



Season of Creation 4
24th September 2023



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

*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 569



- 1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

William Williams 1717–91 tr. Peter Williams 1722–96 and William Williams alt.

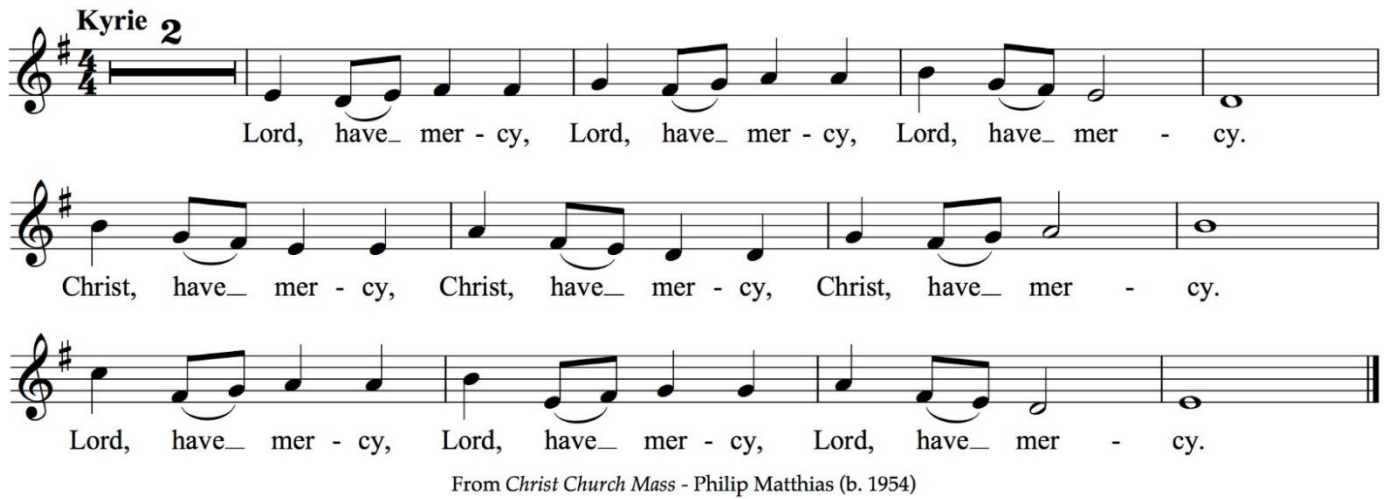
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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**



The deacon introduces the confession:

God's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistles and longs to be set free. Our sin affects all around us, so we confess our sins in penitence and faith mindful of God's forgiving love.

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.

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

THE COLLECT

O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you: grant us, in all our uncertainties and doubts, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that in your light we may see light, and in your narrow path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the book Genesis:

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104

TIS 65

Response:

Response D Bm D F#m Bm G A/G D

Send forth your Spi - rit, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

1. Praise the Lord, O my soul,
O Lord God, your glory is great.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your handiwork. **Response**
2. All creatures look to you
to give them their food to eat.
When you open your hand, they are filled with good,
when you hide your face they pine away. **Response**

3. When you take away their breath, they die,
and return to the earth, whence they came.
When you send forth your Spirit, all things spring to life,
and the face of the earth is renewed. **Response**
4. The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God while my breath remains. **Response**

Anthony Gregory Murray (1905-1992)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book Revelation:

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:1-5

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Chords indicated above the staff:

D Bm G D Bm Em

D A D Bm G D

Bm Em D A C Em

Am D7 G A A7 Bm F#7 Bm D

Bm C D7 G Em D G A7 D

1. **Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.**

2. **See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage —
grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.**

3. **Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
For his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.**

4. **Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the worldlings' pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.**

*John Newton 1725–1807 alt.
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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 Matthew:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Matthew 28:1-10

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.

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.

