

*St Mary's*



*Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday*

*31st July 2022*



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

**10am Presiding:** Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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

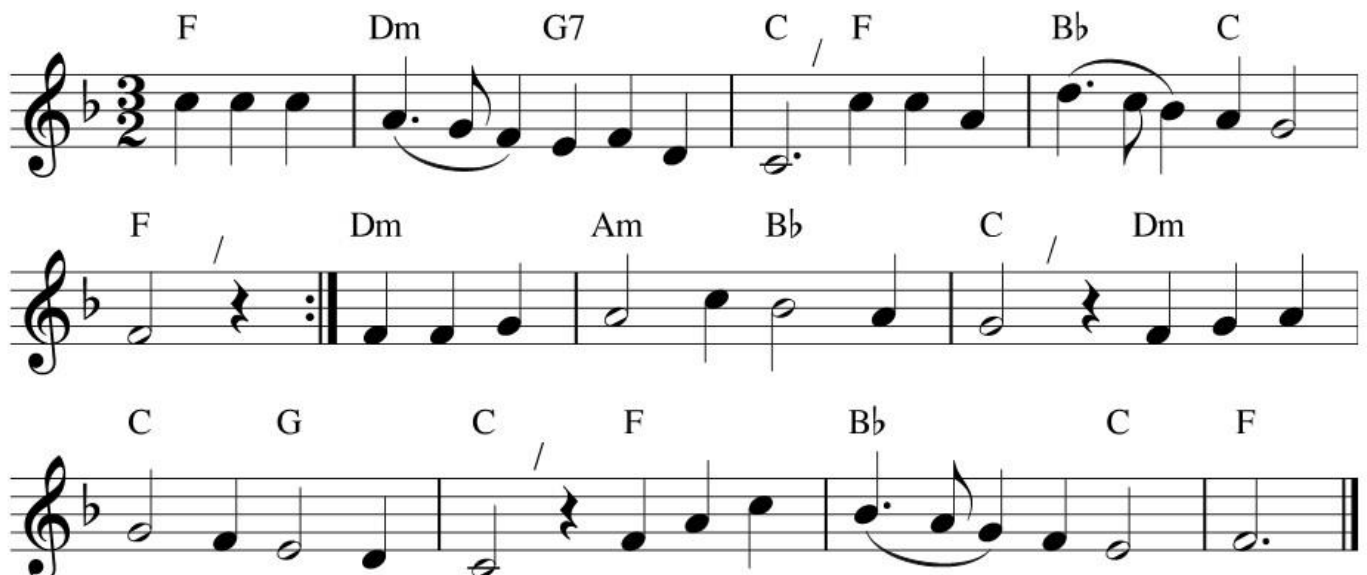
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.*

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

## INTRODUCTION

The parable of the rich fool is startling; it strikes at our desire to provide for our own comfort and for the material care of our families. Its message is not that we shouldn't work hard and enjoy the fruits of our labours. Rather, Jesus warns us of the danger of believing that the only thing that matters is the accumulation of wealth. The old adage remains true: you can't take it with you.

## HYMN 110



1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills,  
and every grief he gently stills:  
*to God all praise and glory!*
2. What God's almighty power has made  
that will he ever cherish,  
and will, unfailing, soon and late,  
with lovingkindness nourish;

**and where he rules in kingly might  
there all is just and all is right:  
*to God all praise and glory!***

- 3. The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
as with a mother's tender hand  
he leads his own, his chosen band:  
*to God all praise and glory!***
- 4. Come, you that name Christ's holy name,  
give God all praise and glory;  
and all who own his power, proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast each false idol from its throne,  
the Lord is God, and he alone:  
*to God all praise and glory!***
- 5. So come before his countenance  
and leap in exultation;  
now gladly pay your due of praise  
in joyful celebration.  
Take courage in the Lord, my heart;  
refreshed in him, play your full part:  
*to God all praise and glory!***

*Johann Jakob Schütz 1640–90  
tr. (vv.1,3,4) Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812–97 alt. (vv.2,5) Honor Mary Thwaites 1914–93  
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## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

The Lord 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.**

**Kyrie 2**

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

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

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

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

*The deacon introduces the confession*

God shows his love for us in this:

while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Sure of reconciliation through the death of his Son

we confess our sins to God.

