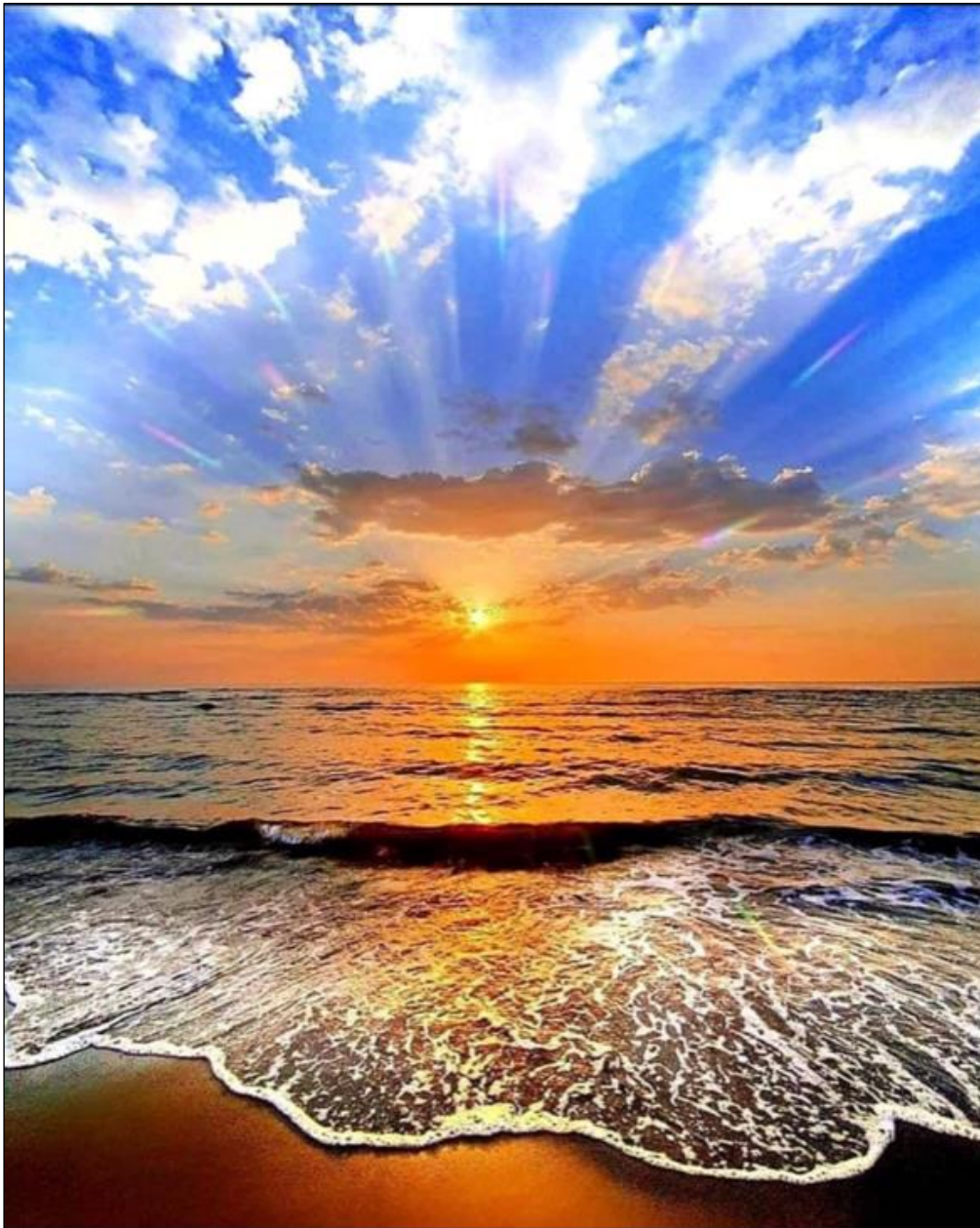




Season of Creation 1
4th September 2022



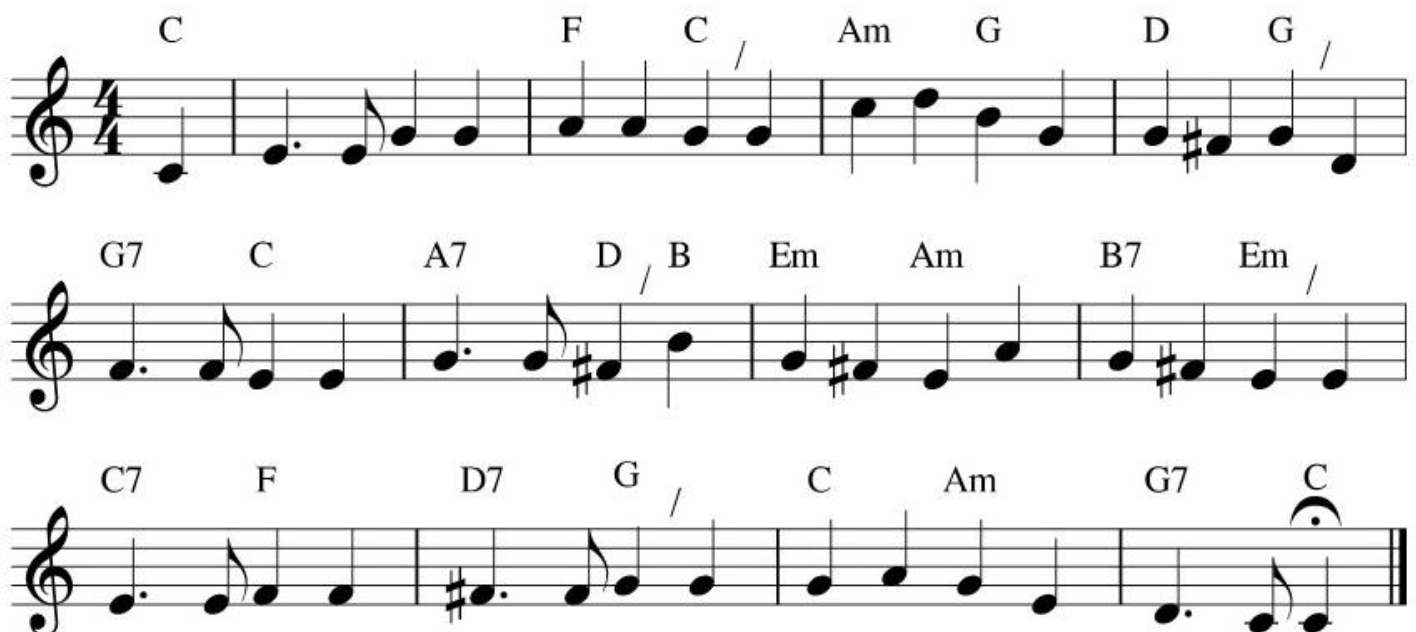
8am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee
10am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay (Associate Priest)
10am Preaching: Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee

*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

Today, we begin our five week series – the ‘Season of Creation’. As we do so, we join with many other churches and denominations around the world. The world and its environment is a precious gift given to us by God, one that we should treasure, nurture and grow.

HYMN A&M 536 TIS 615



- 1. Creator God, the world around
declares your glory – flower and tree,
the evening sky and torrent's sound
and mountain stream and rolling sea.
Yet all this beauty cannot show
a God whom we can truly know.**

- 2. Composer God, all music sings
your power, your praise, your majesty:
in drum and trumpet, flute and strings,
in choir and song and symphony.
Yet music which inspires our praise
can never fathom all your ways.**
- 3. Designer God, in shape and form
the beauty you inspire is shown;
in line and colour, etched or drawn,
in sculpture, painting, glass and stone.
Yet all these talents can't express
the full truth of your loveliness.**
- 4. Mysterious God, though all the arts
of nature and of human skill
may move us, yet our longing hearts
are never satisfied until
in Jesus Christ you show your face:
A God of love and truth and grace.**

