

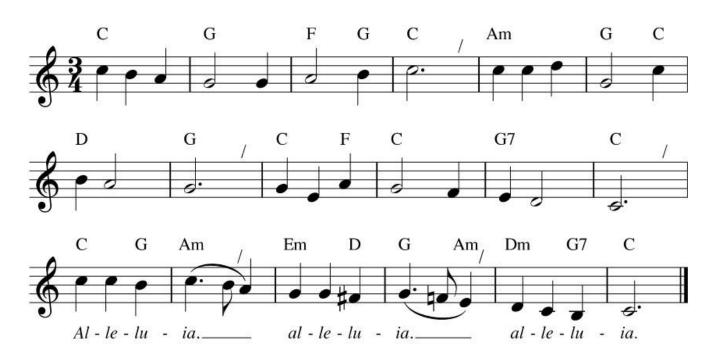
Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please join in saying the text marked in bold and singing the musical responses and hymns.

INTRODUCTION

Today's Gospel emphasises the importance of both word and sacrament. The beautiful account of the meeting on the road the Emmaus reminds us that we continue to meet the Lord, and experience his presence, in his word which we hear during the Eucharist, as well as when we receive his body and blood at Holy Communion.

HYMN

TIS 393



- 1. Christ is alive, with joy we sing; we celebrate our risen Lord, praising the glory of his name. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 2. He is the grain of wheat that died, sown in distress and reaped in joy, yielding a harvest of new life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 3. He is the sun which brings the dawn: he is the light of all the world, setting us free from death and sin. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4. He is the vine set in the earth, sharing our life, from birth to death, that we might share in God's own life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 5. He is the bread that comes from God, broken to feed us in our need, given to bring eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 6. Christ is alive, with joy we sing; we celebrate our risen Lord, praising the glory of his name. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Christ is risen. Alleluia He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

[*At 8am*]

The celebrant introduces the confession

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

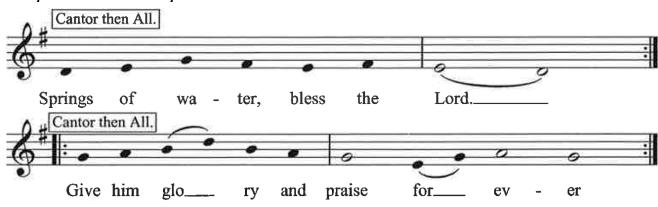
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

[At 10am] The choir sings the Vidi aquam as all are sprinkled with water from the baptismal font.



Antiphons and responses:

Springs of water bless the Lord. Springs of water bless the Lord. Give him glory and praise for ever. Give him glory and praise for ever.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

GLORIA



THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; though Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

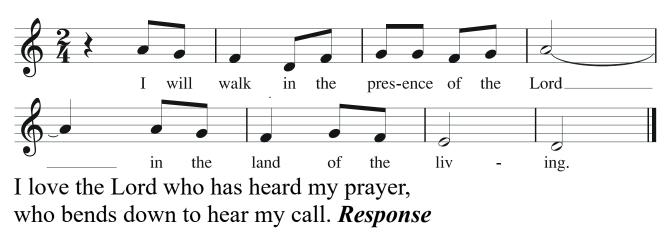
But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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

Response:



To the Lord I will pay my vows before all the people. How precious the death of the saints, those who remain faithful to God! *Response*

Lord God, I am your slave, the child of a faithful mother. You have loosed my bonds, you have set me free. *Response*

A sacrifice of thanks I bring and call on your name. To the Lord I will pay my vows before all the people. *Response*

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the courts of God. In the midst of Jerusalem. Alleluia! *Response*

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SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Peter:

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

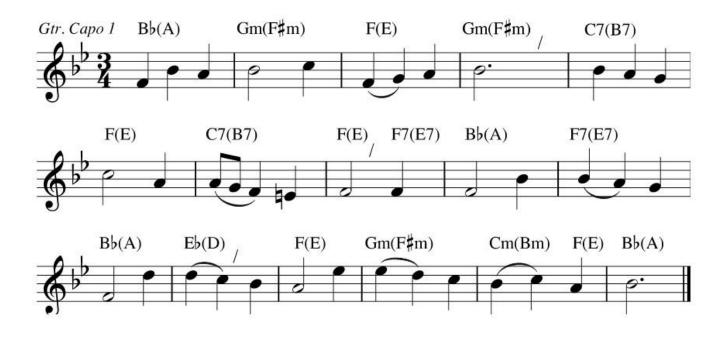
For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you.

1 Peter 1.13–25

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

HYMN

TIS 245



- 1. We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.
- 2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3. Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross, for all he loved his life he gave.
- 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn; empty the tomb, for he was free: he broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.
- 5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified.

He sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

> Edward Joseph Burns 1938– alt. Words © E. J. Burns

THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Luke 24.13–35

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

Please stand.

The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you!'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



- 1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.
- 2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills; land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak; voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

- 3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear, cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share, peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green; Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.
- 4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams, plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams. Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed; make us content with the things that we need. *God of the poor* ...
- 5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise. *God of the poor* ...

