

*St Mary's*



*Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Sunday*

*15<sup>th</sup> October 2023*



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



## **A Prayer for Reconciliation**

Lord God, bring us together as one,  
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.  
You made us in your likeness,  
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.  
He has given us forgiveness from sin.  
Lord God, bring us together as one,  
different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,  
together as your body, your Church, your people.  
Lord God, bring us together as one,  
reconciled, healed, forgiven,  
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.  
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. **Amen.**

*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

To refuse an invitation may be an act of discourtesy; to refuse to share in the banquet of God's love is an act of disbelief. As we reflect on the Gospel image of God as a generous and all-embracing host, may we approach the Lord's table with thanksgiving and praise, acknowledging God's presence with us and our continuing need for God's grace.

## HYMN

## NEH 292

1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart a-wak-ing cries: May Je-sus Christ be praised! A -  
like at work and prayer To Je-sus I re-pair: May Je-sus Christ be praised!

1. **When morning gilds the  
skies.  
My heart awaking cries,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

3. **My tongue shall never tire  
Of chanting in the choir,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
The fairest graces spring  
In hearts that ever sing,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

2. **The sacred minster bell  
It peals o'er hill and dell,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
O hark to what it sings,  
As joyously it rings,  
May Jesus Christ be praised**

4. **When sleep her balm denies,  
My silent spirit sighs,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
When evil thoughts molest,  
With this I shield my breast,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**5. Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**6. The night becomes as day,  
When from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
The powers of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they  
hear,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**7. In heaven's eternal bliss  
The loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
Let air, and sea, and sky  
From depth to height reply,  
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**8. Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be  
praised:  
Be this the eternal song  
Through all the ages on,  
May Jesus Christ be praised**

*Tr Edward Caswall 1814-79*

#### **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)*

### *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 bring 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

**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

Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book Exodus:

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears

of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

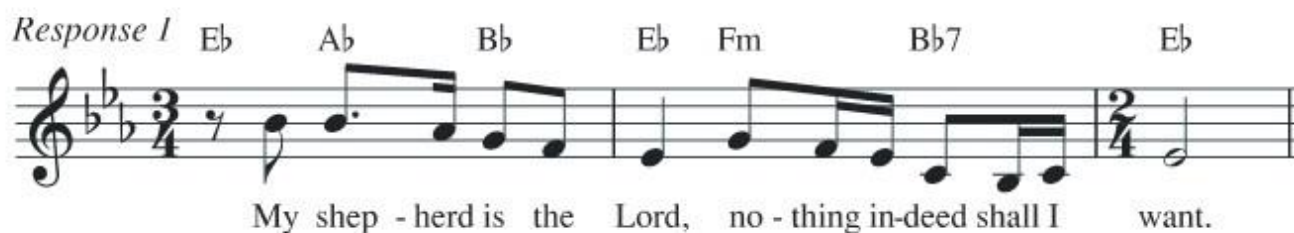
The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Exodus 32:1-14*

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**





1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. ***Response***
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness,  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. ***Response***
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes;  
my head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. ***Response***
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. ***Response***

*tr. The Grail (1966, 1986)  
Anthony Gregory Murray 1905-92*

## SECOND READING

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

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4:1-9*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

TIS 112

Music notation for hymn TIS 112, featuring guitar accompaniment. The score is written in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). The guitar part is marked "Gtr. Capo 1". The chords indicated above the notes are: Bb(A), F(E), Gm(F#m), Cm(Bm), F(E), Bb(A), F(E), Bb(A), F(E), F7(E7), Bb(A), F(E), Bb(A), F(E), Bb(A), F(E), Bb(A), Eb(D), F7(E7), and Bb(A).

- 1. Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.**
- 2. Of his deliverance I will boast,  
till all that are distressed,  
when learning this, will comfort take  
and calm their griefs to rest.**
- 3. O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called  
he to my rescue came.**
- 4. The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he provides for all  
who in his mercy trust.**
- 5. O make but trial of his love;  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide.**
- 6. Fear him, you saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
if in his service you delight  
your wants shall be his care.**

*Nahum Tate 1652–1715 and Nicholas Brady 1659–1726 alt.  
based on Psalm 34: 1–9*

## THE GOSPEL



### Alleluia, **Alleluia**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

### **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.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and

foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

*Matthew 22:1-14*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, 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.

