

# Sixth Sunday of Easter 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023



8am and 10am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

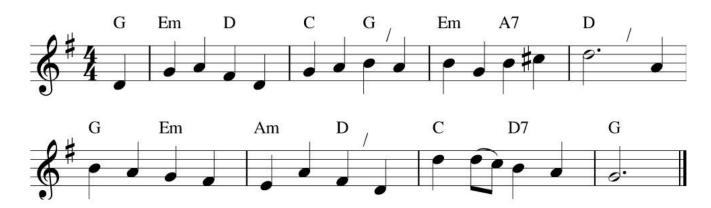
# Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.

Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

#### Introduction

Today, on Easter 6, we are doing something a bit different. There will be no sermon during the service. Instead, after a short break for refreshments, we go back into the church to revisit and reconsider the events of Holy Week in a series of poems by Tasmanian poet, Clive Sansom in the various voices of those who were witnesses. First Robert Gribbin reads how John, the beloved disciple, recalls discussions with Jesus as he makes sense of the cross. Then we'll go back to the beginning of the week with the opinions of the donkey's owner, and so on through the week. Please join us in the church for as long as you can stay.

HYMN TIS 378



- 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.
- 2. The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings and Lord of lords and heav'n's eternal light,

- 3. the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.
- 4. To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given, their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.
- 5. They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above, their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.
- 6. The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769–1855

# 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.

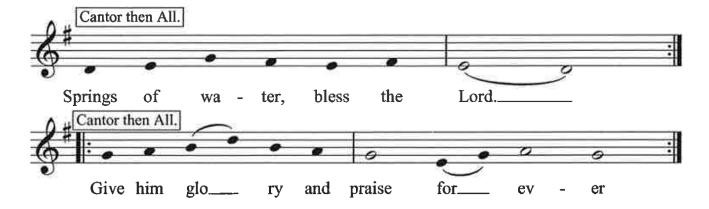
# Christ, have mercy

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.

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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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

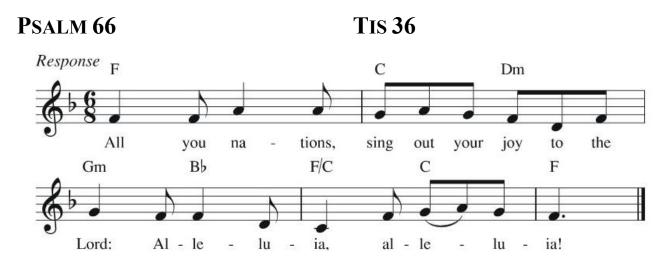
Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not

live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Acts 17.22-31

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- 1. Joyfully shout, all you on earth, give praise to the glory of God; and with a hymn sing out his glorious praise: alleluia! *Response*
- 2. Let all the earth kneel in your sight, extolling your marvellous fame;

honour your name, in highest heaven give praise: alleluia! *Response* 

- 3. Come forth and see all the great works that God has brought forth by his might; fall on your knees before his glorious throne: alleluia! *Response*
- 4. Tested are we by God the Lord, as silver is tested by fire; burdened with pain, we fall ensnared in our sins: alleluia! *Response*
- 5. Over our heads the wicked rode, we passed through the fire and the flood; then, Lord, you brought your people into your peace: alleluia! *Response*

Paraphrase by Lucien Deiss 1921— Text and music by Lucien Deiss

#### SECOND READING

# A reading from the First Letter of Peter:

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For 'Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of

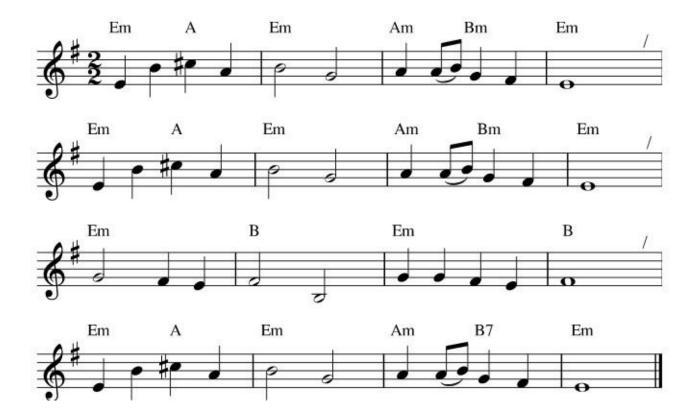
the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3.8–22

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN TIS 382



1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain: love lives again, that with the dead has been:

# Response:

Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.

2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, thinking that he never would awake again, laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen. Love has come again, ...

- 3. Up he sprang at Easter, like the risen grain, he who for the three days in the grave had lain, raised from the dead my living Lord is seen: Love has come again, ...
- 4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, then your touch can call us back to life again fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love has come again, ...

