

St Mary's



Advent 3

11th December 2022



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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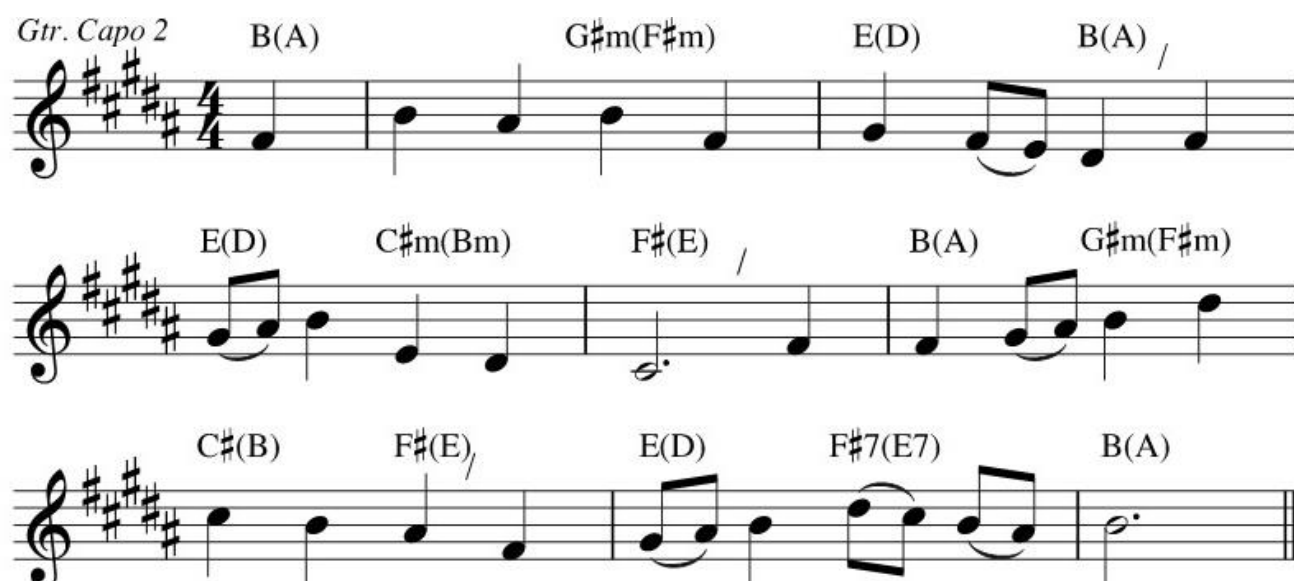
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

My friends in Christ, as the coming of the Lord draws closer, we are counselled to temper our anticipation with patience, to remain steadfast in faith, and to make our hearts ready for him, when he arrives.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 269



- 1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,**
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne
and every voice a song.
- 2. On him the Spirit largely poured**
exerts its sacred fire;
wisdom and might and zeal and love
his holy breast inspire.
- 3. He comes the prisoners to release**
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

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4. **He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.**
 5. **His silver trumpets publish loud
the jubilee of the Lord,
our debts are all remitted now,
our heritage restored.**
 6. **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with your beloved name.**

*Philip Doddridge 1702–51
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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.

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

We light the Second Candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets.

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

A parent replies: **We light the Third Candle to remind us of John the Baptist, who told us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. ‘I am a voice that cries in the wilderness; Make a straight way for the Lord.’**

As we light the Third 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.’

‘A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.’

John 1:6-8

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

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and 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 the prophet Isaiah:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus

it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord ,

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,

and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

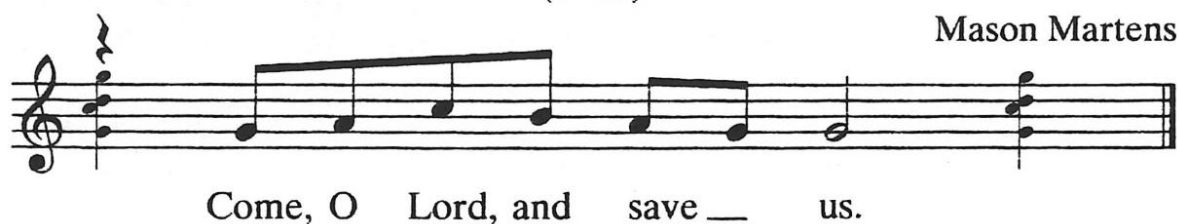
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35.1-10

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

PSALM 146

Response:



Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them, who keeps God's promise forever, **Response**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. **Response**

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **Response**

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SECOND READING:

