

St Mary's



Advent 2

4th December 2022



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay

10am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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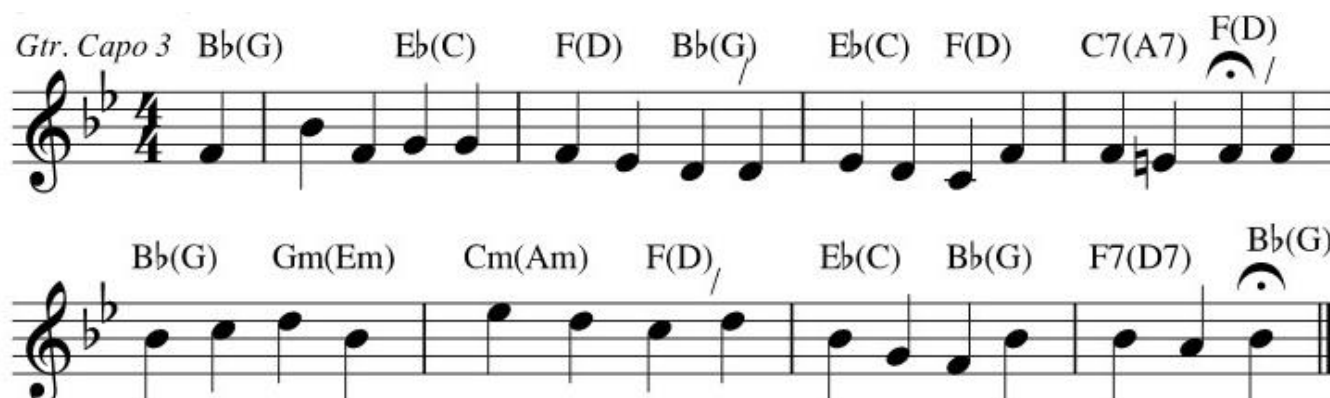
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

John the Baptist is not just another prophet calling Israel back to holiness. His baptism is a sign of the urgency of the times. In the words of Isaiah, God tells us that John is the herald who announces the coming of the Lord and the precursor who prepares the way for him.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 270



1. **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**
2. **Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.**
3. **For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**

4. **To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

5. **To him who left the throne of heaven
to free us all, let praise be given;
and praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.**

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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.

Remain standing for the lighting of the Advent wreath

We have this ADVENT WREATH to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

As we light the second candle let us say together:

Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

We light the First candle to remind us of all God's people who, in every age, watched for his coming.

A young person asks: **'Why do we light the second candle?'**

A parent replies: **'We light the Second candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets.'**

‘A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of its roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.’

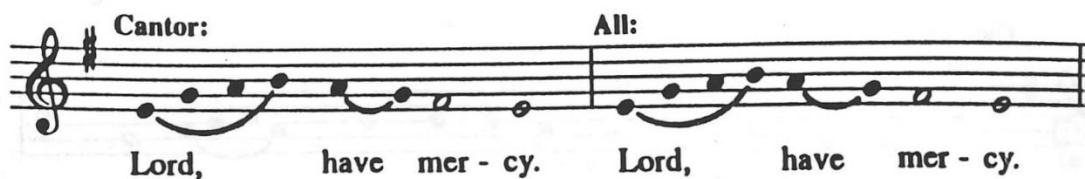
Isaiah 11:1-2

For the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Let us say together:

Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.

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.



Missa Emmanuel
R. Proulx

THE CONFESSION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE COLLECT

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; 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 book of the prophet Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11.1-10

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

PSALM 72

Response:



Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. ***Response***

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. ***Response***

May his name remain forever and be established as long as the sun endures; may all nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed. Blessed be the Lord God, the God is Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be God's glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with God's glory.

