

St Mary's



Lent 2

5th March 2023



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.*

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 125

Gtr. Capo 1 C(B) Fm(Em) C(B) Fm(Em) Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D)

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Fm(Em) Db(C) Ab(G) Bbm(Am) Fm(Em) C(B) Fm(Em)

1. **The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
the Lord, the great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
We bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blessed.**
2. **The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace
shall guide us all our happy days
in all our ways.
He calls us each a friend,
he calls himself our God;
and he shall save us to the end
through Jesus' blood.**

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3. He by himself has sworn,
we on his oath depend:
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.
 4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,
'almighty King!'
who was and is the same
and evermore shall be,
the Lord, our Father, great I AM
eternally.
 5. Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
all praising his almighty grace,
for ever new.
He shows his wounds of love,
they kindle to a flame
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.
 6. The whole triumphant host
gives thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
with heaven our songs we raise:
all might and majesty are yours,
and endless praise.

*Thomas Olivers 1725–99 alt. based on the Jewish Yigdal c.13th cent. and Revelation 4 and 5
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COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Priest kneeling at the altar says:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting 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.**

Assistant:

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

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.**

COLLECT FOR LENT 2

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Genesis:

Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

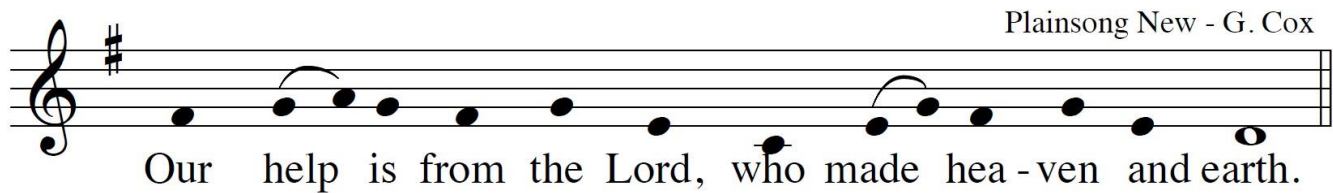
Genesis 12.1-4a

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Response:



I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.

The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a

gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4.1-5; 4.13-17

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN 620



- 1. O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising
in every city for your love and care;
inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising
that your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.**

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2. **Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,
strong in your strength to venture and to dare,
to lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,
seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.**
 3. **Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
as once you wept above Jerusalem,
seeking to gather all in love and pity,
and healing those who touch your garment's hem.**

Bradford Gray Webster 1898–1991
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THE GOSPEL

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ
What is born of the flesh is flesh
and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the

kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3.1-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE 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.**

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**

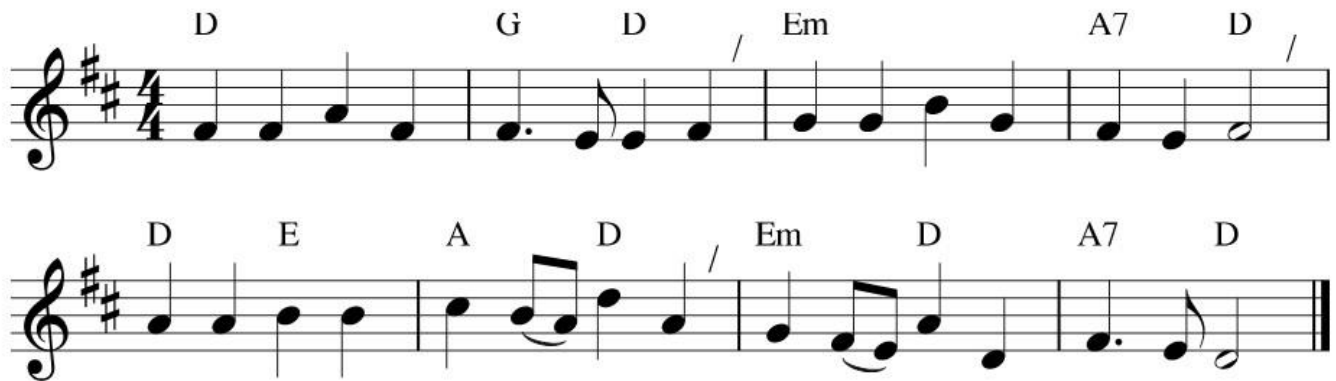
THE GREETINGS OF PEACE

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 527



- 1. See us, Lord, about your altar;
though so many, we are one:
many souls by love united
in the heart of Christ your Son.**
- 2. Hear our prayers, O loving Father,
hear in them your Son, our Lord;
hear him speak our love and worship
as we sing with one accord.**
- 3. Wheat and grape are rich with meaning:
food and drink he is to all;
one in him, we kneel adoring,
gathered by his loving call.**
- 4. Hear us yet: so much is needful
in our frail, disordered life;
stay with us and tend our weakness
till that day of no more strife.**

5. **Members of his mystic body,
now we know our prayer is heard,
heard by you, because your children
have received the eternal word.**

John Greally 1934– 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.