**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.

## 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

Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Hosea:

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,  
the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them up in my arms;  
but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with bands of love.

I was to them like those  
who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities,  
it consumes their oracle-priests,  
and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call,  
but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;  
my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger;

I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,

the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come in wrath.  
They shall go after the Lord ,  
who roars like a lion;  
when he roars,  
his children shall come trembling from the west.  
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

*Hosea 11.1-11*

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

**Response:**

*Response*

Give thanks, give thanks to the Lord; God's  
love is ev - er - last - ing.

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders God does in the deep.

***Response***

God spoke and commanded the storm,  
tossing the waves of the sea;  
to the heavens they rose and fell back.  
Their courage gave way in distress.

***Response***

When they cried to the Lord in their need,  
God rescued them from their distress;  
God stilled the storm to a whisper;  
all the waves of the sea were hushed.

***Response***



They rejoiced because of the calm,  
God led them to a safe haven.  
Let them thank the Lord for such  
love, the wonders God does for us all.

### ***Response***

#### SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*Colossians 3.1-11*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# HYMN 611

*Gtr. Capo 3* Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) Cm(Am)

D7(B7) Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) D(B) Gm(Em) Cm(Am)

D7(B7) Gm(Em) D7(B7)

Gm(Em) Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
F7(D7) Bb(G) Cm(Am)

grant us cour - age, for the fa - cing of this

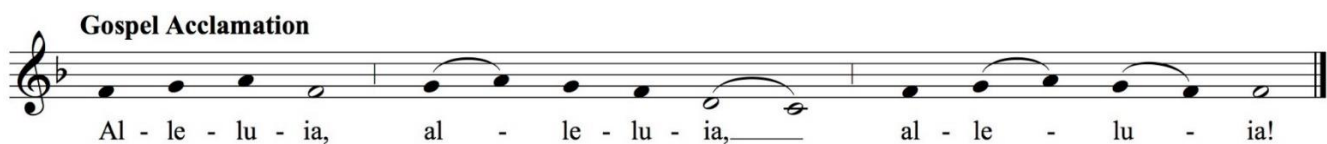
D(B) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) D7(B7) Gm(Em)

hour, for the fa - cing of this hour.

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil your Church's story,  
bring the bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. See the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore.

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## THE GOSPEL

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

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

*Luke 12.13-21*

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

Jesus says:

‘Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives I give to you.

