

St Mary's



Ascension

29th May 2022



8am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra
10am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay
10am 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

The love and unity for which Jesus prays is not an end in itself. It is a means of proclaiming the nature of God, shown to us in the life of Jesus. Do our lives – family, parish, community – demonstrate that the love with which the Father loved Jesus has now been shared with us?

HYMN 446

D Bm G D Bm Em
D A D Bm G D
Bm Em D A C Em
Am D7 G A A7 Bm F#7 Bm D
Bm C D7 G Em D G A7 D

1. **Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.**

- 2. See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage —
grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.**

- 3. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
For his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.**

- 4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the worldlings' pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.**

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Christ has gone up on high.

Alleluia!

God raised Christ from the dead

and enthroned him at his right hand

in the heavenly realms.

Alleluia!

[At 10am] The choir sings the Vidi aquam as all are sprinkled with water from the baptismal font.

Antiphons and responses:

Cantor then All.

Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord._____

Cantor then All.

Give him glo____ ry and praise for____ ev - er

Springs of water bless the Lord.

Springs of water bless the Lord.

Give him glory and praise for ever.

Give him glory and praise for ever.

[At 8am]

The celebrant introduces the confession

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

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.

GLORIA

Gloria 2

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for_ your glo - ry. 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: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One: you a - lone are the Lord: you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the_ glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Acts 1.1-11

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response

Response

Am G/B Am Em Am G

The Lord is king, the most high

D C/E F G Am Dm Am

o - ver all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
God's throne is justice and right. **Response**
2. The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you spirits, worship him. **Response**
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all spirits. **Response**

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SECOND READING

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1.15-23

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 585

Em C G D / G Am D / G
C Am G D / G Am Em /
Bm Em D G / C D / G
C Am G D / G Am Em

- 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.**

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THE GOSPEL

ANTHEM

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24.44-53

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

Jesus says:

Peace is my parting gift to you,

My own peace, such as the world cannot give.

Trust in God always; trust also in me.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN 517

F C F B \flat C / F
 Dm B \flat C F / C F
 B \flat C / F Dm B \flat C
 F / Am Dm Gm C7 /
 F Dm Gm C /
 F C7 F C /
 F B \flat C7 F

- Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
 his the sceptre, his the throne;
 hallelujah! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone;
 hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood:
 ‘Jesus out of every nation
 has redeemed us by his blood.’**

2. **Hallelujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

3. **Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

4. **Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

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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.

Sanctus 2

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly_ Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Heav'n and earth_ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in_ the high - est.

Benedictus

Bless-ed is he who_ comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in_ the high - est.

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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.

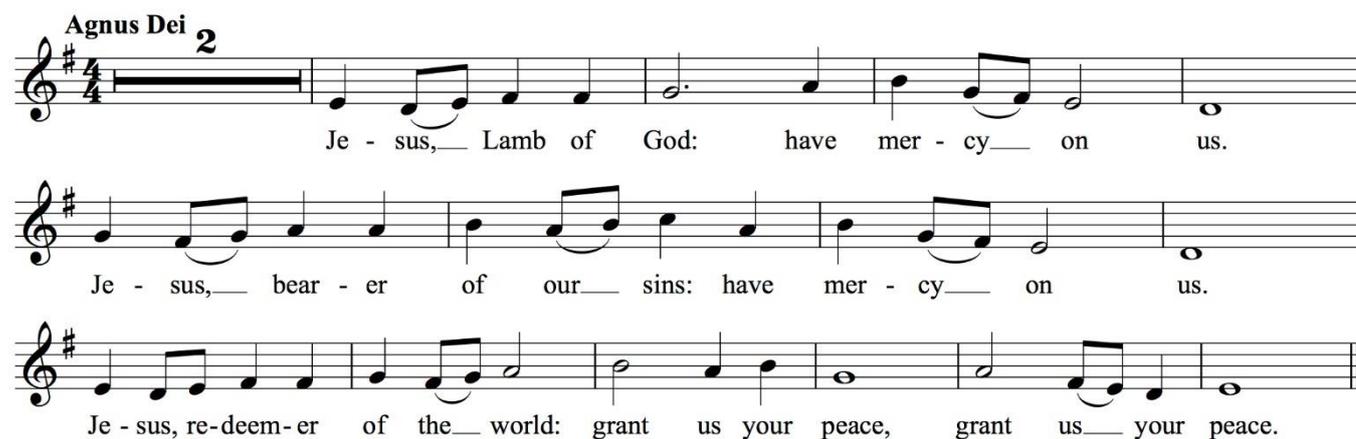
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you
 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come_ a - gain.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei 2



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, grant us your peace.

