



Season of Creation 2
11th September 2022



8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee
10am Presiding: Rev'd Dr Luke Hopkins
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

In week 2 of our series – the ‘Season of Creation’ we again explore the theme of climate change and its devastating impact on our environment and the lives of so many living creatures. Jeremiah speaks powerfully of the waste-land we have created by our folly; Luke portrays God’s seeking out and rejoicing over the lost (in this case, perhaps lost species or wildlife?). But above all the great hymn of Colossians presents Christ as the goal and hope of the earth and the Church.

HYMN TIS 179

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

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

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

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

- 1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.**

- 2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence —
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.**
- 3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure —
foolishness none dare deride.**
- 4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

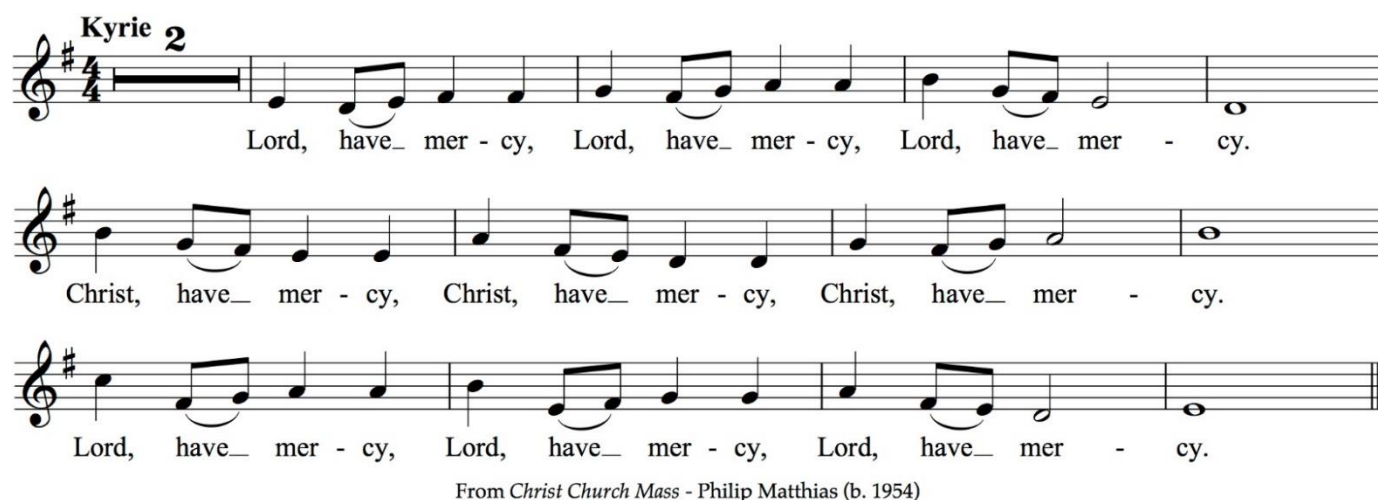
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**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's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistle and longs to be set free. Our sin affects all around us. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Creator God, we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you. We have broken our relationships with one another, abused your fragile creation, wounded your love and marred your holy image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love. Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people and of your glorious creation for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed: forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom 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.

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THE COLLECT

O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. This is your doom; how bitter it is! It has reached your very heart. ... For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know

how to do good. I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Jer 4:11–12, 22–28

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51 TIS 32

Response:

Response

Em Am Em Fmaj7 Dm Am C

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be___

F G7 Am Em Am

mer - ci - ful. O Lord. for we have sinned.

1. **Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *Response***
2. **My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. *Response***

- 3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. *Response***
- 4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise. *Response***

tr. The Grail (1963, 1983)

