

St Mary's



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

29th January 2023



8am Presiding: Fr Jan Joustra

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

10am Preaching: Fr Jan Joustra

*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, the values of the Gospel usually contradict the accepted morality of our society. The Sermon on the Mount reminds us that in the eyes of the world to be empty and poor is to be thought the most despised and rejected; yet those whom the world rejects are accepted and welcome in the kingdom of heaven.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 153

C Am F C / Am Dm
C G / C Am F C / Am
Dm C G / Bb Dm Gm C7 F /
G G7 Am E7 Am / C Am
Bb C7 F / Dm C F G7 C

1. **'God is love, let heav'n adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God, who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,**

**and who breathes through all creation,
God is love, eternal Love.**

- 2. God is love, and gently enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**
- 3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal lovingkindness
holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

Timothy Rees 1874–1939 alt.
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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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.**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and contains the first measure of the melody. The subsequent staves contain the vocal melody with lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.' The score includes dynamic markings: 'mp' (mezzo-piano) at the beginning of the second staff, 'mf' (mezzo-forte) at the beginning of the fourth staff, and 'mp' at the beginning of the fifth staff. There is also an 'aercresc.' (aer cresc.) marking under the fourth staff. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

The assistant introduces 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 celebrant pronounces 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.**

Organ **f** Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, **mf** Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

cresc. wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your —

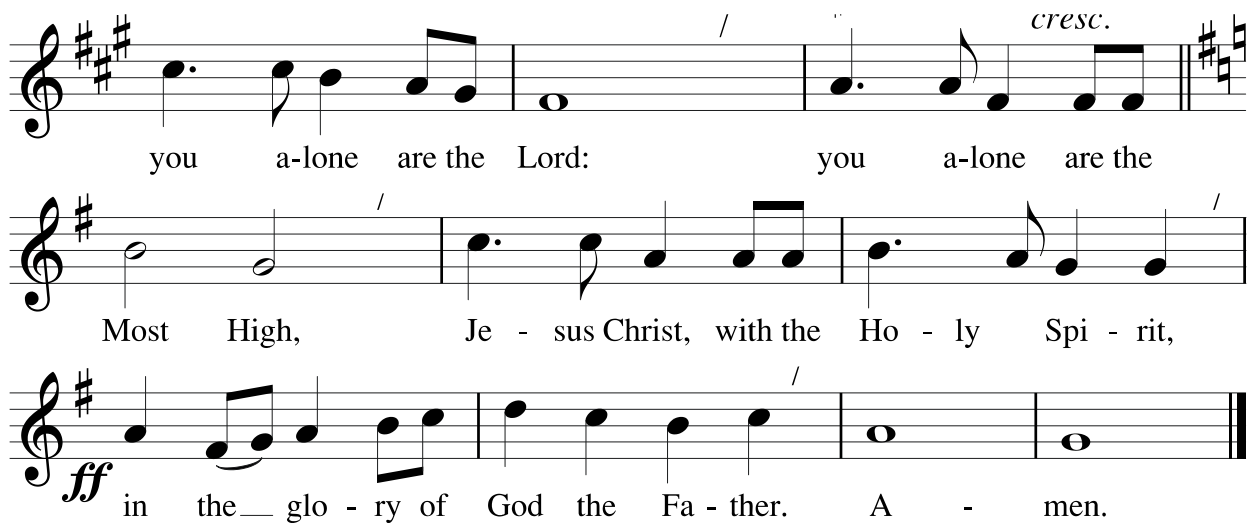
cresc. glo - ry. **mp** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

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: **p** re -

- ceive our prayer. **f** For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One:



The celebrant reads or sings the collect of the day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 Micah:

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.’

‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God

on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.1-8

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

Response:

Justice alone is the way of the Lord;

Be just and worship god.

Lord, who shall abide in your tabernacle?

or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life,

and does the thing which is right,

who speaks truth from the heart;

and has not slandered with the tongue,

who has done no evil to a friend,

nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

in whose eyes the worthless have no honour:

but who makes much of those that fear the Lord; **Response**

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:

and will not go back on that oath;

who does not put out money to usury,

nor takes a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things:

shall never be overthrown. **Response**

tr. as in the USA United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

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SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1. Lord, your word abiding,
and our footsteps guiding,
gives us joy for ever,
binds us all together.
2. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?
3. Word of mercy, giving
nourishment for living:
word of life, supplying
comfort for the dying.
4. O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you,
evermore be near you.

Henry Williams Baker 1821–77 alt.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.

