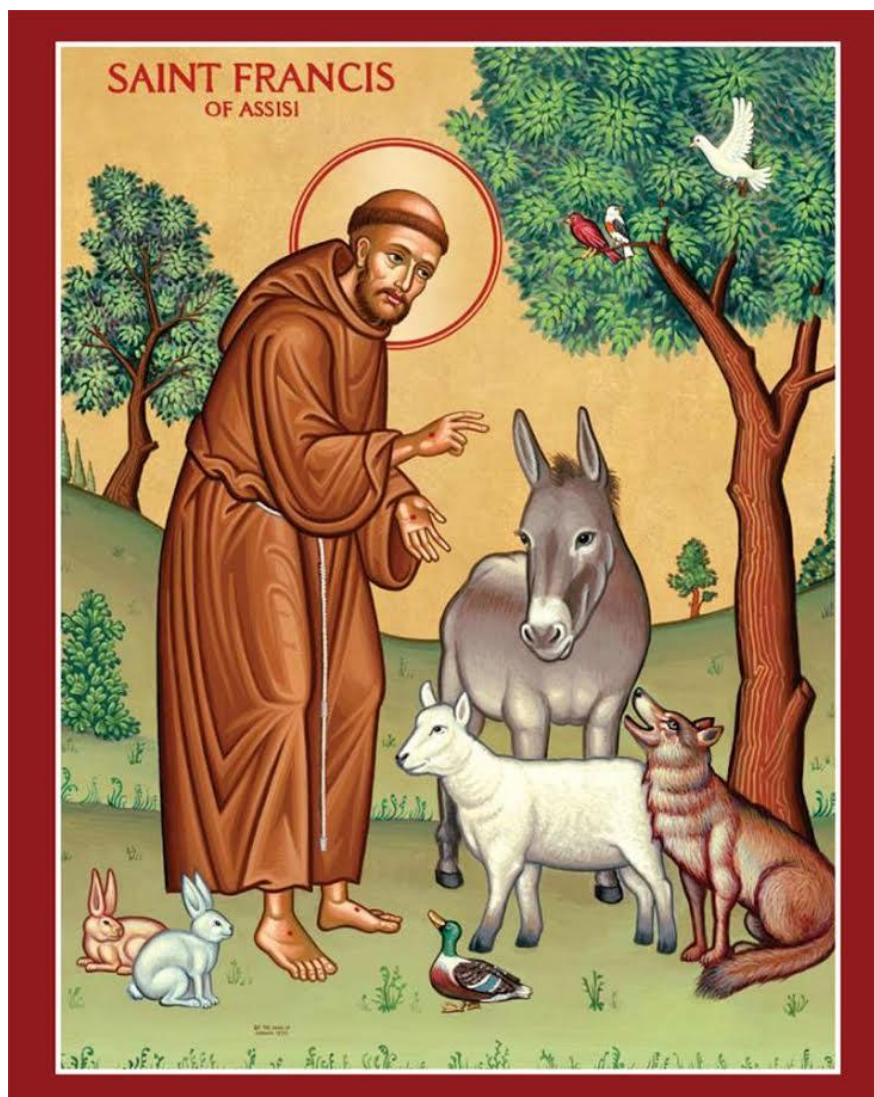


St Mary's



Season of Creation 5: Blessing of Animals
1st October 2023



St Francis of Assisi

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Robyn Boyd

10am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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

INTRODUCTION

HYMN

TIS 787

Em Am7 Bm Em /
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness.

Em Am7 Bm Em /
Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.

Em Am D G /
Make us your own, your ho-ly peo-ple,

C Am D D7 /
light for the world to see. _____

Refrain G C G / Em Bm
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Em Am D / G C
Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our

G / Em Am D
light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-

G C 1.2.3.4. 5.
G G
day. _____

1. **Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2. **Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
*Christ, be our light.***

3. **Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
*Christ, be our light.***

4. **Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
*Christ, be our light.***

5. **Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
*Christ, be our light.***

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the 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 the 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

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the child-like and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah:

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has told you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6 6-8

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

TIS 7

Response

The sky tells the glo - ry of God,
tells the gen - ius of God's work.