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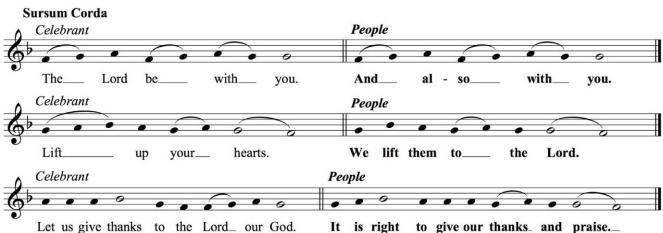
THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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.

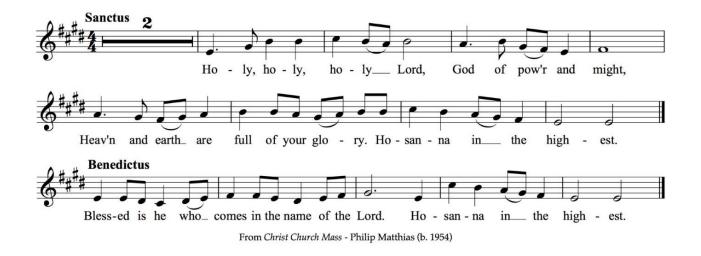
In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

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:



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.'



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,

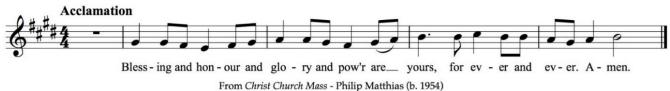
and looking for his coming again,

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:

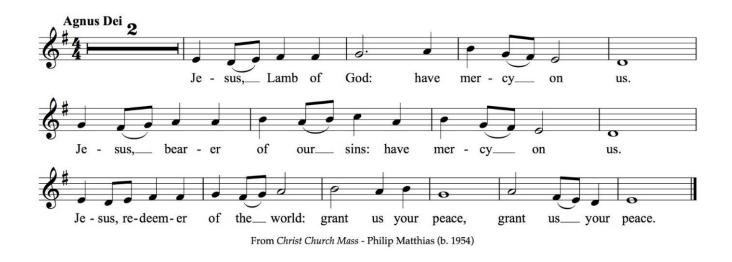


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

ANTHEM

'The disciples knew the Lord Jesus'

M. Schweizer

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.

HYMN



 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

- 2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by your blood I may enter your brightness: search me, try me, consume all my darkness shine on me, shine on me. *Shine, Jesus, shine, ...*
- 3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory: mirrored here, may our lives tell your story shine on me, shine on me. *Shine, Jesus, shine ...*

Graham Kendrick 1950–

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 God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Dot Levy and James Carnegie.

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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The Roster		
	April 23rd	April 30th
8:00am Readers	Jenny Langmead	Andrew McKinlay
10:00am Readers	Fabien Nunes Josephine Snowdon	Rosie Moloney Andrew Barnard
Serving Team	As per serving roster	As per serving roster
Welcome		Samuel Miller
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham	Andrew Murray
Video/AV	Samuel Miller	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	School Holidays	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Tony & Elizabeth Brookes	Susan Gribben Sarah Gador-Whyte
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	ТВС	ТВС

Choir

The Choir encourages the congregation to think about either joining or encouraging acquaintances who might like to learn how to sing in a choir.

St Mary's Parish Notices

PRODUCE STALL AT ST. MARY'S MOTHERS' DAY CRAFT FAIR.

The Mothers' Day Craft Fair is taking place in St. Mary's Big Hall on Saturday May 6. We will be having a Produce Stall. Help is needed from parishioner's both in making products to be sold, and in serving on the day. We will also be serving Devonshire tea in the Small Hall. On our stall we will be selling any hand-made goods. Could people please contribute by making preserves—jams, jellies, cordials, chutneys, etc – and near the day with home-made cakes and biscuits, pates, sweets, etc. Also, we welcome handmade crafty gifts like lavender bags, pot holders, aprons, scarves, etc. And potted plants. Labels for jams, etc. available from the Office.

Please Marion if you have any enquiries: Marion Poynter. (0417364431)

Treasurer's Assistant Wanted

Parish Council is looking for someone to assist Paul with overseeing the church's finances with a view to taking over the position of Treasurer in November after the AGM. Training will be provided to anyone interested in taking on this varied and crucial role within the Parish. If you have any questions, please speak with Paul Eikelboom or a member of Parish Council.

Abundance of God

Victorian Anglicans Together is delighted to invite you to join **an online conversation with Rev'd Dr Fergus King,** Farnham Maynard Lecturer in Ministry Education, Trinity College, who will speak on the theme of **God's abundance** as a basis for thinking through a number of policy challenges and opportunities that Synod presents.

WHEN: Thus 27 April, 8pm WHERE: On Zoom REGISTER: <u>https://bit.ly/abundance-fergus-king</u>