

Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday 16th July 2023

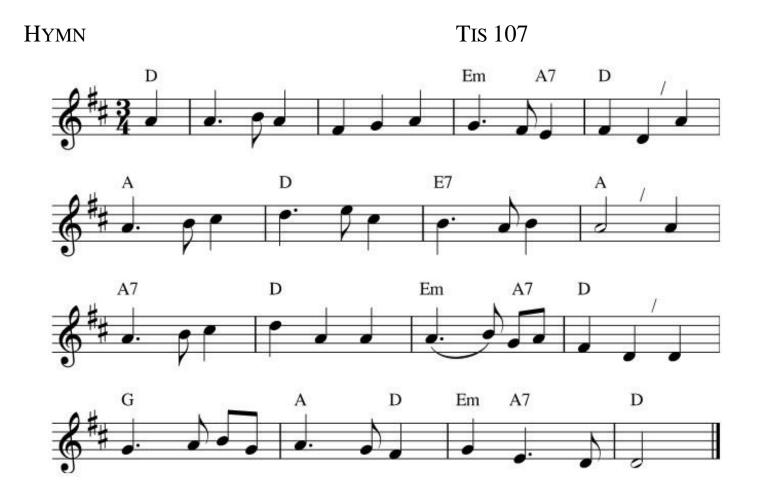


8am and 10am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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.

WELCOME



- 1. Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living now worship their maker with gladness and song; all glory and honour we come to him bringing: O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!
- 2. Our lives of his making he brings to their waking; in darkness he held us in his gracious care, now into the light we are called from our sleeping: O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!

3. Lord, frame our desiring to do your requiring, that unto your glory be all that we do; and where we have faltered, give strength and give healing: O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!

Paul Gerhardt 1607–76 tr. Margaret Barclay (1951) adapted by Colin Alexander Gibson 1933–

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

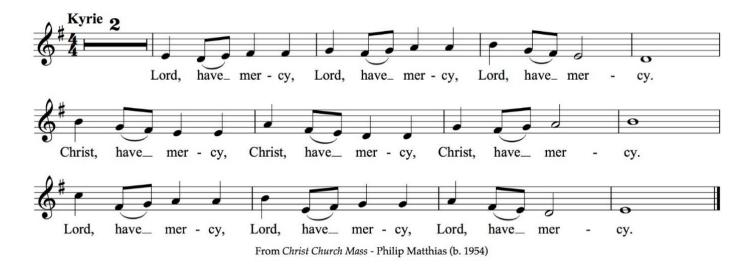
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.



Introduction to the confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 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. Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us therefore confess our sins in 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.

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

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our 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

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 55.10–13

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119 Tis 75

Response:



Blessed are those whose way is blameless: who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies: who seek him with their whole heart. *Response*

Your word, O Lord, is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my path.

I have made a vow and am steadfastly purposed: to keep your righteous judgments. *Response*

Accept, O Lord, the offerings of my lips: and teach me your precepts.

Deceivers have laid a snare for me:

yet I have not erred from your ways. Response

Your word is my inheritance for ever: and the very joy of my heart. I have set my heart to fulfil your commandments: even unto the end. *Response*

tr. from Psalms for Singers (RSCM) alt.

SECOND READING

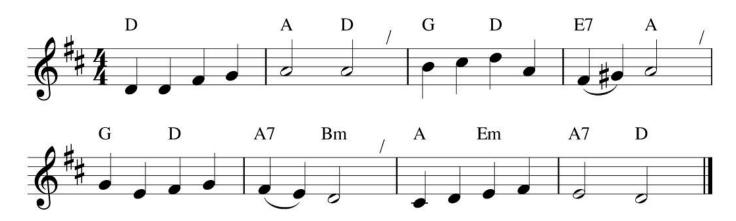
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.1–11

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77 alt.

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THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, Alleluia

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

All who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Matthew 13.1–9, 13.18–23

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.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.





- 1. Praise and thanksgiving,
 Father, we offer,
 for all things living
 you have made good;
 harvest of sown fields,
 fruits of the orchard,
 hay from the mown fields,
 blossom and wood.
- 2. Lord, bless the labour we bring to serve you, that with our neighbour we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you; harvesting, milling, for daily bread.
- 3. Father, providing food for your children, your wisdom guiding teaches us share one with another, so that, rejoicing, sister and brother may know your care.

4. Then will your blessing reach every people; each one confessing your gracious hand; where you are reigning no one will hunger, your love sustaining fruitful the land.

Albert Frederick Bayly 1901-84 alt.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

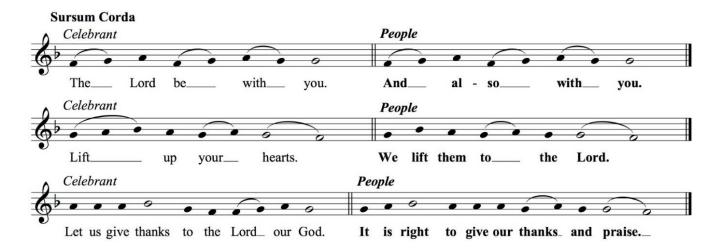
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

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.