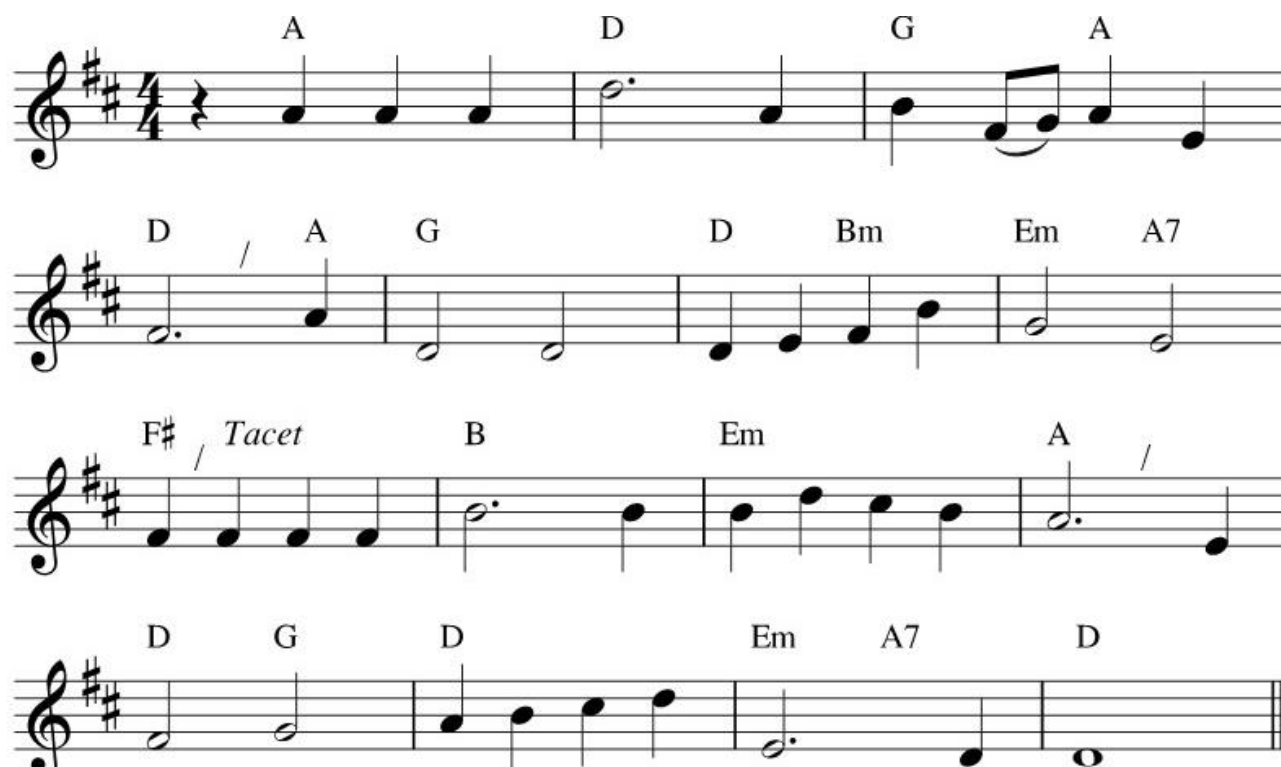
A reading from the letter of James:

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5.7-10

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1. **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!**
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!**
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. **Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!**
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926– based on Luke 1:46–55 in The New English Bible
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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

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:

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.”

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11.2-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

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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.