Response

Peter R. Hallock

SECOND READING:

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

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name';

and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

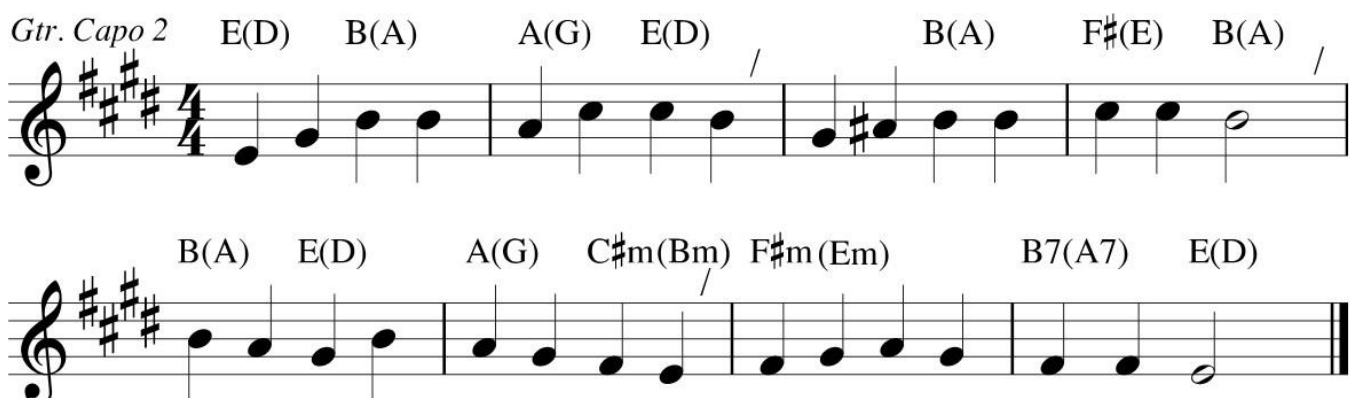
Romans 15.4-13

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

TIS 264



- Hark! a herald voice is calling:**
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!'

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2. **Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling
shines upon the morning skies.**
 3. **Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon now from heav'n;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiv'n.**
 4. **So when love comes forth in judgment,
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,
faithful may he find his servants
watching till the dawn appear.**

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God
Alleluia

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew:

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'
This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Matthew 3.1-12

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 PEACE

We are the body of Christ: **His spirit is with us.**


The peace of Christ be always with you: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.


THE OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 275


Gtr. Capo 2 E(D) A(G) B(A) E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D) /




A(G) B(A) E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D) /



F#m(Em) G#(F#) C#m(Bm) B(A) C#m(Bm) G#(F#) /



E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D) / A(G) B(A) E(D)



1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free,
and take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with help and mercy
to those who suffer wrong,
to raise the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls condemned and dying
were precious in his sight.

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3. **He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**
 4. **Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**
 5. **O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is love.**

James Montgomery 1771–1854 alt.







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.

All thanks and praise, glory and honour,
be yours at all times and in all places,
holy and loving Father, true and living God.