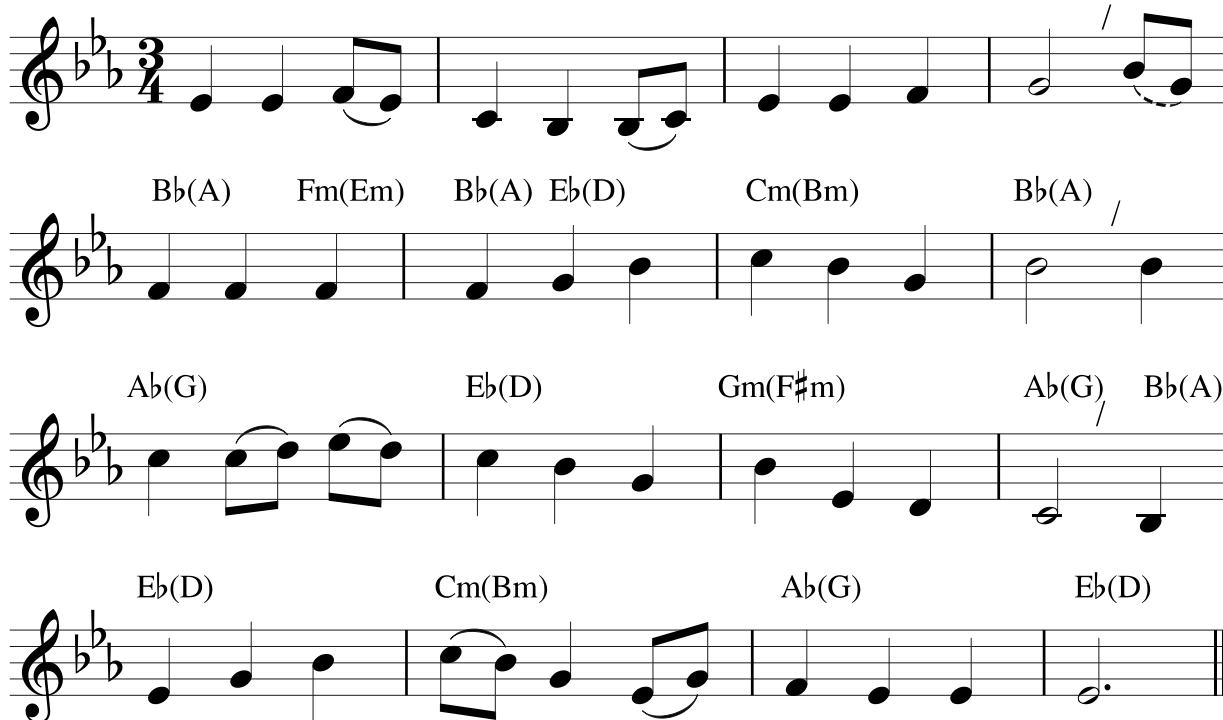
Gtr. Capo 1 Eb(D)

Cm(Bm)

Ab(G)

Bb(A)

Eb(D)



1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
2. Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
3. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind:
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.
4. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

5. Lord of all being, I give you my all;
 if ever I leave you I stumble and fall;
 but, led in your service your word to obey,
 I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

*Jack Copley Winslow 1882–1974 alt.
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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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


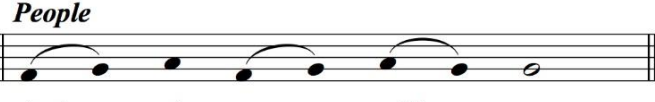




Blessèd be God for ever.

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

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

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

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 providence, 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 his friends, his companions on the way. He took the bread and giving you thanks, he broke it and said: Take, eat this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

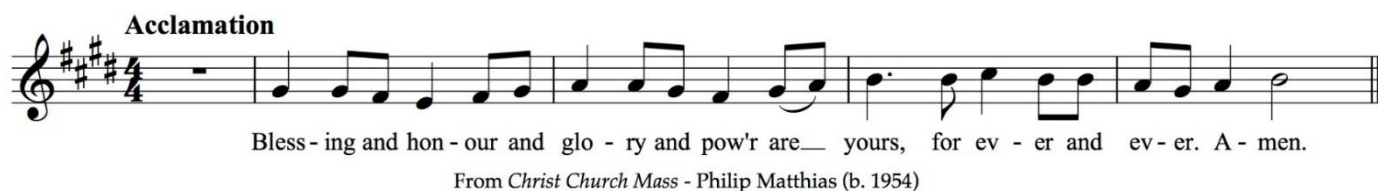
Then he took a cup of wine. Again, he thanked you and said: Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.

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 and so 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:



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.