John Macleod Campbell Crum 1872–1958 alt.

#### THE GOSPEL



# Alleluia, Alleluia

All who love me will keep my words, And my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

# Alleluia

The Lord be with you And also with you.

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

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

John 14.1–14

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,

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.

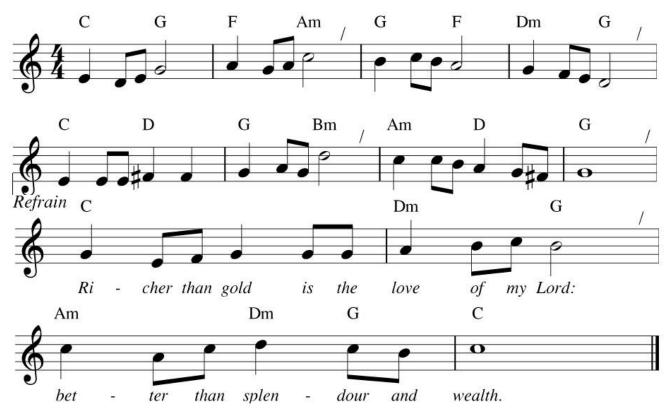
The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you!'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN TIS 534



1. Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with friends, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again, love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

- 2. Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at his table, host to the twelve, love, only love, is his mark. *Refrain*
- 3. Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, 'This is my body, this is my blood', love, only love, is his sign. Refrain

- 4. Love is his sign, love is his news, 'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my life's blood.' Love, only love, is his news. Refrain
- 5. Love is his news, love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called, sisters and brothers, cousins and kin. Love, only love, is his name. Refrain
- 6. Love is his name, love is his law.

  Hear his command, all who are his:

  'Love one another, I have loved you.'

  Love, only love, is his law.

  Refrain
- 7. Love is his law, love is his word: love of the Lord, Father and Word, love of the Spirit, God ever one. Love, only love, is his word. Refrain

Luke Connaughton 1917-79 alt.

# THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

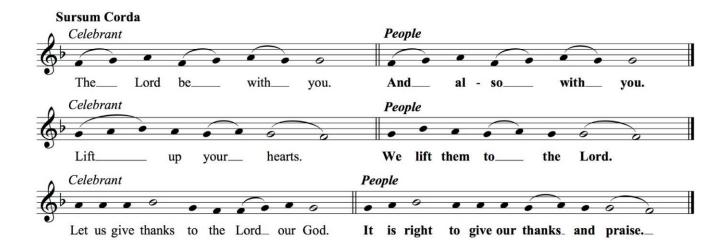
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

# 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.

#### **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.

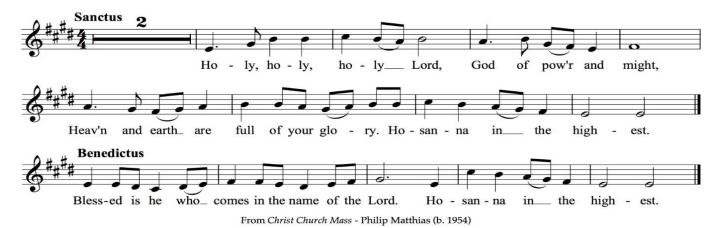
In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

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:



# Merciful God,

we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and 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 Christ's body and blood.

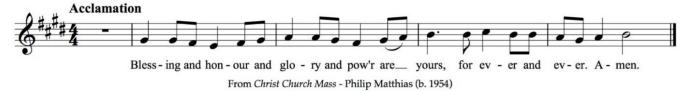
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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.'



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.

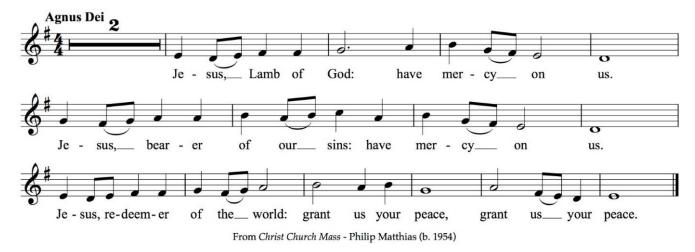
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

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.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### 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**

'That Easter Day with joy was bright'

C.15 Text C5th arr. Rachel Aarone

Solo recorder: Andrea Sherko

# POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of life, in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord. May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation. **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 TIS 381



1. This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow; my love, the crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith would be in vain, but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

- 2. My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber, till trump from east and west shall wake the dead in number:
- 3. Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:

George Ratcliffe Woodward 1848–1934 alt. Words by A. R. Mowbray and Co. Ltd.

#### **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 the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen** 

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### **PRAYERS**

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: Roslyn McIntosh Graeme Albert Prior, Nan Dawson, and Frankie Artis.