The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.
Day carries the news to day,
night brings the message to night, ***Response***

without a word, without a sound,
without a voice being heard,
and yet their message fills the world,
their news reaches its rim. ***Response***

There God has pitched a tent
for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed,
an athlete eager to run a race. ***Response***

It springs from the edge of the earth,
runs a course across the sky
to win the race at heaven's end.
Nothing on earth escapes its heat. ***Response***

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Galatians:

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; but a new creation is everything. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

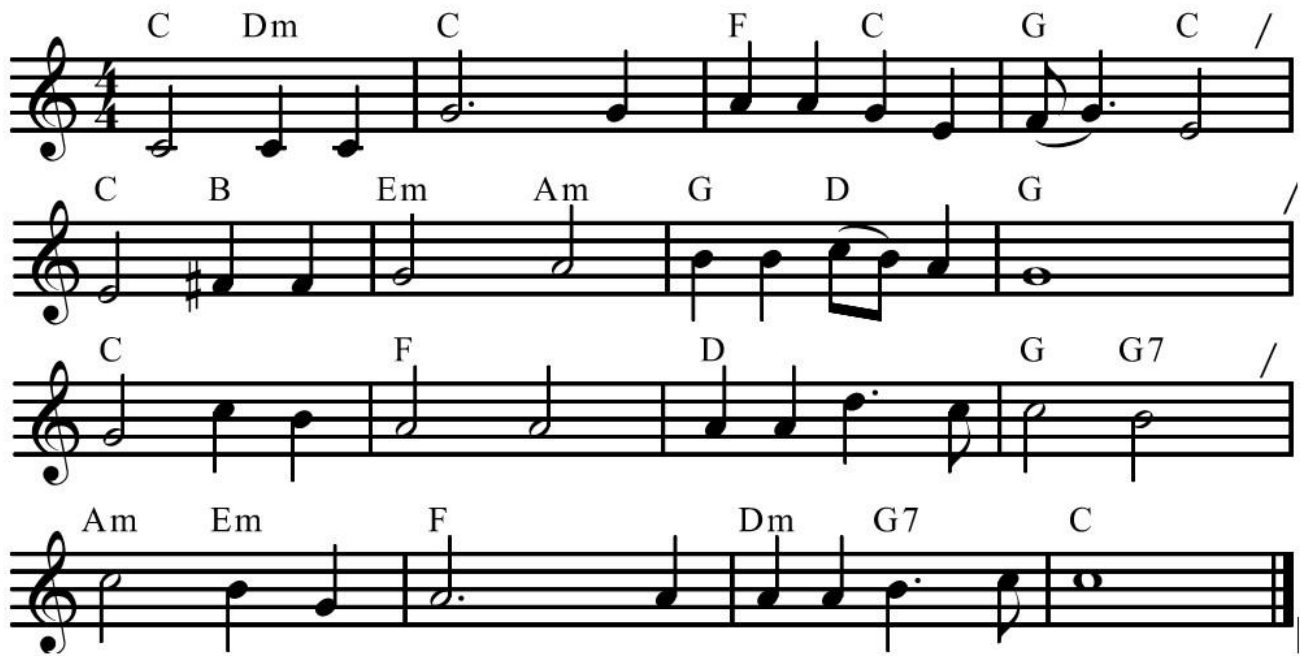
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Galatians 6: 14-18

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN TIS 799



1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

**5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

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THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Christ is the firstborn of all creation;
all things have been created through him and for him.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today

and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12: 22-34

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.**

Let us pray for the world and for the Church:
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.

BLESSING OF PETS

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures: You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these pets. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!
Amen.

Individual pets may be brought forward for a blessing.

THE PEACE

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. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain —
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
2. 'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:
who can explore this strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

3. **He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:
for, O my God, it found out me.**
4. **Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**
5. **No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

Charles Wesley 1707–88 alt.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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

Blessèd be God for ever.