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THE INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

ANTHEM:

“If ye love me”

T. Tallis (1505 – 1585)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel
of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

HYMN 606

The musical score consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The chords are indicated above the notes. The first staff contains chords F, Am, Gm, C, F, Bb, Gm, and C7. The second staff contains Dm, Am, Gm, C, Bb, Gm, C7, and F. The third staff contains C, F, Bb, Am, Gm, and C7. The fourth staff contains F7, Bb, C, Am Dm, Gm, C7, and F.

1. **Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
Christ our Head, who throned in glory
for your own will ever plead,
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

2. **As you, Lord, have lived for others
so may we for others live;
freely have your gifts been granted,
freely may your servants give:**

**yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of sea and land,
we but stewards of your bounty
held in trust as from your hand.**

**3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease;
by your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.**

**4. Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
in your love you prayed the Father
that your people should be one:
grant, O Christ, our hope's fruition,
here on earth your will be done.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
We go in the name of Christ.

POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Andrew, Susan, Pat, Jocelyn, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Pamela, Mavis, John, + Andrew, Tricia and Neil, Paul, Elsdon, Muriel and Father Rob.

And, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Michaela Jane McMahon and Dorothy Heslop.

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

The Roster – Who’s doing what		
	May 29th	
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	
10:00am Readers	Audrey Statham Fabien Nunes	
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland	
Welcome	Michael Golding	
Introduction & Intercessions	Robert Gribben	
Video/AV	Paul Eikelboom	
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	
Morning Tea	Audrey Statham Rebe Taylor	
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	
Flowers	TBC	

GIVING TO SUPPORT ST MARYS

We value your financial support. This helps us keep our doors open and fulfil our mission.

You can donate by following this link or scanning the QR code:

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STEWARDSHIP AT ST MARY'S – PLEDGE YOUR REGULAR SUPPORT

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 pledges are confidential. Your identity will not be revealed to the Wardens, Parish Council or Vicar.

ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

Roster

Are you able to help at services over the month of June? There are plenty of roles available. Please go to the link in the Parish news or follow the link below to indicate your availability:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTy8AreGgY2JKkrzQyBG1HjUKLFz_KsHsChXmR2HhgVew3Zw/viewform?usp=pp_url

Social Get-together at The Castle!

The last social event at The Castle was fun for those of us who attended, and we thought we'd give it another go. So, save the date, because on Monday 30 May from 7.00 pm some of us will be there again at The Castle pub on 56 Courtney Street in North Melbourne

They have an extensive menu and it's a warm and friendly environment:

<https://thecastlehotel.com.au>

It will be a fun get together and give you the chance to connect with other parishioners. There's no agenda, no speeches, no designated seating and it will be pay your own way.

Come and go as you wish. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Classes

We will be holding confirmation classes later this year. If you'd like to be involved, please contact the office.

General Synod Discussion

Mark and Dorothy giving reflection on general synod on Sunday 5th June at 11.30am.

Patronal Festival Dinner

We are planning to hold a special Parish Reunion Fundraising Dinner on Saturday evening 13 August, the eve of our patronal Festival celebration. This is an advance notice so that you get the date into your diaries and start planning who you could invite to join you on a table.

We are also organising a Raffle to be drawn on the night and we need good prizes. To start us off Father Jan has already offered prizes of a string of pearls and a handwoven shawl, but we need you to start thinking what you could offer or who you know who might be able to donate something. We want to finalise the list of prizes by 30 June so that all of us can be given a book of tickets and start selling them to our friends and relations.

Please contact Susan Gribben or the office with your ideas or offers for the Raffle.

Choir Practice

Choir practice is on Tuesdays 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:

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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*