## HYMN

TIS 464



***Response:***

***Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;  
trust him, speak to him in prayer,  
and he will hear.***

- 1. God be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling;  
break the snares the world contrives,  
keep us from falling. *Response***
- 2. God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us:  
though we faint in mortal strife  
his blood will save us. *Response***
- 3. Strengthen in our hearts the love  
we owe to one another;  
how can we love God above  
and not each other? *Response***

*James Phillip McAuley 1917–76 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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting. At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image, and endowed us with creative power. We turned away from you but you did not abandon us. You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets. And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:

**Sanctus** 2

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Benedictus**

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son, to be born of Mary. Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us



from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way. While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

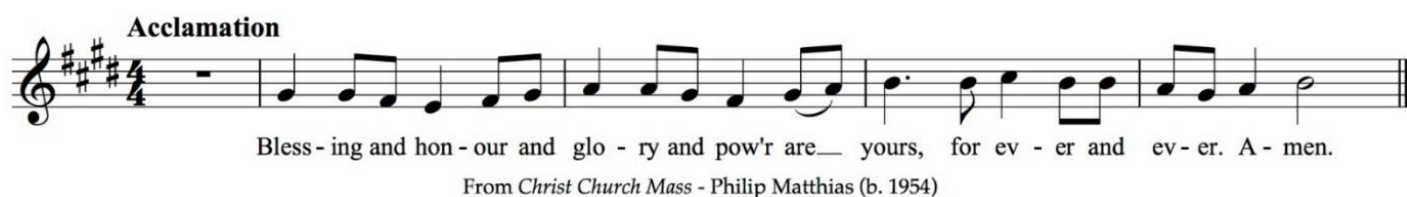
He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes. Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever:



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

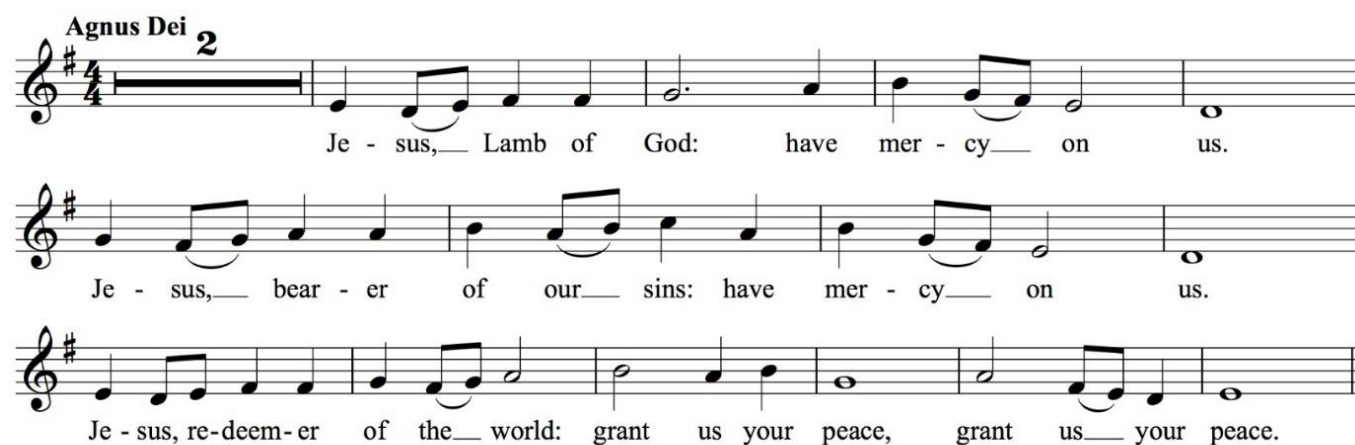
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