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

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*

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 ourselves, 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.

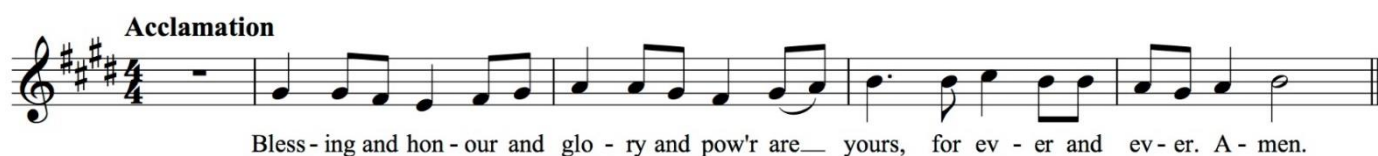
So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of holy Wisdom, merciful and generous, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Make us wise stewards of your 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:



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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.**

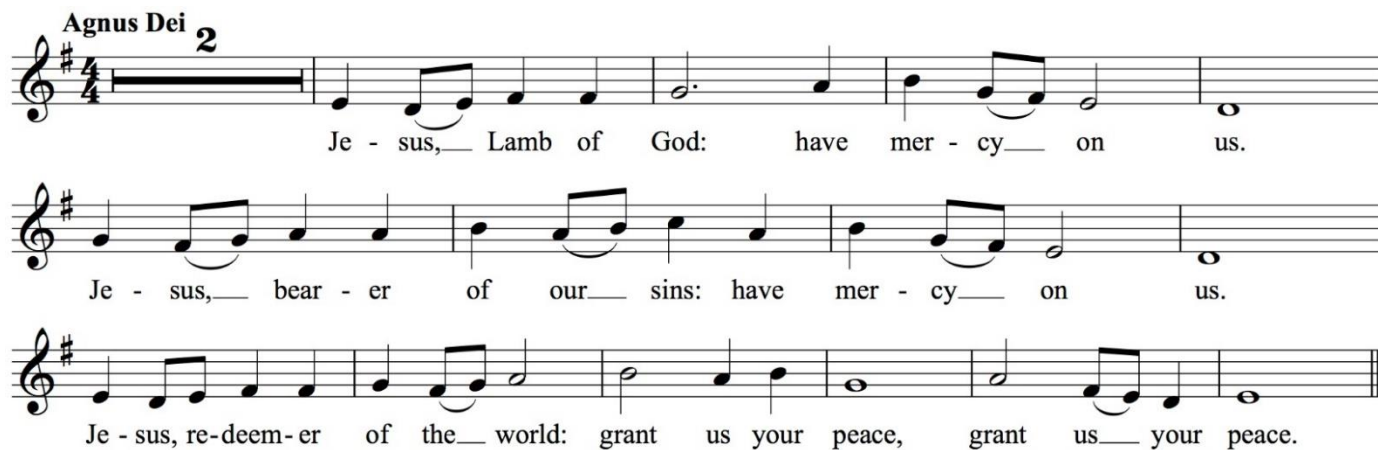
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your whole Church be gathered from the ends 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:

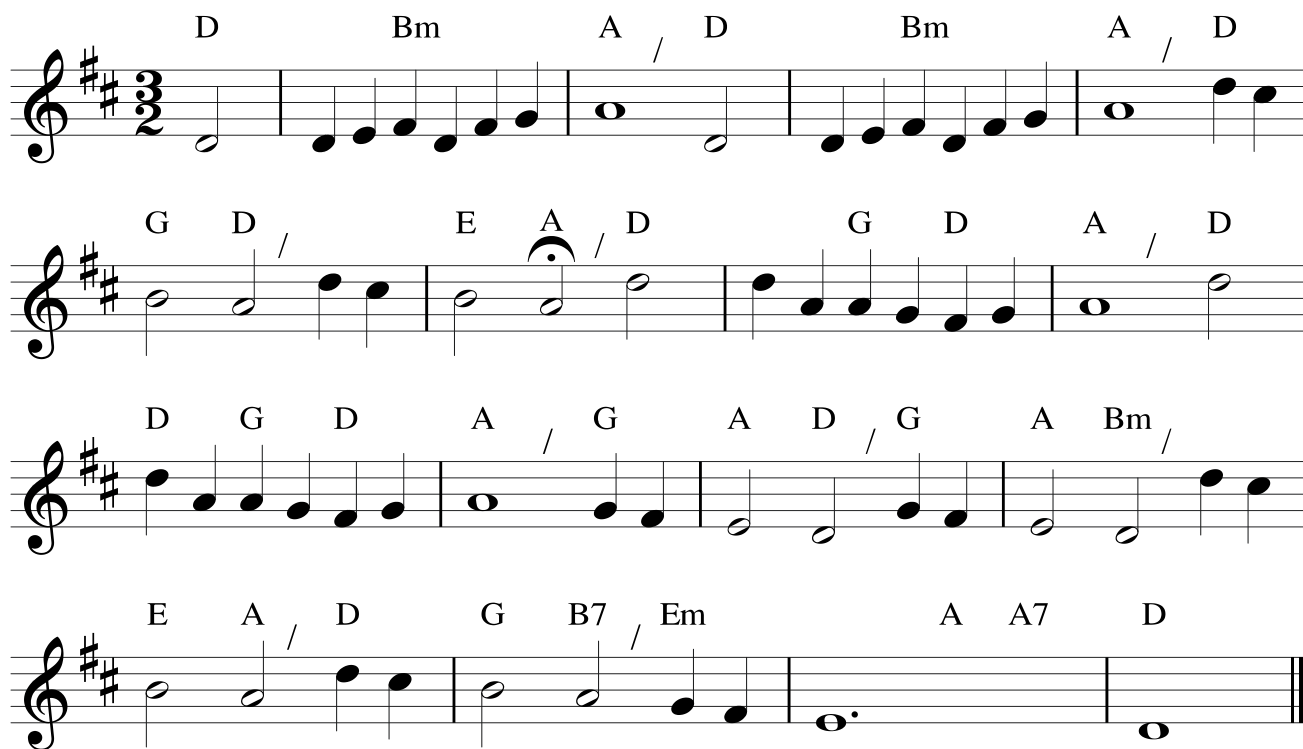
“Brother Sun, Sister Moon”

*Laudario da Cortona
Lyrics: Donovan*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you made your church rich through the poverty of blessed Francis: help us like him not to trust in earthly things but to seek your heavenly gifts; though 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.



1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Swift-rushing winds that are so strong,
and clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Fresh-rising morn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him ...
3. O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
O fire, so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him ...

**4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfold rich blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show;
O praise him ...**

*Based on Laudato sia Dio mio Signore the 'Canticle of the Sun' of Francis of Assisi 1182–1226
by William Henry Draper 1855–1933 alt.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

THE BLESSING

God give us grace to follow St Francis and all the saints in faith and hope and love. 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 Father Noel Whale, Libby, 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: Audrey Rodda, Stanley Keith Dean, Frances Hartshorn, Damon O'Keeffe, Vera Dettman, Jean Austin, Elisabeth Coldicutt.

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		
	1st October	8th October
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Andrew McKinlay
10:00am Readers	John Blanch	Helen McCallum
Serving Team	Andrew Murray Lewis Gurr-Stephen Anne Sunderland Josie Snowdon	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland Andrew Murray
Subdeacon		
Welcome	Sam Miller	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercessions	Geoff Jenkins	Josie Snowdon
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Sam Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	School Holidays	School Holidays
Morning Tea	Michael Noble Margaret Noble	Josie Snowdon Elizabeth Brookes
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	N/A	N/A

Mary's Parish Notices

The Choir

The choir have begun working on the music for our Advent Carol liturgy on the 3rd of December. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact the Director of Music.

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.

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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