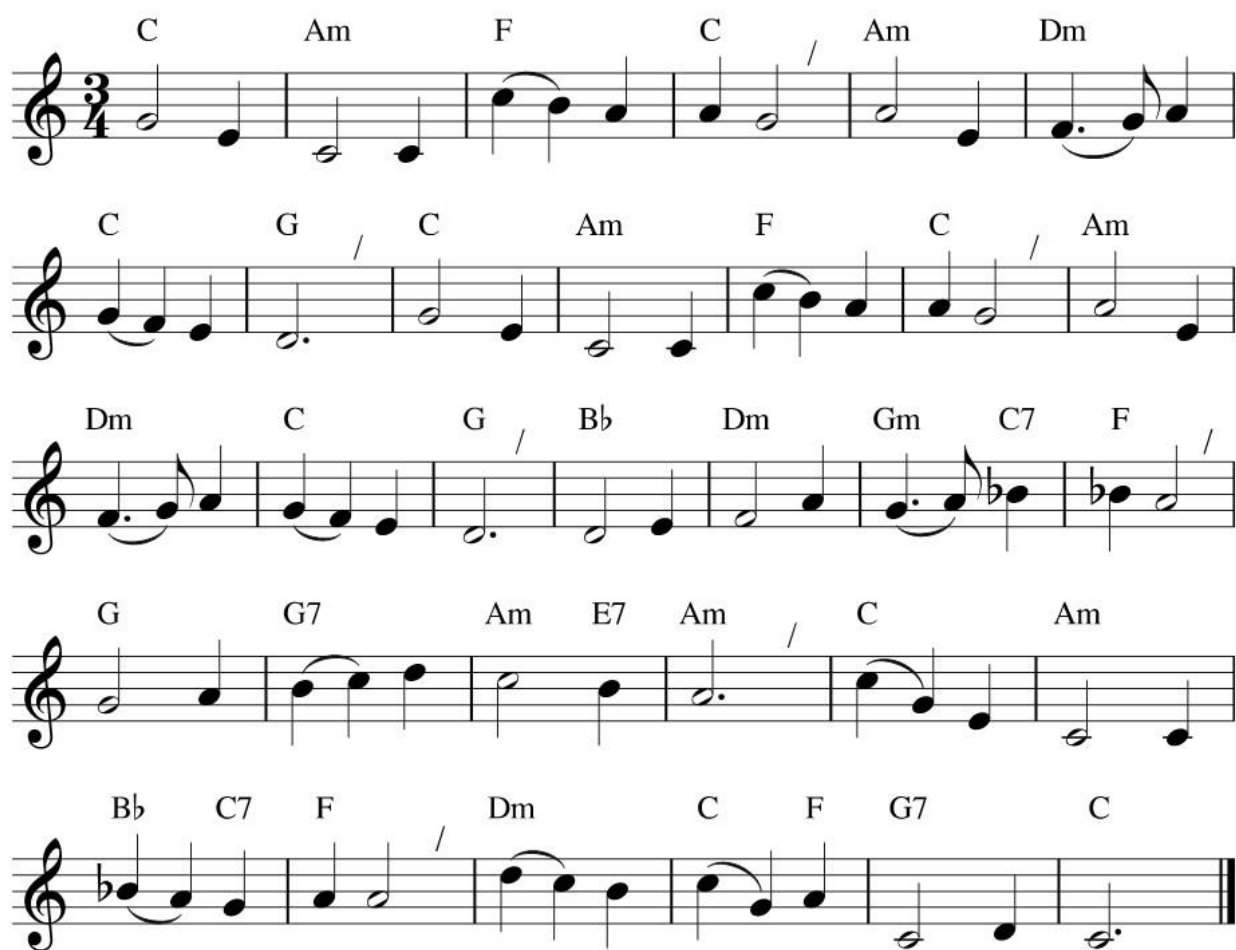
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

The peace of the Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN 153



- 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.**

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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

<i>Celebrant</i>  The___ Lord be___ with___ you.	<i>People</i>  And___ al - so___ with___ you.
<i>Celebrant</i>  Lift___ up your___ hearts.	<i>People</i>  We lift them to___ the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>  Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.	<i>People</i>  It is right to give our thanks_ and praise._

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:



**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.

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

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.'

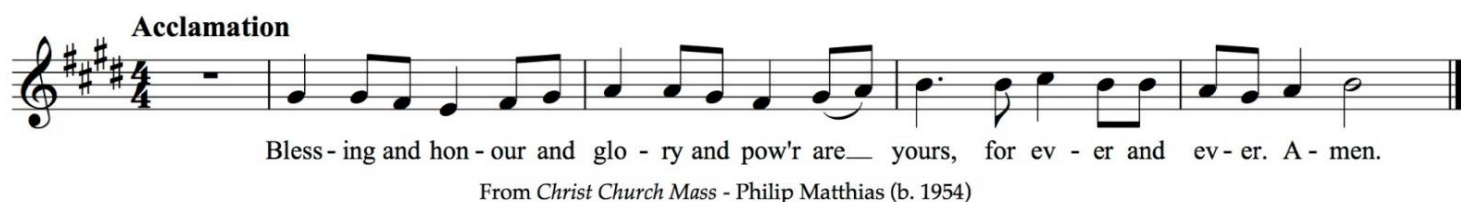
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,  
we remember his life of obedience to you,  
his suffering and death,  
his resurrection and exaltation,  
and his promise to be with us for ever.  
With this bread and this cup  
We celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood  
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,  
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel  
of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**