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

#### **Acknowledgements:**

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# **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.

Roster		
	May 14th	May 21st
8:00am Reader	Sheila Byard	TBC
10:00am Readers	Helen McCallum Andrew Gador-Whyte	Alice Christofi Geoffrey Jenkins
Serving Team	Josie, Alice and Anne	Josie and TBC
Welcome	Michael Golding	Samuel Miller
<b>Introduction &amp; Intercessions</b>	Robert Gribben	Samuel Miller
Video/AV	Samuel Miller	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Susan Gribben Sarah Gador-Whyte	Helen McCallum David Keuneman
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Helen McCallum	ТВС

# St Mary's Parish Notices

#### **Inter-Parish Drinks - Ascension Day**

Following our own parish celebration of the Ascension, an event for young(ish) Anglicans in their 20s/30s/40s will be held at 8pm, Thursday 18 May 2023 at the Hotel Lincoln in Carlton. This is a social event to build connections between younger Anglicans in Melbourne by meeting one another, having a chat in a relaxed setting, and making friendships across parishes. Please spread the word!

If you have any queries, please contact Andrew M.

Details: 8pm, Hotel Lincoln 91 Cardigan Street, Carlton VIC 3053

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#### **Ascension Day Service**

There will be an ascension day service at 6.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

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#### Pentecost Edition of Ave – Articles Due May 21st

This edition of Ave is especially concerned with the Holy Spirit but, of course, all contributions welcome. Please ask the Holy Spirit inspiration to start thinking and writing now.

I'm sure we can make another bumper edition.

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#### **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.

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#### Listening and Learning: A presentation re Voice to Parliament

#### Listening and learning



A Presentation with Q&A re the Voice to Parliament

Speaker: Rev'd Glenn Loughrey

Venue: St Michael's North Carlton

Date: Monday 15 May 2023 Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

RSVP: https://www.trybooking.com/CHZHK



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# Faith and Justice in a Secular Age

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence (BSL), together with Christ Church South Yarra, warmly invite you to join us for the 2023 Tucker Oration, as we celebrate BSL and the legacy of our founder, Father Gerard Tucker, who was born in this vicarage in 1885.

Wednesday 24 May 2023 | Christ Church South Yarra 677 Punt Rd, South Yarra 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Prayers and Oration) | 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Supper)

#### About

The cry for systemic justice to create an Australia free of poverty has driven BSL far beyond its first vision as a ministry of the Anglican Church. Since the earliest years, allies of different faiths (or no faith) have collaborated through this shared vision, but in 90 years much has changed in both the religious and welfare dimensions of Australian society. Where is the place of faith in the quest for social justice in contemporary secular Australia? How does Father Tucker's founding vision for Anglican ministry translate into an open and generous advocacy by a community of allies which is at once secular and spiritual?

Please join us as we seek to examine our commitment to social justice and the ongoing legacy of Father Gerard Kennedy Tucker, founder of the BSL.



#### Orator

Reverend Dr. Michelle Trebilcock joined BSL as Chaplain in 2016. She works with staff, volunteers and participants within the BSL community to cultivate their calling within the BSL mission and care for them as they care for others. Michelle's post-graduate studies explored complex questions of transformational thinking and social change, particularly in its relationship to spirituality and the 'inner life' of individuals and groups.

#### RSVP by 15 May 2023

Please register by visiting events.humanitix.com/2023-gerard-tucker-oration

call 9483 1183 or email events@bsl.org.au

This is an accessible venue. Vegan and gluten free menu options have been catered. For further details please contact us on the details above.



# POETRY CORNER

#### To Find God

Weigh me the fire; or canst thou find A way to measure out the wind? Distinguish all those floods that are Mixed in that wat'ry theater, And taste thou them as saltless there, As in their channel first they were. Tell me the people that do keep Within the kingdoms of the deep; Or fetch me back that cloud again, Beshivered into seeds of rain. Tell me the motes, dust, sands, and spears Of corn, when summer shakes his ears; Show me that world of stars, and whence They noiseless spill their influence. This if thou canst; then show me Him That rides the glorious cherubim.

Robert Herrick (C. 17th)

# God's World

O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!

Thy winds, thy wide grey skies!

Thy mists, that roll and rise!

Thy woods, this autumn day, that ache and sag And all but cry with colour! That gaunt crag

To crush! To lift the lean of that black bluff!

World, World, I cannot get thee close enough!

Long have I known a glory in it all,
But never knew I this;
Here such a passion is
As stretcheth me apart,—Lord, I do fear
Thou'st made the world too beautiful this year;
My soul is all but out of me,—let fall
No burning leaf; prithee, let no bird call.

Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892–1950)

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PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246

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# 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