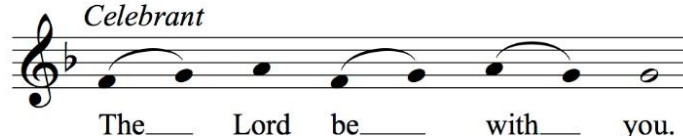





Blessèd be God for ever.

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>	<i>People</i>
	
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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.

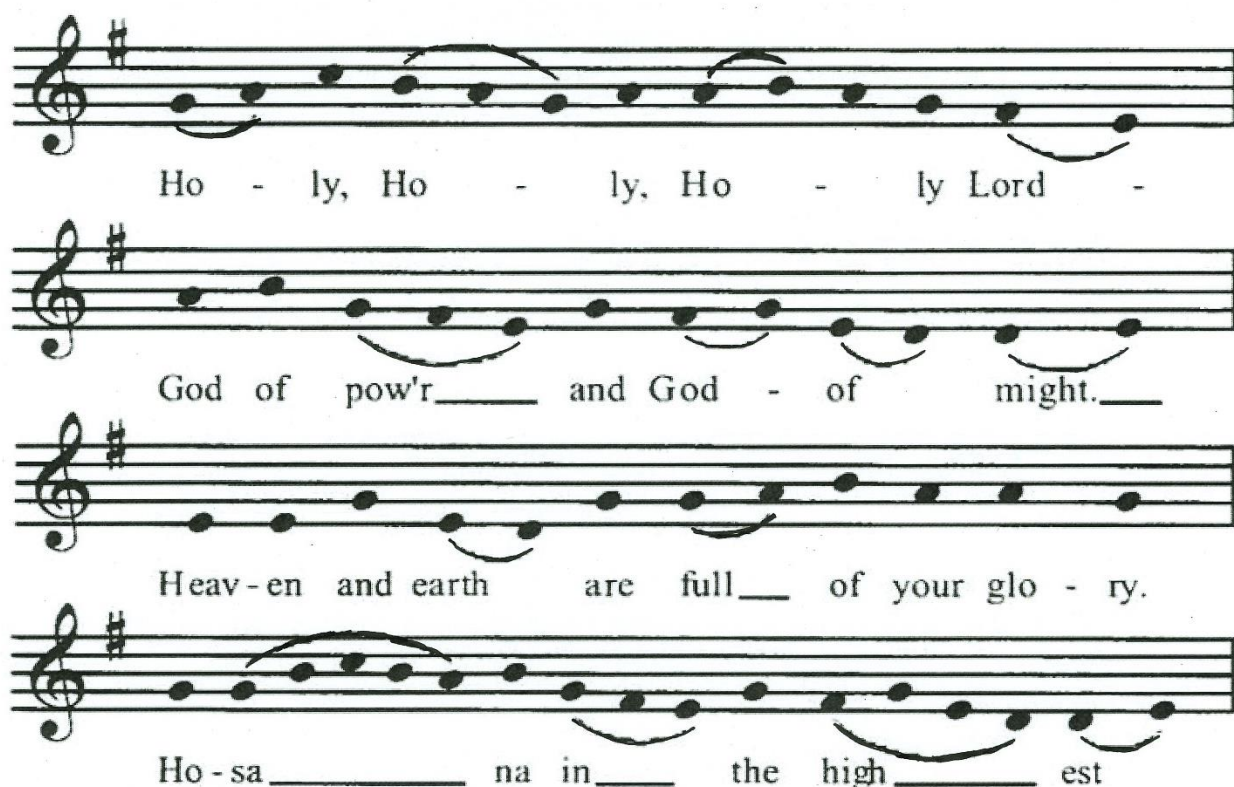
In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

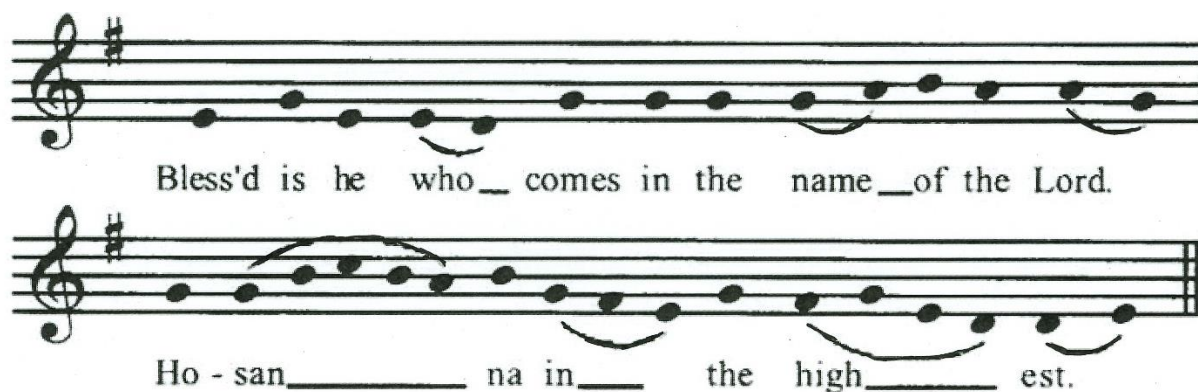
In obedience to your will your Son our Saviour offered himself as a perfect sacrifice, and died upon the cross for our redemption. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