Brian Hoare (b. 1935)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

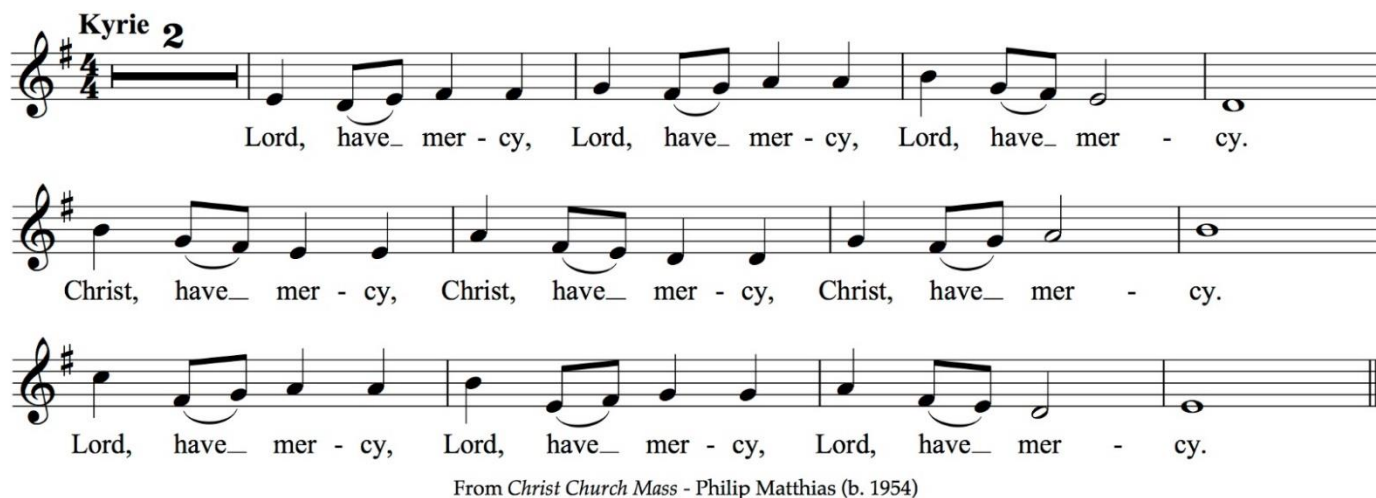
Amen.

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.

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope and love, and,
that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Deut 30:15-20

Hear the word of the Lord.

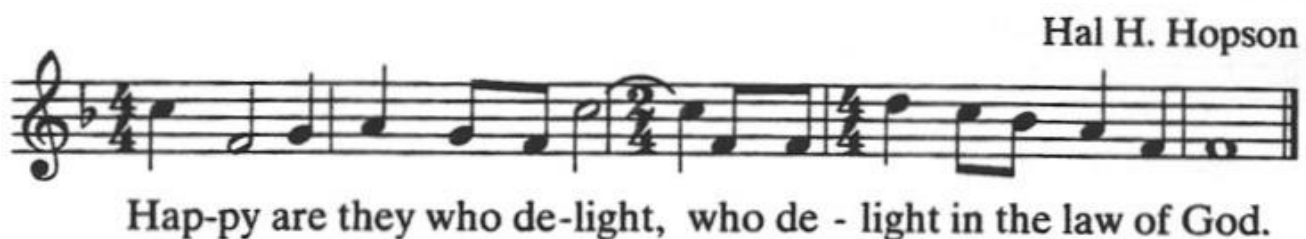
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

PSALTER 1

Response:

Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God



Happy are they who refuse the way of evil,
Nor walk the road of sinners, nor speak the mockers of God.

Response

Joy shall be in the hearts of those who delight in the law of God,

For they recite the law, they speak it day and night.

Response

They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing waters,
They bear their fruit in due season, their leaves fade not, they prosper.

Response

It is not so for all, not so with evil doers,
They blow like chaff in the wind, they fall by the weight of the truth.

Response

God upholds the just, God knows the way of the righteous,
But the evil ones shall perish, shall perish by their deeds.