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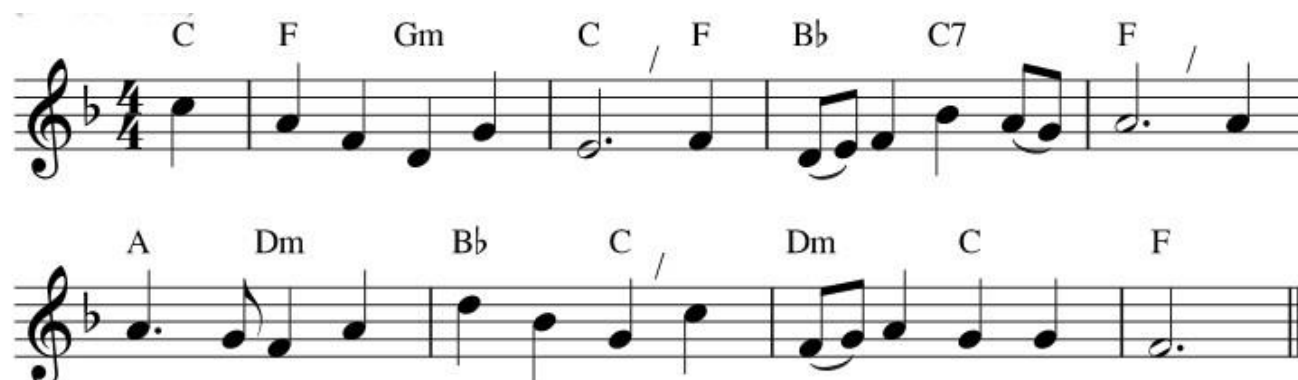
A reading from the letter to the Colossians:

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Col 1:15–20

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

HYMN TIS 428



1. **Help us, O Lord, to learn
the truths your word imparts:
to study that your laws may be
inscribed upon our hearts.**
2. **Help us, O Lord, to live
the faith which we proclaim,
that all our thoughts and words and deeds
may glorify your name.**
3. **Help us, O Lord, to teach
the beauty of your ways,
that all who seek may find the Christ,
and live a life of praise.**

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THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Christ is the firstborn of all creation;
all things have been created through him and for him.

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

Luke 15:1–10

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.

INTERCESSIONS

8 am:

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

The heavens tell of your glory;

For our land, its beauty and its resources,

For the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray: For those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

that we may use your gifts responsibly;

For those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;

For artists, scientists and visionaries,
That through their work we may see creation afresh.

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all who are deprived of fullness of life,
For prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;
For those in politics, medical science, relief work, and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

God, Source of all being, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

10 am:

Let us pray for the world and for the Church:

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.

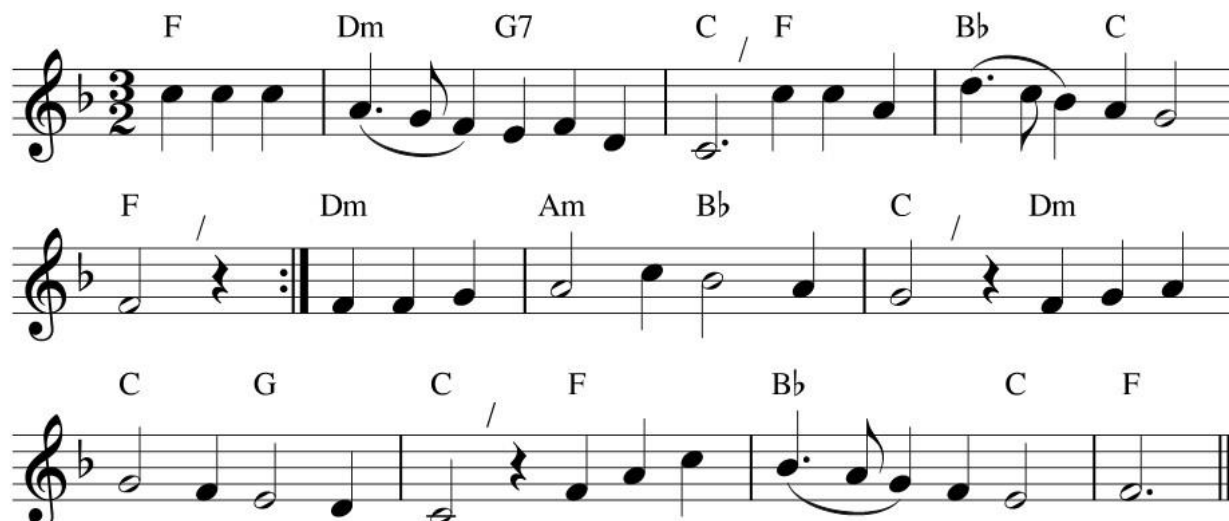
THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ: **his Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN TIS 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
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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.