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:



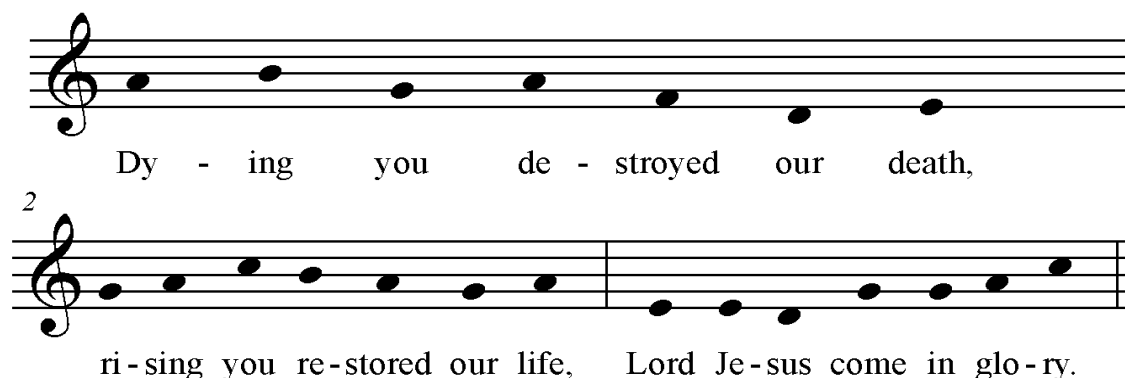


Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in obedience to our Saviour Christ in remembrance of his death and passion may be partakers of his body and his blood.

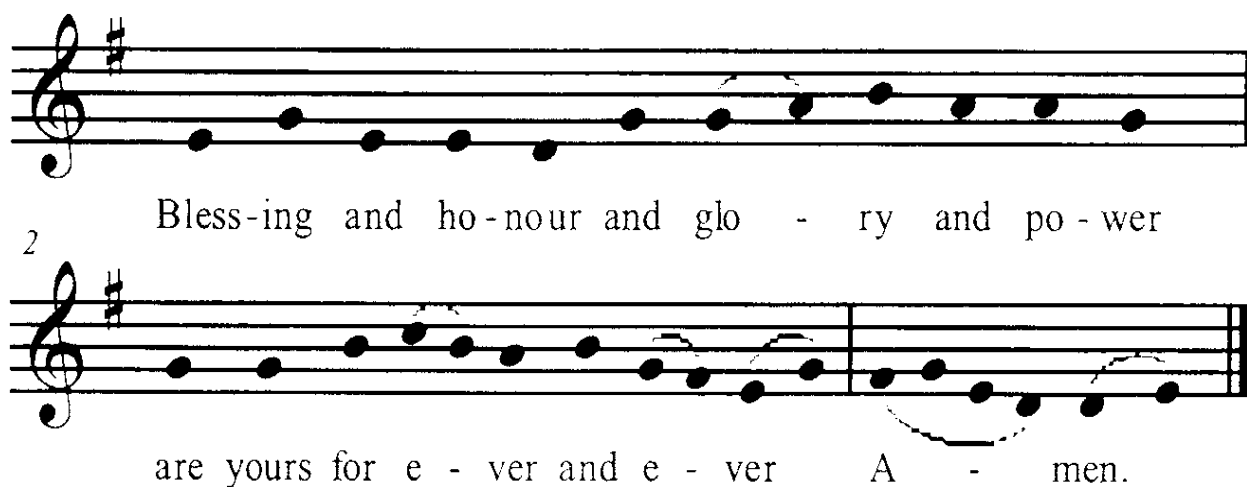
Who on the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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:



Father, with this bread and this cup,
We do as our Saviour has commanded;
We celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
We proclaim his perfect sacrifice
Made once for all upon the cross,
His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
And we look for his coming to fulfil all things according to your will.
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 in in whom
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
We worship you, Father almighty, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

