

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's readings invite us to consider the demands which the Word of God places upon us as we seek to live our faith, not in isolation from, but in the midst of the world's complexities. As believers we are to be salt of the earth and light to the world, not passive recipients of the word, but active participants in spreading the Good News.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 238



1. Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation, the day-star clear and bright, desire of every nation; new life, new hope awakes for all who own his sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

- 2. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.
- 3. One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own you; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone you; the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959 alt.

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 assistant introduces the confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.'

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God

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.**





The celebrant reads or sings the collect of the day

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone of your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the 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 prophet Isaiah:

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

Isaiah 58.1-9a

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

PSALM 112

TIS 69

Response:



Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed

Wealth and riches are in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful and righteous. *Response*

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous shall never be moved; they will be remembered for ever. *Response*

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, trusting in the Lord.

When they see their adversaries, their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever; their horn is exalted in honour. The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. *Response*

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SECOND READING:

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him'—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2.1-13

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

GRADUAL HYMN

TIS 447



- 1. Lord, your almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- 2. Saviour, who came to give those who in darkness live healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind let there be light.

- 3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
- 4. Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825 alt.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; The one who follows me will have the light of life. **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:

Jesus said to his disciples; 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.13-20

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 347



- 1. We sing the praise of him who died, of him who died upon the cross; the sinners' hope though all deride: for this we count the world but loss.
- 2. Inscribed upon the cross we see in shining letters, 'God is love'; he bears our sins upon the tree; he brings us mercy from above.
- 3. The cross—it takes our guilt away, it holds the fainting spirit up, it cheers with hope the gloomy day and sweetens every bitter cup:
- 4. it makes the coward spirit brave and nerves the feeble arm for fight; it takes all terror from the grave and gilds the bed of death with light;

5. the balm of life, the cure of woe, the measure and the pledge of love, the sinner's refuge here below, the angels' theme in heaven above.

> Thomas Kelly 1769–1855 alt. Music: Sydney H. Nicholson Music © 1939 by Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188.

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



All glory and honour, thanks and praise be given to you at all times and in all places, Lord, holy Father, true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is your eternal Word through whom you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image. In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

In obedience to your will your Son our Saviour offered himself as a perfect sacrifice, and died upon the cross for our redemption. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

He is our great high priest whom you raised from death and exalted to your right hand on high where he ever lives to intercede for us. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a royal priesthood called to serve you for ever.

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





All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;

when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you,

for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;

do this, as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Jesus Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you

in earth and heaven, we worship you, 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.**



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

ANTHEM

'Teach me O Lord'

T Attwood (1765-1838)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**



- 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night; dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.
- 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn if you seem not close to me; joyless is the day's return, till your mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

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

THE BLESSING

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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

"Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn"

Both the Prelude and Postlude today are based on this Chorale published in Walther's hymnbook of 1524. A hymn for both Advent and the end of Epiphany: Lord Christ, the only son of God, Eternal Father.

PRAYERS

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

For those who have recently departed: Patricia Bouma.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Myrtle Judd and Violet Hodge (Deaconess).

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

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Farewell Morning Tea

There will be a farewell morning tea for Father Mark Lindsay on the 12th of February after the 10.00am service. All are welcome!

Fish Friday

Why cook fish on Friday evenings during Lent when you can enjoy a lovely fish dinner with friends? Only \$18 for dinner and dessert.

6.30pm Small Hall

Bring a salad to share.

Bookings through Trybooking

March 3rd to March 31st (every Friday in March)

Roster – Who's doing what? Sign up for roles here: <u>https://linktr.ee/stmarysroster</u>			
	February 5th	February 12th	
8:00am Reader	Rhondda Fahey	Jenny Langmead	
10:00am Readers	Lewis Gurr- Stephen Josie Snowdon	Michael Golding Anne Sunderland	
Serving Team	Andrew Murray Peter O'Donoghue	Andrew Murray Peter O'Donoghue	
Welcome	Michael Golding	Anne Sunderland	
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham	Geoff Jenkins	
Video/AV	Samuel Miller	Adam Wing	
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Harriet Jenkins	
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	Susan Gribben Marion Poynter	
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1	
Flowers	Andrea O'Donoghue	Marion Poynter	

Lenten Study Come and join the Lenten study at the Vicarage! 7.30pm Wednesdays Starting 1st of March ΤΕΝ PROGRAM ear A God is on the journey, 200 **Christopher J Monaghan CP**

St Mary's Parish Notices

St Mary's Choir

The choir has resumed practices as on 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.

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 ***

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How shall we <u>sing..</u>?

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is pleased to present a discussion led by Father Glenn Loughrey on Saturday 18 February 2023.

Glenn is "a Wiradjuri man and an Anglican priest at St Oswald's, Glen Iris. He is an artist with a particular interest in exploring identity and story through the visual arts. He is engaged in the dialogue for treaty, sovereignty, reconciliation and self-determination for First Nation peoples." (from Glenn's blog *Red Shoes Walking*)

The venue is St Oswald's Anglican Church Glen Iris, and the presentation will be followed by our Annual General Meeting.

The address and the meeting will be livestreamed. Everyone is very welcome to attend either in person or online.

In this year of the referendum for The Voice, it is important to reflect on what we need to learn about living in these lands called Australia. Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann invites us to consider what First Australians have to offer so that our lives together may be enriched by a greater understanding of these ancient lands and their people.

These are the pertinent questions which Fr Glenn will address in his presentation:

- As church musicians, are we ready to consider how what is sung in our services might be perceived by First Australians?
- · What might be the questions and conundrums they identify?
- How do we listen and learn?

The new glass panels in St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne designed by Fr Glenn Loughrey



The screens depicting Kulin creation stories welcome churchgoers to St Paul's Cathedral (ABC News: Danielle Bonica)

For livestream link, please contact Marion Dewar imdewar@dcsi.net.au or 0427 519 534

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, <u>inclusive</u> 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



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