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:

Glory to you Lord Christ:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. *Matthew 5.1-12*

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:

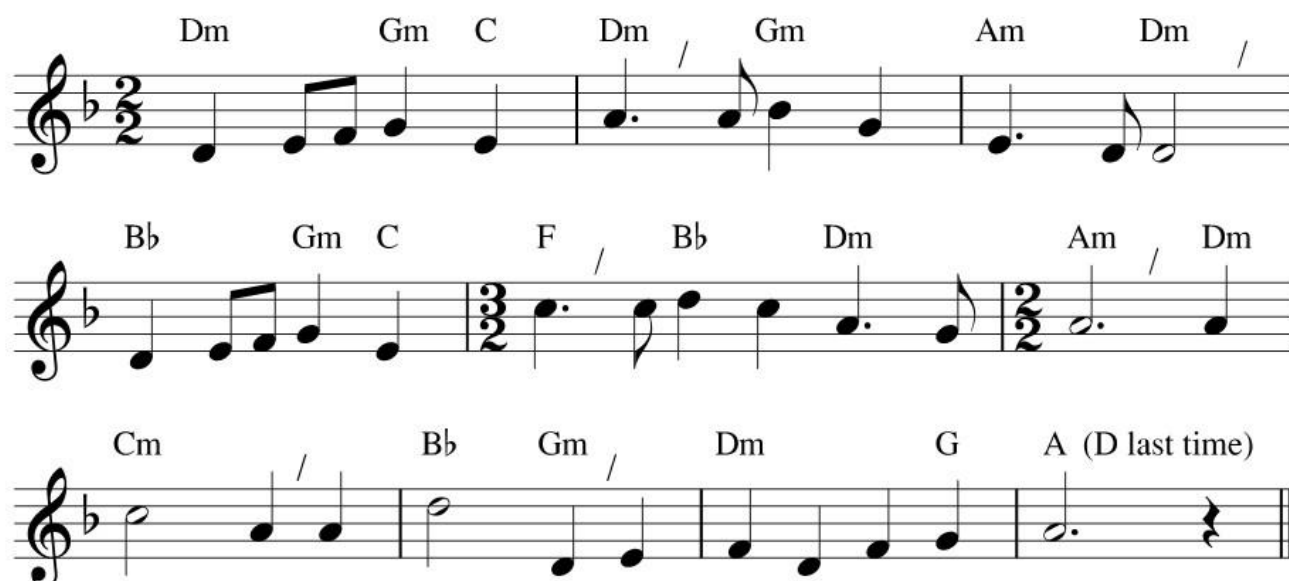
Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace
receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREETINGS OF 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.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 618



- 1. What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire
or tribute bid you bring?**

Refrain:

*Do justly;
love mercy;
walk humbly with
your God.*

- 2. Rulers of earth, give ear!
should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?**

Refrain

- 3. Leaders in wealth and trade,
for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid
if greed your commerce soils.**

Refrain

- 4. Still down the ages ring
the prophet's stern commands:
to merchant, worker, king,
he brings God's high demands.**

Refrain

- 5. How shall our life fulfil
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will
with grace to fortify.**

Refrain

*Albert Frederick Bayly 1901–84 alt. based on Micah 6:6–8
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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 glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who was looked for by the prophets,

heralded by the Baptist

announced by an angel,

born of the Virgin Mary,

and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross

and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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:

The musical score is written for a 4/4 organ part and a vocal part. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The organ part is marked 'Organ' and the vocal part is marked 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

Chord symbols for the organ part: E, B, E, A, B, E, B, A, E, F#m, E, B, F#m, B, G#m, C#m, A, F#m, B, E, C#m, A, F#m, B, G#m, C#m, A, F#m, B, E.

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:

E A B E C#m A C# F#m
Organ mf Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
D A B
f Christ will come a - gain.

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 we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Organ *f*

Bless - ing and hon - our and
glo - ry and power are — yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

Organ *mp*

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, *p* grant us — your 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.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 448



- 1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

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2. **The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell with us in lowliness,
our pattern and our King:**
 3. **still to the lowly soul
he will himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooses the pure in heart.**
 4. **Lord, we your presence seek;
this blessing now renew:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for you.**

John Keble 1792–1866 (vv. 1,3) and others

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 has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. May you experience his kindness and blessings, and be strong in faith, in hope, and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE


“Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr”

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Neil and Tricia, Father Rob, Bishop John (Parkes), Bianca and family, John and Marion, Gerard, Heather and Simon, Heather.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Reg Pestell and Ruth Lavinia Houghton.

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

Roster – Who’s doing what? Sign up for roles here: https://linktr.ee/stmarysroster		
	January 29th	February 5th
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Rhondda Fahey
10:00am Readers	Geoff Jenkins Susan Gribben	Lewis Gurr-Stephen Josie Snowdon
Serving Team	Andrew Murray Peter O’Donoghue	Andrew Murray Peter O’Donoghue
Welcome	Anne Sunderland	Michael Golding

Introduction & Intercessions	Robert Gribben	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Samuel Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	School Holidays	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Margaret Noble Michael Noble	Helen McCallum David Keuneman
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Father Jan	Andrea O'Donoghue

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St Mary's Parish Notices

St Mary's Choir

The choir resumes practice as of Tuesday 31st January from 5.30 - 7pm in the Church. We are keenly looking for new membership. If you are interested or know if someone we could invite, please contact the Director of Music through the Church Office, or speak to one of the choristers or staff on Sunday.

January 29th: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2nd: Feast of the Presentation 6.00pm
February 5th Fifth Ordinary Sunday
February 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

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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DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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