Response

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SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:18-25

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

HYMN TIS 621



- O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us,
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.**

2. From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.
3. Lord, strengthen all who labour
that all may find release
from fear of rattling sabre,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter
your servants undergird.
4. Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

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THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

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 large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. ‘Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

Luke 14.25-35

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

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.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life;

for all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all through their own or others' actions are deprived of fullness of life,

For prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;

For those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,

for all who seek to bring life to others.

Silence

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.

Silence

God, Creator, 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.**

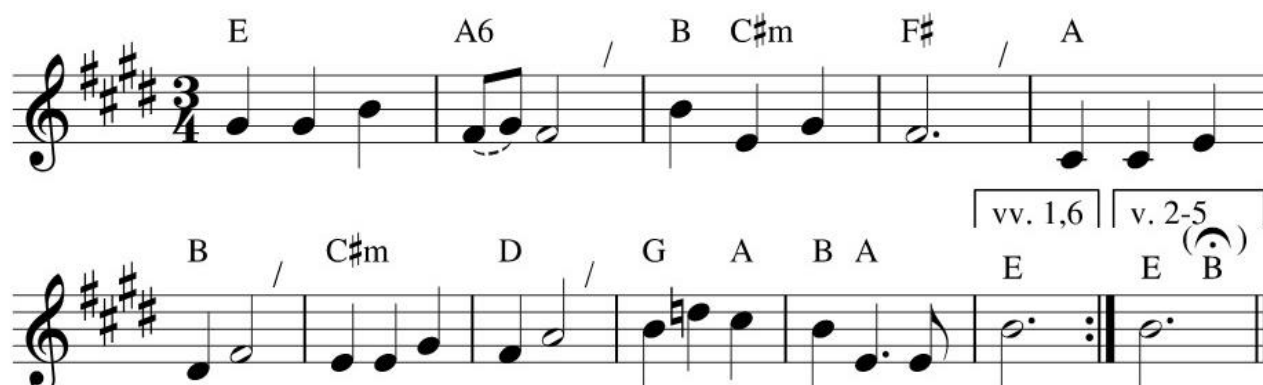
THE PEACE

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
 The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
 Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN TIS 468



1. We are your people;
 Spirit of grace,
 you dare to make us
 to all our neighbours,
 Christ's living voice, hands and face.
2. Joined in community,
 treasured and fed,
 may we discover
 gifts in each other,
 willing to lead and be led
3. Rich in diversity,
 help us to live
 closer than neighbours,
 open to strangers,
 able to clash and forgive.
4. Glad of tradition,
 help us to see
 in all life's changing,
 where you are leading,
 where our best efforts should be.

- 5. Give, as we venture
justice and care
(peaceful, resisting,
waiting or risking)
wisdom to know wh**

- 6. Christ as we serve you
in different ways,
may all we're doing
show that you're living,
meeting your love with our praise.**

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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

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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.

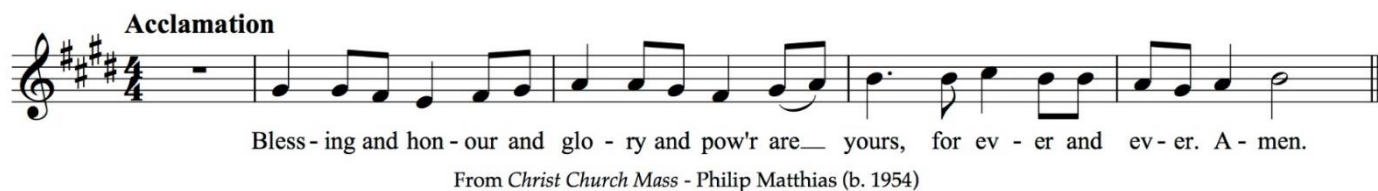
Then he took a cup of wine. Again he thanked you and said: Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

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, for ever and 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.**