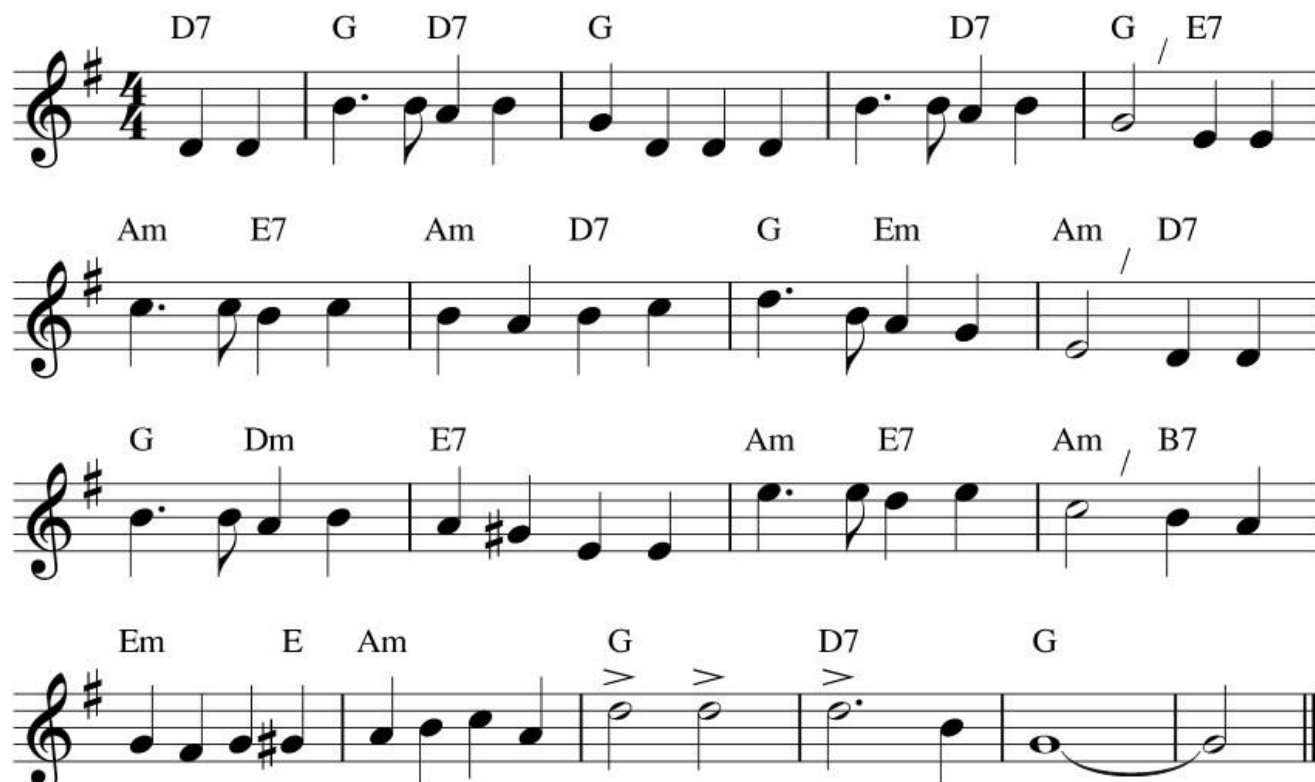
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.



1. There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,
but his triumph day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.
2. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air,
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.
3. He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way,
he is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
but his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
for the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.
4. Hark, we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell —
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring
all your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

Henry Burton 1840–1930 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.

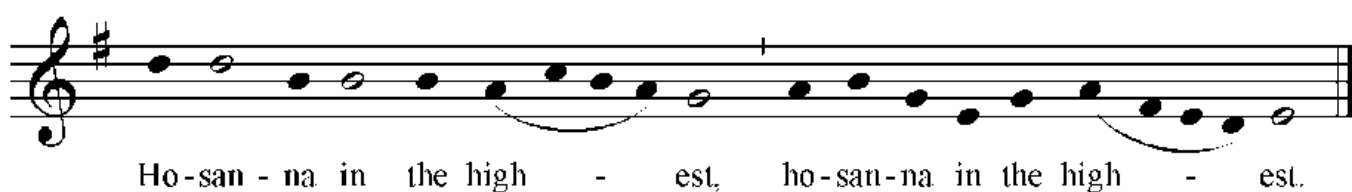
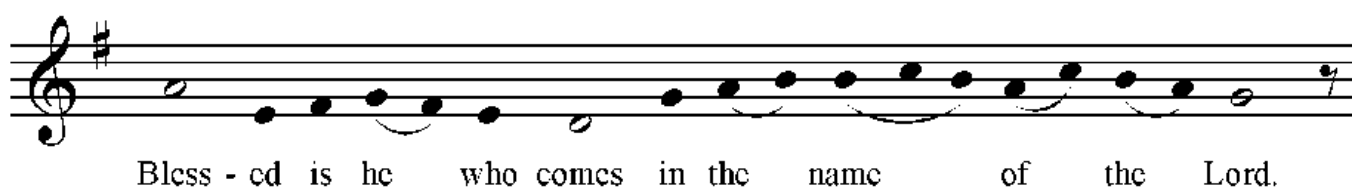
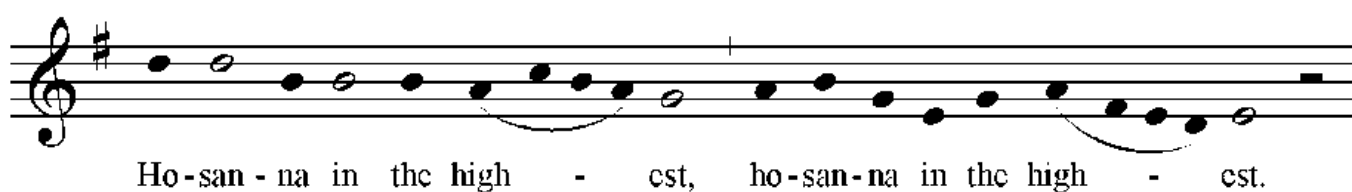
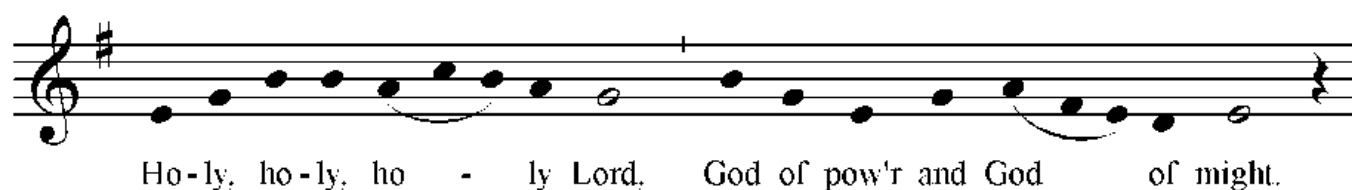
We praise you that through your eternal word
you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image.
You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,
and with its bounty you preserve our life.