O God, eternal Wisdom, all you have made is beautiful and good. We thank you for darkness and light, for this earth and for our bodies, for growth and change and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination. In every generation you befriend your people. You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets, and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away. You were vindicated in your Son Jesus who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace. Though we rejected him, death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love. You raised him up for us, the firstborn from the dead, to build a new community of hope where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends. And so we praise you with Mary, mother of the living Word, and with all your faithful friends in heaven and on earth, as we join the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

God of the feast, your household is hungry for the bread of heaven and the cup of life. Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration, so that

we may eat at this table and be satisfied with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it to share with them, and said: Take and eat this: it is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.

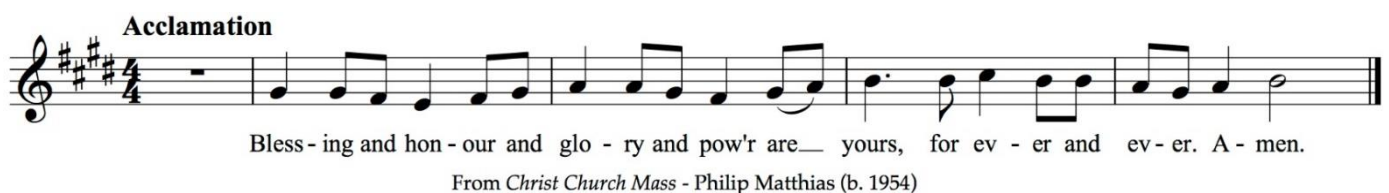
Then he took a cup of wine. Again he thanked you and said: Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Make us good stewards of creation, with justice in our hearts, courage in our actions and power in our speech to bear witness to the truth. Protect us with your glory, unite your church in loyalty and love, and bring us home with all your saints to feast with you for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, and in the Spirit's grace, with heart and soul and mind and strength we love and worship you alone, O God:



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:

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your whole Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom. Amen.**

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

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:

‘O Lord, bow down thine ear’

G P Palestrina (1525-1594)
(Kyrie from Missa Aeterna Christi Munera)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN COME DOWN TO EARTH



1. Come down to earth, our God of welcome,
In place and people,
In bread we share with strangers.
We speak your peace, and sing your blessings.
2. Come down to earth, our God of wisdom,
In dust and clover, In roads that rise to meet us.
We hear your words, and see your visions.
3. Come down to earth, our God of hoping,
In brick and bluestone, in daily bread and courage.
We set our faces towards heaven.

**4. Come down to earth, our God of sorrow,
In roots and river, In tracks that call for treaty.
We reconcile to walk this country.**

**5. Come down to earth, our God of living,
In drought and rainfall, In wounded heart and body.
We work to heal our world together.**

** Text: Katherine Firth (b.1979)
Music: Christopher Willock SJ (b. 1947)
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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

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*(* This hymn was commissioned for the 175th anniversary of the Anglican & Roman Catholic Dioceses of Melbourne, this year).*

PRAYERS

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

And whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Kythe Pratt, Elizabeth Danne, Mary Ann Harrison, Robert Houghton (Priest, former Vicar), and Charlotte Phyllis Carnegie.

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

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Roster – Who's doing what?		
	September 11th	September 18th
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead	Rhondda Fahey
10:00am Readers	Elizabeth Brookes Susan Gribben	Katie Holmes Michael Noble
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland	Peter O'Donoghue Andrew Murray
Welcome	Sam Miller	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercessions	Geoff Jenkins	Josephine Snowdon
Video/AV	Paul Eikelboom	Sam Miller

Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	School Holidays
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	Margaret Noble Michael Noble
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Andrea O'Donoghue	TBC

Music Festival Weekend

The Music Festival Weekend at St Patrick's Cathedral, from Friday 16 September to Sunday 18 September, is fast approaching. The weekend will feature a diverse repertoire, exquisite choral classics, and broad sweep of professional musicians from across Melbourne. We trust that you will be able to join us for the following event -

French Choral Classics, directed by Christopher Watson

Friday 16 September, 8pm

Tickets \$50, Concession \$35, Children under 15 years admitted free

This program includes one of the most sublime and masterful pieces from the French repertoire, Duruflé's Requiem, Op.9, performed by singers from both Cathedral choirs.

Tickets are available at the door or by visiting

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

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 Baptistery 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.

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.

Poetry Corner

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And wears man's smudge, and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, Nature is never spent;
There lives the deepest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went,
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889), 'God's Grandeur'

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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*