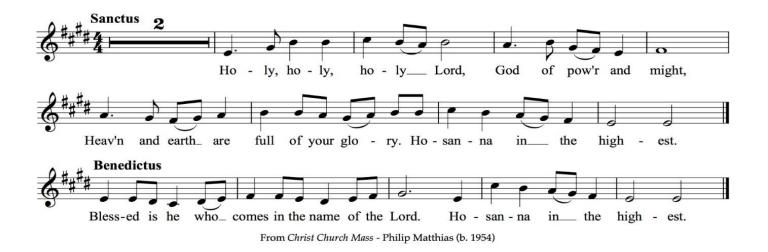
For he is your eternal Word through whom you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

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 by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

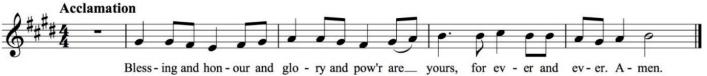
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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:



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are___ yours, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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.

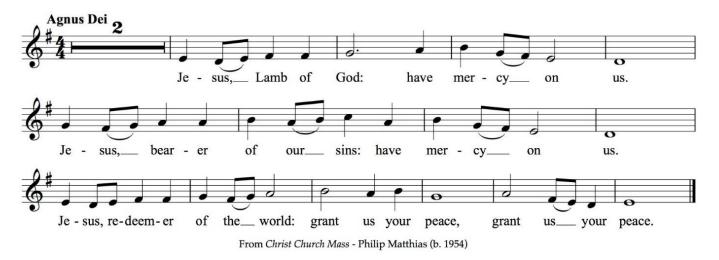
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

ANTHEM

"Thou Visitest the Earth"

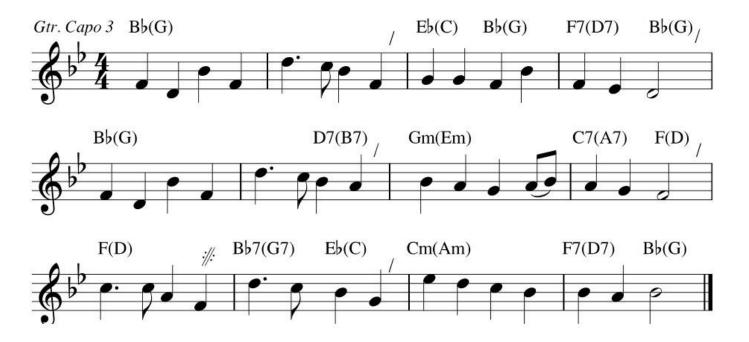
Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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.

HYMN Tis 142



- 1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, Sing and praise your God and Mine! Great the Lord in love and wisdom, Might and majesty divine! He who framed the starry heavens Knows and names them as they shine.
- 2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know; Those who fear him find his mercies, Peace for pain and joy for woe; Humble hearts are high exalted, Human pride and power laid low.
- 3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons, Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain; Spring to melt the snows of winter Till the waters flow again; Grass upon the mountain pastures, Golden valleys thick with grain.

5. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, Peace and plenty crown your days; Love his laws, declare his judgements, Walk in all his words and ways; He the Lord and we his children: Praise the Lord, all people praise!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

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

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; 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.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Don Edgar, Tim, Jonna and baby Paul, Bruce, Pat, Ken, 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: Ikenna Nwokolo, Wayland Wong Hoy, Katie O'Donoghue and Jean Young.

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

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Roster		
	July 16th	July 23rd
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinlay	TBC
10:00am Readers	Anne Sunderland John Blanch	Rosie Moloney Alice Christofi
Serving Team	Serving Roster	Serving Roster
Welcome	Helen McCallum	Anne Sunderland
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham	Josie Snowdon
Video/AV	Samuel Miller	Samuel Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Lewis Gurr-Stephen Rosie Moloney	Helen McCallum David Keuneman
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	TBC	TBC

Mary's Parish Notices

Social Get-together at The Castle

Time for another event at The Castle. So, save the date, because on Monday 17 July from 7.00 pm some of us will be there again at The Castle pub on 56 Courtney Street: https://thecastlehotel.com.au

Usual routine: no agenda, no speeches, no designated seating and it will be pay your own way. Come and go as you wish. Hope to see you there!

Sharing with the Hungry

There are three ways we can contribute food to those who cannot afford it.

- A financial donation to the Anglican Benevolent Society via the church office feeds the funds we use for a weekly purchase of meat for the kitchens at St Marks Fitzroy.
- A financial donation to either St Marks or Mission House via the church office gives them the money to buy what is needed for their food parcels.
- Food donations can be left in the baptistery at St Mary's for either St Marks or Mission House.

Next Edition of AVE

Thanks to all who produced the Pentecost Ave on time. Hard to believe but the Patronal festival edition comes out on August 15th so it may be time to start thinking and writing. Ave is considered by many to be the best parish magazine in Melbourne so we have a reputation to maintain. Many people identified with Winsome's nostalgic article about her Sunday School days. You might like to write about your own early memories. Or about festivals or churches dedicated the our Lady. Or something else that moves you. If you've never written for Ave before, consider this a personal invitation and challenge. Aim for 1st August. Email to Rhondda.fahey@bigpond.com

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.

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