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.

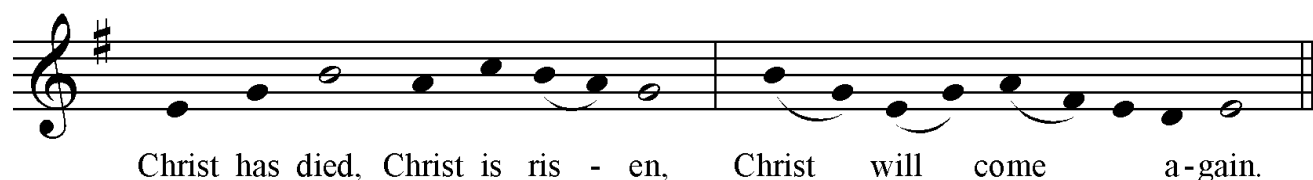
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:



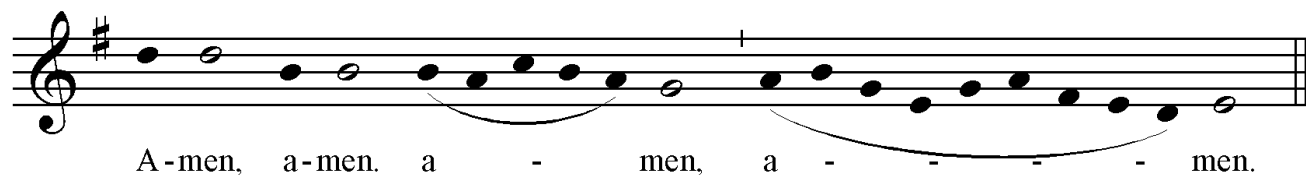
Merciful God,
we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of
Christ's body and blood.

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: you
Key of Da - vid and Day - spring form on high: you
De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el: you

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy 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

Prepare your hearts

Jacob Handl (Gallus) (1550-1591)
1.Samuel 7: 2-4

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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

May the coming of the Son of God bring you the light of his holiness, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love all the days of your life, 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.

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.

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! ...

Sung unaccompanied:

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! ...

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, John and Marion Poynter, and Heather Harper.

The Recently Departed: Peter Marshall.

And whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Marjorie Kenny, Darren Rooke and Andrew Scragg.

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ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

This week's Delta Session for Advent

This week's Delta session for Advent is *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

A FESTIVAL OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS



ALL WELCOME

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

7.00PM SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Roster – Who’s doing what? Sign up for roles here:

<https://linktr.ee/stmarysroster>

	December 11th	December 18th
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Jenny Langmead
10:00am Readers	Helen McCallum Fabien Nunes	Andrew Gador-Whyte Josephine Snowdon
Serving Team	Andrew Murray	Andrew Murray
Welcome	Michael Golding	Anne Sunderland
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham	Andrew Murray
Video/AV	Samuel Miller	Paul Eikelboom
Kids Corner & Sunday School	TBC	Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Lindy Golding	Helen McCallum David Keuneman
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Helen McCallum	Marion Poynter

SUMMER READING

St Mary's January February

Book Exchange

Bring your unwanted fiction for \$10. Buy any book for \$5 or 4 for \$15

Every Sunday after church

Giving to Support St Marys

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Bank: Westpac

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

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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*