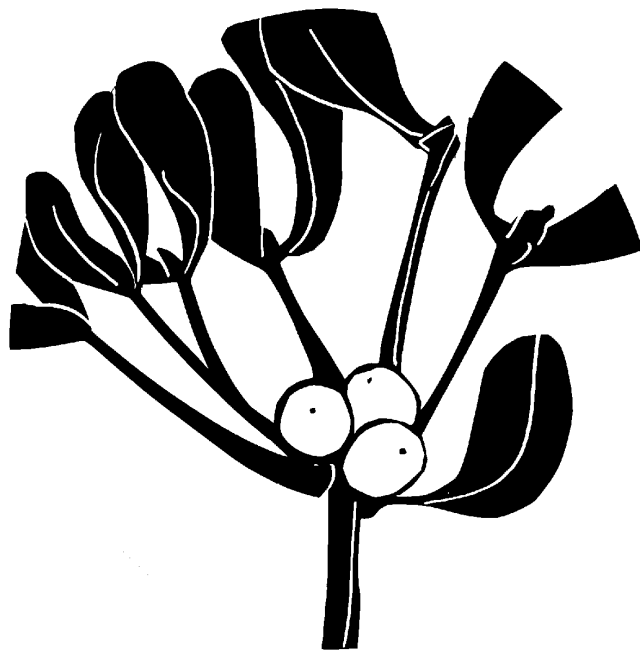
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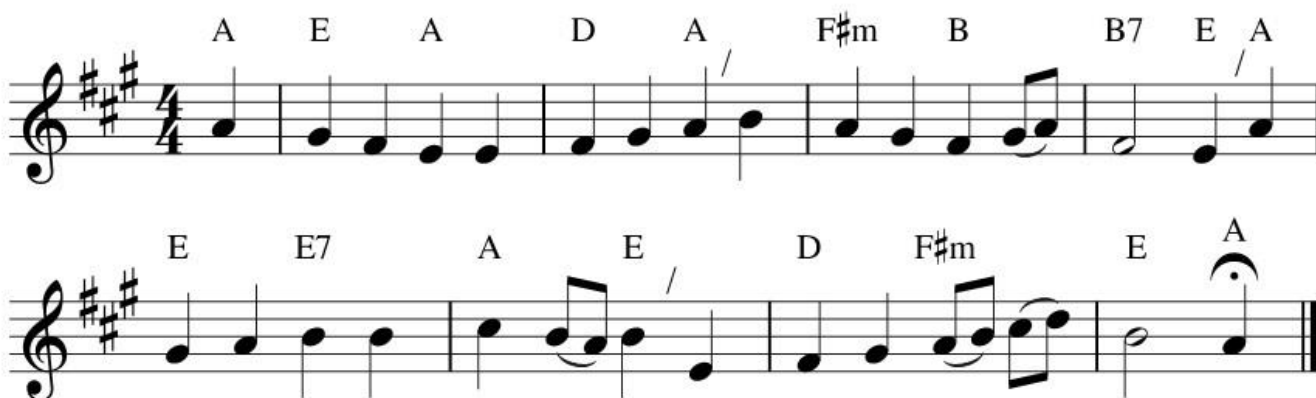
A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

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. **Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken,
let ears that now have heard your songs
to clamour never waken.**
2. **Lord, may the tongues which ‘Holy’ sang
keep free from all deceiving,
the eyes which saw your love be bright,
your blessed hope perceiving.**
3. **The feet that tread your holy courts
from your light do not banish,
the bodies by your body fed
with your new life replenish.**

*Attrib. Ephraim the Syrian c.306–73 tr.
Charles William Humphreys 1840–1921 and Percy Dearmer 1867–1936 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

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ. 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		
	24th September	1st October
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	Geoffrey Jenkins Elizabeth Brookes	John Blanch
Serving Team	Lewis Gurr-Stephen Peter O'Donoghue Andrew Murray	Andrew Murray Lewis Gurr-Stephen Anne Sunderland Josie Snowdon
Subdeacon		
Welcome	Michael Golding	Sam Miller
Introduction & Intercessions	Josie Snowdon	Geoff Jenkins
Video/AV	Paul Eikelboom	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	School Holidays	School Holidays
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	Michael Noble Margaret Noble
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	N/A	N/A

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.

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!

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