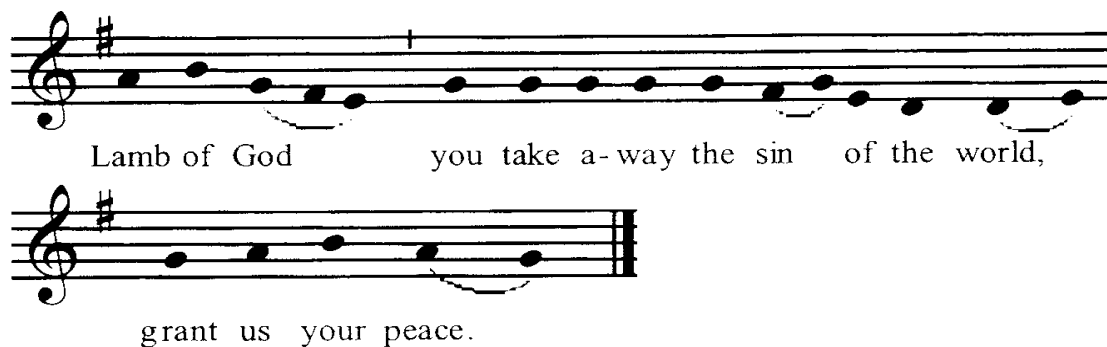
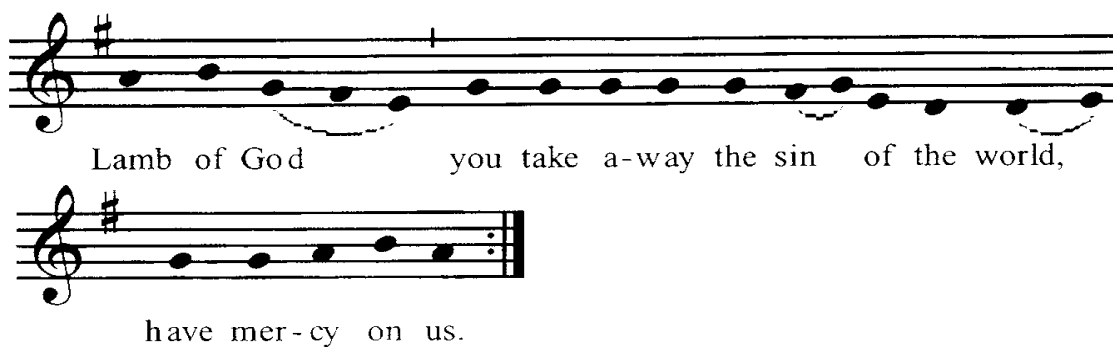
As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

**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



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

THE ANTHEM

'I will lift up mine eyes'

(Ps.121)

Leo Sowerby

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 595

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1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

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2. **Still let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
and tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

 3. **O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.**

 4. **Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.**

John Ernest Bode 1816–74 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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

‘Wer nur den Lieben Gott’

J S Bach

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Neil and Tricia, Father Rob, Bishop John (Parkes), Bianca and family, and Gerard. Also, Annie and Ben, Colette and John, Tricia and Neil, Karina and Anna.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Eunice Jones Lilly Conlan, Tom Love, Alan Barker, George Higgs and Florence May Dove.

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

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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.

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Every Friday in March

Book now to reserve your place.

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Lenten Study

Come and join the Lenten study at the Vicarage!

7.30pm Wednesdays

Roster Who's doing what? Sign up for roles here: https://linktr.ee/stmarysroster		
	March 5th	March 12th
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	Alice Christofi John Blanch	Anne Sunderland Fabien Nunes
Serving Team	As per serving roster	As per serving roster
Welcome	Samuel Miller	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercessions	Geoffrey Jenkins	TBC
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Samuel Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	TBC	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	TBC
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	No flowers	No flowers

St Mary's Parish Notices

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees 2023

WHEN: Sunday 2 April 2023 at 1:30 PM

WHERE: State Library Victoria, corner Swanston and Latrobe Streets, Melbourne. Palm Sunday each year is an occasion to bear witness to the priority of compassion and to call for justice for refugees and people seeking asylum. It is also a time to celebrate the contribution that so many refugees have made to Australian society in a wide range of endeavours. It is a time to stand together. This Palm Sunday there will be music at State Library from 1.30pm. At 2pm there will be speakers including Dr Monique Ryan MP, people with lived experience of bridging visas and Temporary Protection Visas, and faith leaders such as Ukrainian Bishop Mykola Bychok. The Walk goes to Parliament Gardens for more music and speeches. A group from St Mary's will meet up with other Melbourne Anglicans at 1:50 pm in front of State Library under the diocesan banner, 'Anglicans Walking Together – Justice for Refugees'. Please invite friends, church and family to stand in solidarity with refugees and people seeking asylum. Hope to see you there!

For updates, see the event Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/events/1607844152985818?mibextid=Z0UBBX>

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