



Season of Creation 1

3rd September 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, we begin our five week series – the ‘Season of Creation’. As we do so, we join with many other churches and denominations around the world. The world and its environment is a precious gift given to us by God, one that we should treasure, nurture and grow.

HYMN

TIS 672 (ii)

Gr. Capo 1 Ab(G) Bbm(Am) Eb(D) / Ab(G) Fm(Em)

Bb7(A7) Eb(D) / Eb7(D7) Ab(G) /

Db(C) Bbm(Am) C7(B7) Fm(Em) F(E) Bb(A)

Eb(D) Ab(G) / Bbm(Am) Eb(D) Eb7(D7) Ab(G)

1. Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand:
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.

**2. People of the ancient Dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
hope for which our children thirst.**

**3. Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.**

*Michael Rayner Thwaites 1915– and Honor Mary Thwaites 1914–93
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Music © R. Boughen*

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. Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie 2

Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy.

Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer - cy.

Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy.

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

The deacon introduces the confession:

God's whole creation groans.
 The land produces thorns and thistle
 and longs to be set free.
 Our sin affects all around us.
 We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Creator God,
 we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you.
 We have broken our relationships with one another,
 abused your fragile creation, wounded your love
 and marred your holy image in us.
 We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
 Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love.
 Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people
 and of your glorious creation,
 for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ
 has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:
 forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth,
 strengthen you to do God's will
 and give you the joy of his kingdom
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Gloria 2



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for_ your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, _ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One: you a-lone are the Lord: you a-lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the_ glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; 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 book Genesis:

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of

the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

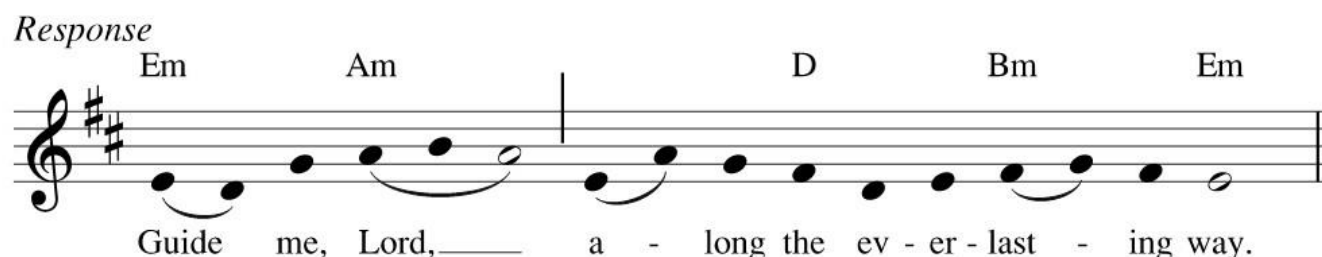
Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:4-22

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response:

13. For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb. ***Response***
14. I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works. ***Response***
15. You knew my soul,
and my bones were not hidden from you,
when I was formed in secret,
and woven in the depths of the earth. ***Response***
16. Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
And in your book were all my members written; ***Response***

*Response ICEL Psalm verses from The Psalms: The Liturgical Psalter © 1976, 1977
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SECOND READING

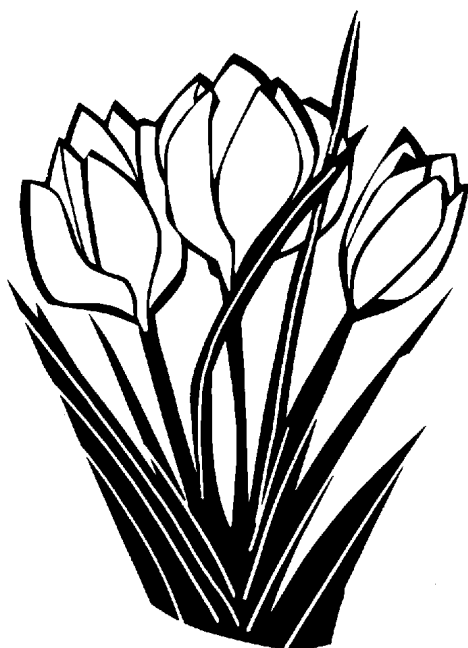
A reading from Acts:

