lavender bags, or scarves or even potted plants.

Marion Poynter (0417364431)

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Dates for Lent:

Sunday, 27 March 2022 - 4th Sunday in Lent and Laetare Sunday - Stewardship Sunday, followed by a Mothering Sunday morning tea with Simnel Cake

Sunday 3 April 2022 - 5th Sunday in Lent 7pm: Service of Tenebrae

Holy Week dates and times:

Sunday 10 April 2022 – 8am and 10am Palm Sunday Procession and Liturgy of the Passion

Thursday 14 April 2022 - 8pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Friday 15 April 2022 - 10am Good Friday Service

Saturday 16 April 2022 - 10am Holy Saturday working bee

Saturday 16 April 2022 - 9pm Great Paschal Vigil

Sunday 17 April 2022 - 10am Easter Day Eucharist

REMINDER: AVE EASTER EDITION

Don't forget to send us your contribution for our Ave Easter Edition!

All contributions to Rhondda by the Sunday after Mothering/Refreshment Sunday so that Darrell isn't trying to organise the printing before all those Holy Week and Easter pew sheets.

YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

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CHOIR PRACTICE

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: bphillips@melbourneanglican.org.au



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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