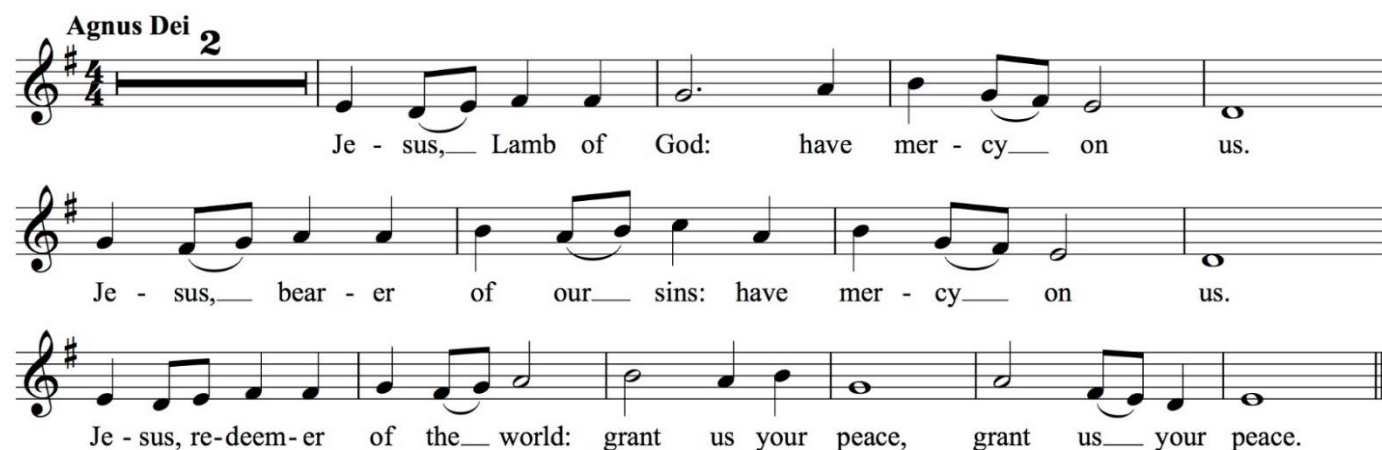
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Breaking of Bread

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners 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.

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:

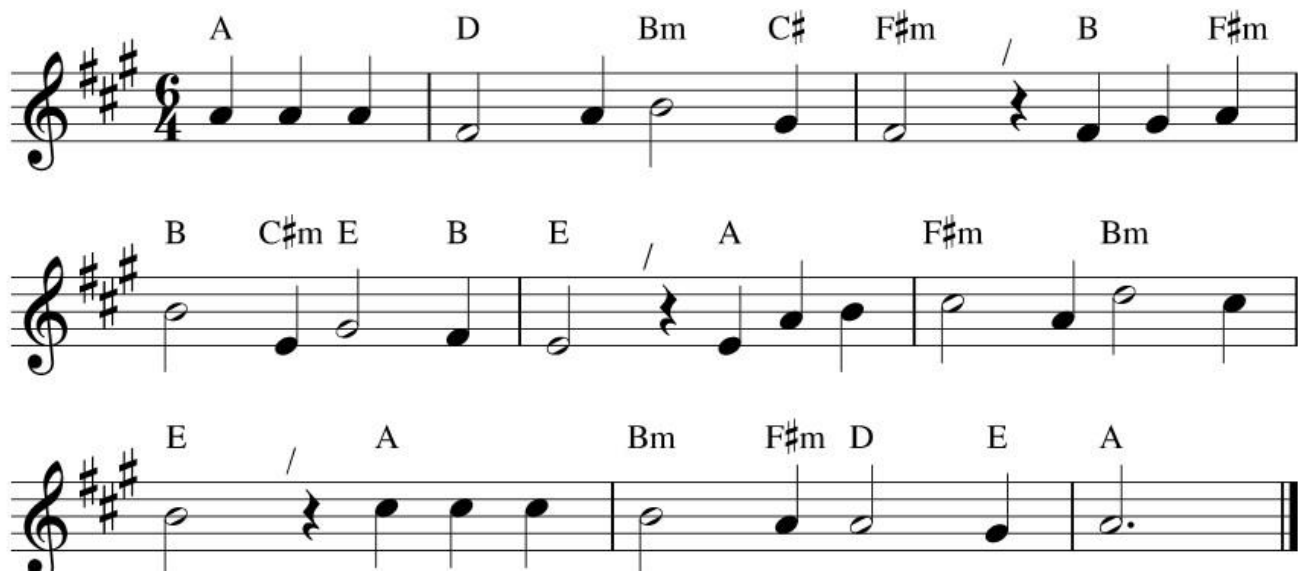
‘My eyes for beauty Pine’