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Acts 17:22-28

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Verses

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3 We shall not live by bread a - lone,

1 and seek his right - eous - ness,
2 seek and you shall find,
3 but by ev - ery word

1 and all these things shall be ad - ded un - to you.
2 knock and it shall be o - pened un - to you.
3 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

1 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
2 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
3 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Karen Lafferty 1948—based on Matthew 6: 33, 7:7 and Deuteronomy 8:3

THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

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.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked.

“Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then

will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:1-16

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.**

INTERCESSIONS

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

**The heavens tell of your glory;
For our land, its beauty and its resources,
For the rich heritage we enjoy.**

We pray:

For those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;

For those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;

For artists, scientists and visionaries,
That through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all through their own or others' actions are deprived of fullness of life,

For prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;

For those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,

for all who seek to bring life to others.

Silence

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;

may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace,

let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **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.



**Response:**

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 come to him and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 trust in him and you will not thirst.*

1. Christ is the bread of life,
 the true bread sent from the Father. *Response*
2. Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,
 but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Response*
3. Eat his flesh and drink his blood,
 and Christ will raise you up on the last day. *Response*
4. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. *Response*
5. If we believe and eat this bread
 we will have eternal life. *Response*

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.






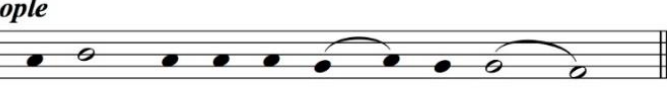
Blessèd be God for ever.

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>
	
The Lord be with you.	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, eternal Wisdom, all you have made is beautiful and good. We thank you for darkness and light, for this earth and for our bodies, for growth and change and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination.

In every generation you befriend your people. You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets, and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away.

You were vindicated in your Son Jesus who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace.

Though we rejected him, death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love.

You raised him up for us, the firstborn from the dead, to build a new community of hope where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends. And so we praise you with Mary, mother of the living Word, and with all your faithful friends in heaven and on earth, as we join the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

God of the feast, your household is hungry for the bread of heaven and the cup of life. Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration, so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it to share with them, and said: Take and eat this: it is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took a cup of wine. Again he thanked you and said: Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

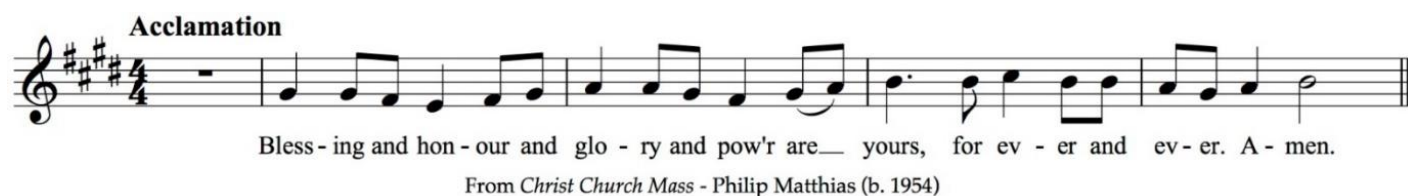
We proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Make us good stewards of creation, with justice in our hearts, courage in our actions and power in our speech to bear witness to the truth.

Protect us with your glory, unite your church in loyalty and love, and bring us home with all your saints to feast with you for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, and in the Spirit's grace, with heart and soul and mind and strength we love and worship you alone, O God, for ever and ever.