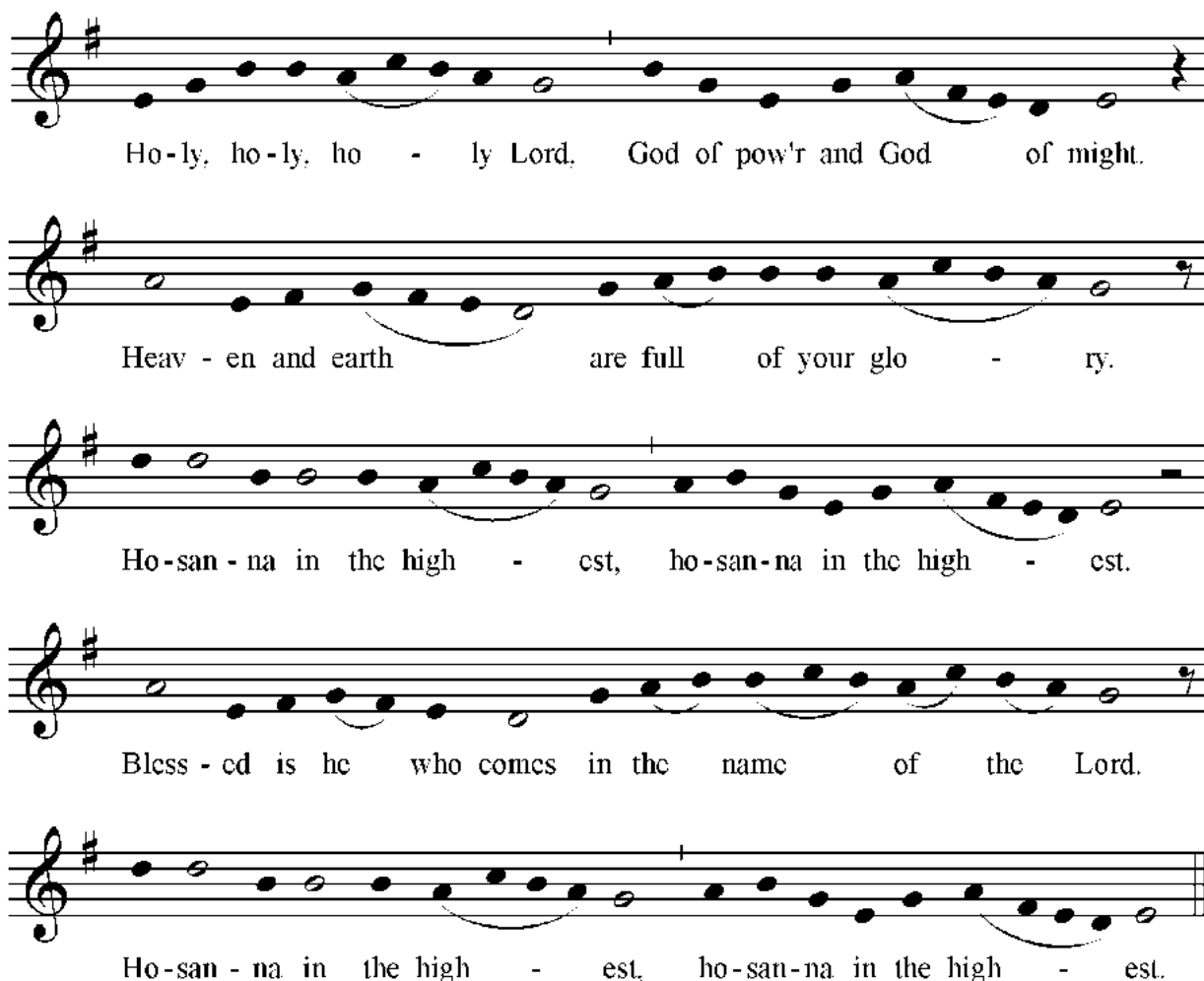
We praise you that through your eternal word
you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image.
You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,
and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race
with the promises of a gracious covenant
and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ: born as one of us,
he lived our common life and offered his life to you
in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin,
brought us new life,
and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:



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.

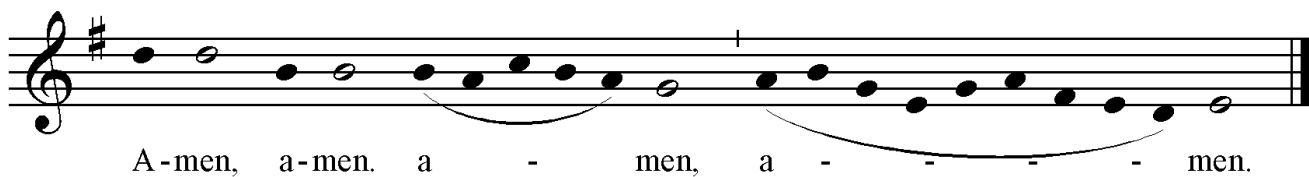
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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.'
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.



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

* Je - sus, wis - dom and might - - - y Lord: you
Je - sus, true branch of Jes - - - se's tree:
Key of Da - vid and Day - spring form on high:
De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

THE ANTHEM

This is the Truth Sent from Above

English Trad. Ralph Vaughan Williams

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 265

Em Am Em G Em Am Em

Am G D Am Em Am Em

Refrain D G Bm Em Am Em C Am Bm Em

Re-joice! re-joice! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

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1. **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2. **O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to the tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

Rejoice! rejoice! ...

3. **O come, O key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.**

Rejoice! rejoice! ...