## 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

**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.

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

## 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.

## ANTHEM

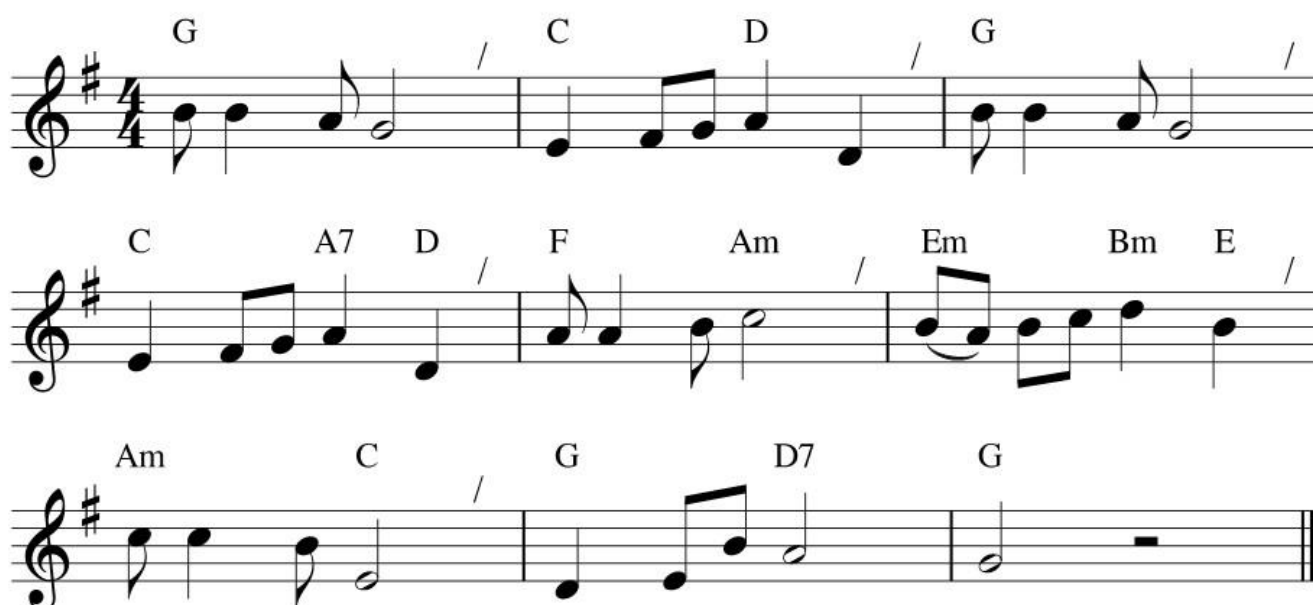
‘Give almes of thy goods’

*Christopher Tye*  
(c1500 – 1572 or 1573)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN 656



1. **Jesus, my Lord,  
let me be near you:  
by your own word**

**help me to hear you.  
Jesus, my Lord,  
lead me to love you,  
nothing more dear,  
no one above you.**

**2. All through the day,  
sisters and brothers,  
yours we will be,  
caring for others,  
hearing your words,  
learning your story,  
bearing your cross,  
sharing your glory.**

**3. Teach us to know  
seeing from blindness,  
help us to show  
everywhere kindness.  
Jesus, our Lord,  
lead us and guide us,  
best of all friends,  
always beside us.**

*Howard Charles Adie Gaunt 1902–83  
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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 almighty God keep you from all harm and bless you with every good gift; may he set his word in your heart and fill you with lasting joy; may you walk in his ways always knowing what is right and good, until you enter your heavenly inheritance, and may 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 to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

Praeludium in F. BuxWV 144.