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) text Robert Bridges (1844-1920)

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 TIS 583



1. 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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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

God of the harvest,
bless the labours of our hearts and hands,
bless the fruits of our cooperation and community,
bless the gathering of neighbours and strangers.
Awaken us to your longing for a different world,
where all are welcomed, valued and appreciated.
Give us grace to discern your presence in one another
and in the invitation of your Son, Jesus Christ,
that, together, we may come to the eternal harvest of your grace.
And 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

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 for those who have passed: Helen Windsor.

And whose anniversaries of death fall this week: John Marley, Vernon Samule Charles Jones, Jeananne (Jackie) Webber, Ted Scragg and Patricia Blaikie.

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

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St Marys Roster
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	September 4th	September 11th
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Jenny Langmead
10:00am Readers	Robert Gribben Alice Christofi	Elizabeth Brookes Susan Gribben
Serving Team	Peter O'Donoghue Andrew Murray	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland
Welcome	Anne Sunderland	Lord Samuel Charles Miller of Glencoe ;)
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham	Geoff Jenkins
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Paul Eikelboom
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Susan Gribben Josie Snowdon	Helen McCallum David Keuneman
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Marion Poynter	Andrea O'Donoghue

ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

Barry Marshall Memorial Lecture

A reminder that you are invited to join us for the 50th Annual Barry Marshall Memorial Lecture, presented by The Ven. Dr Hirini Kaa, Archdeacon for Mātauranga (Aotearoa) at the Trinity College Theological School.

Date: Tuesday 6 September 2022

Time: 7.30 – 9pm

Location: The Craig Auditorium
Gateway Building, Trinity College
100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052

Cost: Free admission

RSVP: By COB Friday 2 September 2022
[Click here to RSVP](#)

Enquiries: Theological School | 03 9348 7127
theologyevents@trinity.edu.au

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

Archbishop's Annual Dinner

A reminder that the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Revd Dr Philip Freier, along with his wife Joy, invite you to join them at the 2022 Archbishop's Dinner.

Date: Wednesday 14 September 2022

Time: Evensong from 5.45 – 6.15pm
Dinner from 6.30 – 10pm

Location: Trinity College Dining Hall
100 Royal Parade
Parkville, VIC 3052

Dress: Lounge suit

Cost: \$110 per person

RSVP: By COB Wednesday 7 September 2022
[Click here to RSVP](#)

Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran | 03 9348 7536
events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

If you are unable to attend on the night, this year we have introduced the option to pre-bid on our multiple items on offer in our silent auction.

To pre-bid, please find attached our silent auction bidding form. Download the form, and fill in your required information on the top of the first page.

Place your desired one-time maximum bid amount in the space next to the item/s you like. Please note you may be successful on more than one of your bids. Please then save and send your completed ballot bidding form to kathryn.racovalis@helpinghand.com.au

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.

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.

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:

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

Bank: Westpac

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

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

A Light exists in Spring
Not present on the Year
At any other period –
When March is scarcely here

A Colour stands abroad
On Solitary Fields
That Science cannot overtake
But Human Nature feels.

It waits upon the Lawn,
It shows the furthest Tree
Upon the furthest Slope you know
It almost speaks to you.

Then as Horizons step
Or Noons report away
Without the Formula of sound
It passes and we stay –

A quality of loss
Affecting our Content
As Trade had suddenly encroached
Upon a Sacrament.

Emily Dickinson
(December 10, 1830 – May 15, 1886)

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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.

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*