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.**

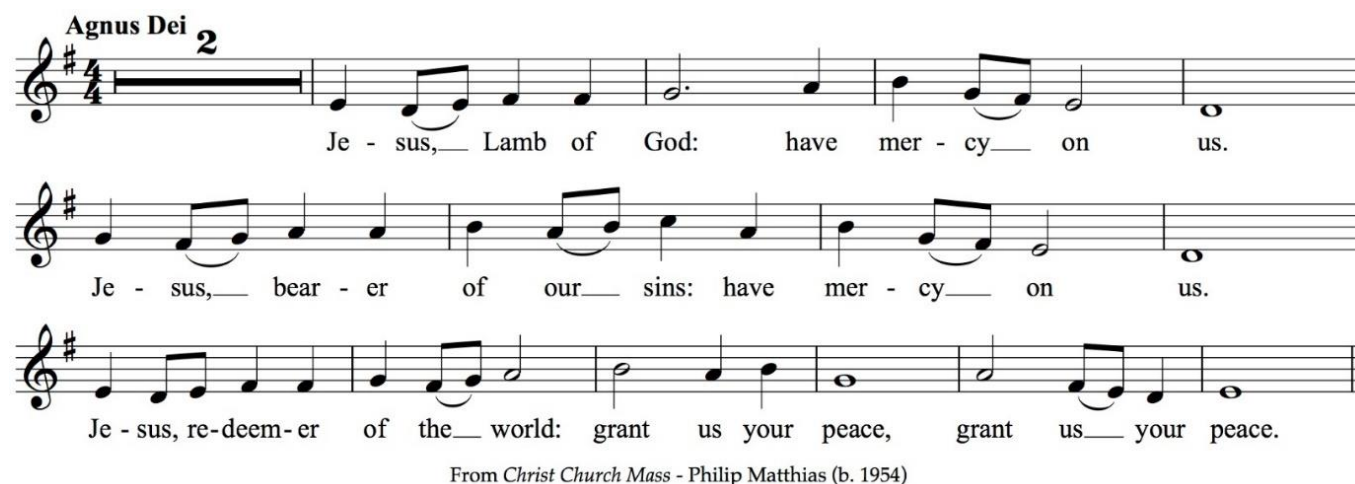
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Breaking of Bread

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei 2



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem - er of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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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

Christus Factus Est

*Felice Anerio (1560-1614); Text Philippians 2: 8-9:
Christ was made obedient even to death, death on the cross.
God therefore exalted him and gave him a name excelling all others.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

2. I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. *Refrain*

- 4. You're my friend and you're my brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything. *Refrain.***

Words: Martin Nystrom

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 of the harvest,

bless the labours of our hearts and hands,

bless the fruits of our cooperation and community,

bless the gathering of neighbours and strangers.

Awaken us to your longing for a different world,

where all are welcomed, valued and appreciated.

Give us grace to discern your presence in one another

and in the invitation of your Son, Jesus Christ,

that, together, we may come to the eternal harvest of your grace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

be with you now and always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: including Libby and Michael, Karin, Martin and Mavis, Tim, Jonna and baby Paul, Bruce, Pat, Neil and Tricia, Bianca and family, Gerard, Annie and Ben, Colette and John, Karina and Anna.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: John Marley, Vernon Samule Charles Jones, Jeananne (Jackie) Webber, Ted Scragg and Patricia Blaikie.

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

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RSCM Victoria Spring Lunch
'Confessions of a Failed Musician'

A lunchtime reflection by the Musicians' Minister
The Revd Professor Emeritus Robert Gribben AM

Lunch by the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre
Catering Department
Wines by Zilzie of Karadoc Victoria

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Roster		
	3rd September	10th September
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinlay	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	Alice Cristofi Michael Noble	Susan Gribben John Blanch
Serving Team	Serving roster	Serving roster
Subdeacon		
Welcome	Sam Miller	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercessions	Geoff Jenkins	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Paul Eikelbaum
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Michael Noble Margaret Noble	Marion Poynter Susan Gribben
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	N/A	N/A

Mary's Parish Notices

Thursday Midday Eucharist

For the next two months, there will be a midday Eucharist on Thursday.

All are Welcome!

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 – but no glass items – can be left in the baptistery at St Mary's for either St Marks or Mission House.

Take a bag – you know what to do!

Giving to Support St Mary's

We value your financial support. This helps us keep our doors open and fulfil our mission. *You can donate by following this link or scanning the QR code:*

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