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)*

## PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Helen, Graeme, Gerard, Ben and Annie, Calvin, Andrew, Susan, Jocelyn, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Pamela, Mavis, John, + John, Tricia and Neil, Paul, and Father Rob.

And, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Bertie Charles Palmer, Dianne Groom and Joyce E. Bruce.

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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## **Choir Practice**

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

We are interested & keen to welcome new members of any age.

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

## **Delta Studies - Wisdom and Being Wise**

Here are some of the topics that are being covered in this series:

- \* Wisdom in the Hebrew Bible
- \* Wisdom in the Gospels
- \* Wisdom is St Paul, especially I Corinthians.
- \* Wisdom in the Desert Fathers and Mothers
  - \* Wisdom in the Mishnah
  - \* Wisdom in St Augustine

This study will take place at 11:30 in the Church.

If you prefer to join online, pls use this link:

<https://bit.ly/SaintMary-DELTA>

Looking forward to seeing you there.

## **Food Donations for St Marks**

It's very cold and many of our neighbours don't have enough food to keep warm. In the past we have attended to this in two ways. First by contributing through the office to the Benevolent Fund. This provides meat to the kitchens at St Mark's Fitzroy, where people are provided with a hot meal. Second by providing non-perishable items like noodles or canned beans and soup or toiletries.

Leave them in the Baptistry on Sunday mornings and they will be taken to Anglicare at Fitzroy. Please buy an extra article or two when you do your own shopping. Thanks.

# Patronal Festival and Dinner



We are celebrating the feast of Saint Mary again this year with our annual Patronal dinner. A High Mass and Morning Tea will occur the following day.

## **The Patronal Dinner is BYO**

**Date and Time:** 13th August, 2022 at 7.00pm

**Location:** St Mary's Church Hall. You can book via Trybooking at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CAHJF>

Alternatively, you can pay through the church bank account. If using this method, please specify that you're paying for the patronal dinner e.g. Patronal dinner for 3.

**Account Name:** St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

**Bank:** Westpac

**BSB:** 033 132 **Account Number:** 264412



## Roster – Who’s Doing What?

	July 31st
<b>8:00am Reader</b>	Rhondda Fahey
<b>10:00am Readers</b>	Audrey Statham Geoff Jenkins
<b>Serving Team</b>	Andrew Murray Peter O’Donoghue
<b>Welcome</b>	Michael Golding
<b>Introduction &amp; Intercessions</b>	TBC
<b>Video/AV</b>	Adam Wing
<b>Kids Corner &amp; Sunday School</b>	Harriet Jenkins
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Audrey Statham Paul Eikelboom
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Parish Council +1
<b>Flowers</b>	Father Jan

## ST MARY’S PARISH NOTICES

### Patronal Edition of Ave

The next edition of Ave is due for the Patronal festival. Everyone is encouraged to write an article. You don’t have to be especially invited just give in to that creative urge. End of July would be super but could you at least let Rhondda Fahey know what to expect.

You can send contributions directly to the office or to Rhondda Fahey at:

[rhondda.fahey@bigpond.com](mailto:rhondda.fahey@bigpond.com)

## Hospitality Committee

Are you able to help with morning teas? The hospitality committee is seeking additional help. The current members are Helen, Susan, Denise and Marion. Please chat to them if you'd like to be involved.

## Raffle Books

If you have taken a raffle book would you please inform Deepa so that she can be sure to get them all back before the dinner.

## Confirmation Classes

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

## 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:*

<http://st-marys-anglican-north-melbourne.square.site/>



*Or make a direct transfer to:*

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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.

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The Anglican Diocese in conjunction with St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne does not tolerate abuse, harassment or other misconduct within our communities. If any person has concerns about behavior of a 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](http://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*