Sung unaccompanied:

4. **O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

Rejoice! rejoice! ...

5. **O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Rejoice! rejoice! ...

*Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier based on Antiphons from 9th cent. or earlier
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 alt.*

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Father Rob, Bishop John (Parkes), Bianca and family.

And whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Graeme Harper and Anna Harrison.

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ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

This week's Delta Session for Advent

This week's Delta session for Advent is:

- Apocalyptic in the New Testament (Mother Dorothy)

It will be held directly after the Sunday service. The session next week will be:

- the Future Coming of Christ (Father Mark).

There is a new link for Delta Studies online. You can go to:

<https://bit.ly/delta-studies-23>

SERVICES OVER THE 2022 CHRISTMAS PERIOD

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS:

7.00pm Sunday 18th December

MIDNIGHT MASS: 11.30pm Saturday 24th December

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.00am Sunday 25th December

Social night at The Castle

We're holding a social night on **Monday the 5th of December** from 7.00 pm. All are welcome to join us at The Castle, 56 Courtney Street North Melbourne.
<https://thecastlehotel.com.au>

No agenda, no speeches, no designated seating and it will be pay your own way.

Come and go as you wish. See you there!

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



ALL WELCOME
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
7.00PM SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Anglicare

There's so much in the media about the financial difficulties people are having in providing for themselves and their families. And to top it all off Christmas is coming.

There are several ways to help if you are able.

1. Basic grocery items. Noodles and canned food are popular
2. Basic toiletries. Soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, female hygiene.
3. Coles or Woolworths cards
4. Money
5. Christmas food
6. Christmas presents for children and teens

Everyday items can be left in the baptistery any Sunday.

Christmas items, not wrapped, can be brought on the last two Sundays in November and the first Sunday in December.

After that it's too late and the gifts are held over till the next year.

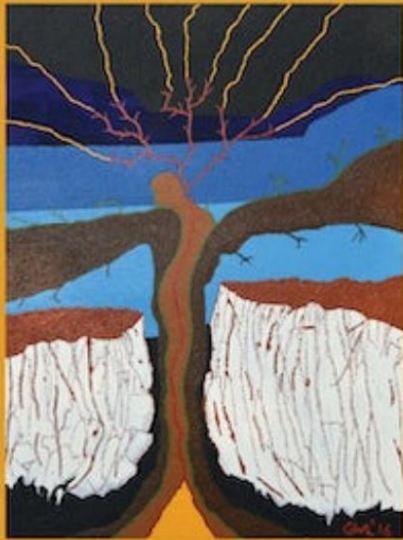
Please mark any Christmas items for the homeless men at St Mark's.

Presents and food for families, including for children, will be taken to Mission House for distribution.

Thank you for participating in this expression of God's generosity.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Enduring Impact of the Gospel of John



edited by Robert A. Derrenbacker Jr.,
Dorothy A. Lee, and Muriel Porter
FOREWORD BY FRANCIS J. MOLONEY, SDB

BOOK LAUNCH

Join Bishop Alison Taylor as we officially launch *The Enduring Impact of the Gospel of John* (Wipf & Stock), edited by Robert A. Derrenbacker Jr., Dorothy A. Lee, and Muriel Porter with a foreword by Francis J. Moloney, SDB

John's Gospel possesses a generous range of meanings and has had an enduring impact across the generations. This book explores that impact from a range of disciplines: from the exegetical and theological to the historical, spiritual, liturgical, musical, pastoral, political, and postcolonial.

Wednesday 7 December 2022

3.30 – 5.30pm

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	December 4th	December 11th
8:00am Reader	Anne Sunderland	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	Sarah Gador-Whyte Paul Eikelboom	Helen McCallum Fabien Nunes
Serving Team	Andrew and Alice	TBC
Welcome	Michael Golding	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercessions	Geoff Jenkins	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Paul Eikelboom	Samuel Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	TBC
Morning Tea	Susan Gribben Marion Poynter	Lindy Golding Josephine Snowdon
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Andrea O’Donoghue	Helen McCallum

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

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



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Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

Bank: Westpac

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

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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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KOOYOORA

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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 behaviour 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*