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

**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.

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

## 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

Author of life devine

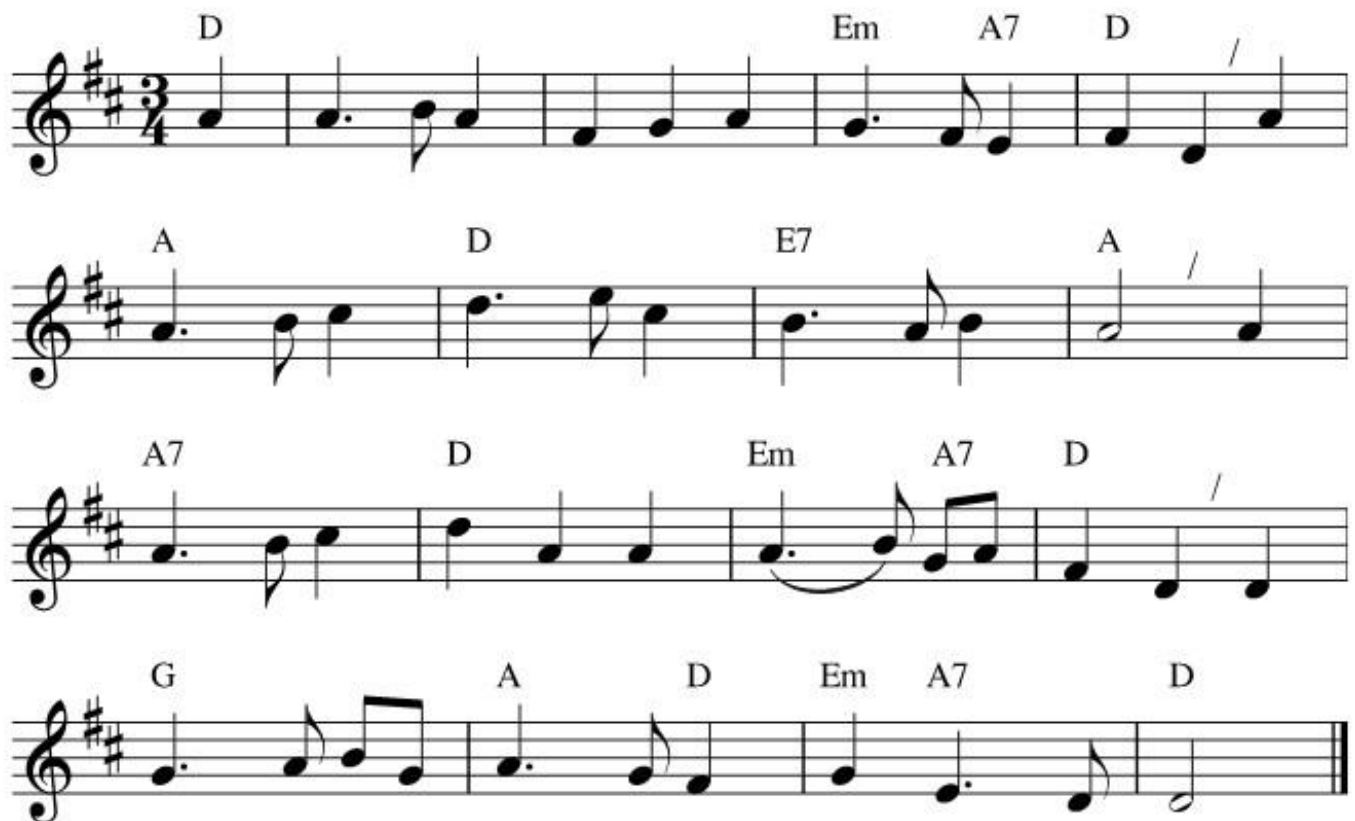
*Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)*  
*Text: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through 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. 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–

## 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 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 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.

And for the recently departed: Jackson Hurley.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Ada Judd, Mabel Woodman, Glad Kavanagh and James Aaron Brooks.

If there is a name that should be included please advise the Parish Office by email [office@stmarys.org.au](mailto:office@stmarys.org.au)

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<b>Roster</b>		
	<b>15th October</b>	<b>22nd October</b>
<b>8:00am Reader</b>	Jenny Langmead	Judie Bainbridge
<b>10:00am Readers</b>	Susan Gribben	Andrew Gador-Whyte
<b>Serving Team</b>	Anne Sunderland Peter O'Donoghue	Josie Snowdon Peter O'Donoghue
<b>Subdeacon</b>	Josie Snowdon	Andrew Murray
<b>Welcome</b>	Michael Golding	Sam Miller
<b>Introduction &amp; Intercessions</b>	Andrew Murray	Sam Miller
<b>Video/AV</b>	Adam Wing	Paul Eikelboom
<b>Kids Corner &amp; Sunday School</b>	Rosie Moloney	Harriet Jenkins
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Marion Poynter Susan Gribben	Helen McCallum David Keuneman
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
<b>Flowers</b>	N/A	N/A



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## Something Different this Advent

### Nativity Sets Display

This Advent, we will be displaying all sorts of nativity sets around the church (inside). Traditional sets, international sets, wooden, knitted, ceramic, modern, minimalist, crafted, rough around the edges from years of love (and children) ..... YOUR Nativity sets, which we hope you will kindly loan to St Mary's for the season!

Advent begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our plans are to gather sets during November, so that they are all ready to go for the beginning of Advent.

If you have a set, or sets, you are happy to loan us, please let Mother Robyn know – [revrobyncb@gmail.com](mailto:revrobyncb@gmail.com) 0418 648 331.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this, please let her know as well.





# Mary's Parish Notices

## The Choir

The choir have begun working on the music for our Advent Carol liturgy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:*

<http://st-marys-anglican-north-melbourne.square.site/>



*Or make a direct transfer to:*

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The Anglican Diocese in conjunction with St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne does not tolerate abuse, harassment or other misconduct within our communities. If any person has concerns about behaviour of a church worker, past or present. The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website [www.stmarys.org.au](http://www.stmarys.org.au).

**PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246**

# MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

*St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.*

*God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.*

*In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:*

- *To grow substantially in faith and numbers*
- *To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups - children and adults - equally*
- *To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community*
- *To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term*
- *To become more open to change as we learn to grow*

