

St Mary's



Advent 3

17th December 2023



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

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.

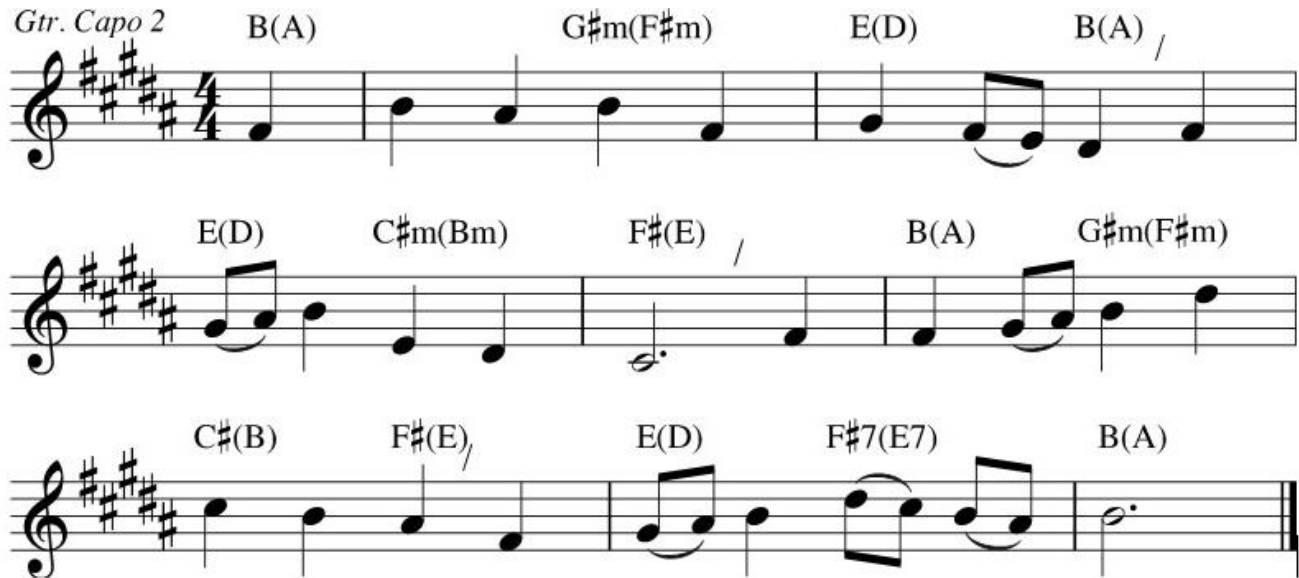
Thank you for joining us in worship.

*Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

HYMN

TIS 269



- 1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,**
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne
and every voice a song.
- 2. On him the Spirit largely poured**
exerts its sacred fire;
wisdom and might and zeal and love
his holy breast inspire.
- 3. He comes the prisoners to release**
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

4. **He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.**
5. **His silver trumpets publish loud
the jubilee of the Lord,
our debts are all remitted now,
our heritage restored.**
6. **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with your beloved name.**

Philip Doddridge 1702–51

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.

*Remain standing for the lighting
of the Advent wreath*



We have this ADVENT WREATH to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

We light the First Candle to remind us of all God's people who, in every age, watch for his coming.

We light the Second Candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets.

A young person asks: **Why do we light the third candle?**

A parent replies: **We light the Third Candle to remind us of John the Baptist, who told us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. ‘I am a voice that cries in the wilderness; Make a straight way for the Lord.’**

As we light the Third Candle let us say together:

Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’

‘A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.’

John 1:6-8

For the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Let us say together:

Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.

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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation, each with a 'Cantor:' part and an 'All:' part. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy.' and 'Christ, have mer - cy.'.

Staff 1: Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. All: Lord, have mer - cy.

Staff 2: Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. All: Christ, have mer - cy.

Staff 3: Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. All: Lord, have mer - cy.

THE CONFESSION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

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

Response:

Response

D G F#m G Bm G A7 D

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. ***Response***
2. The heathen themselves said
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. ***Response***
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. ***Response***
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. ***Response***

tr. The Grail
Words by permission A. P. Watt, London

SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Em Refrain *C* *Em*

The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re - joi - ces,

Em *C* *D* *Em*

o - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voi - ces.

Verses

1 Who is the King of glo-ry, how shall we call him?
 2 In all of Ga - li - lee, in ci - ty or vil - lage,
 3 Sing then of Da-vid's son, our Sa-viour and bro - ther;
 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ri - sen,

G *B7*

1 He is Im - ma - nu - el, the pro-mised of a - ges.
 2 he goes a - mong his peo-ple cu-ring their ill - ness.
 3 in all of Ga - li - lee was ne - ver a - no - ther.
 4 he took up - on him-self the sins of the na - tion.
 5 and he will share with us his hea-ven - ly vi - sion.

Final refrain

Em *C* *Em*

The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re - joi - ces; o - pen the

Em *C* *D* *Em*

gates be - fore him, lift up your voi - ces. The King of

Em *C* *Am* *E*

glo-ry comes, the na - tion re - joi - ces.

Refrain

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices,
open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

1. Who is the King of glory, how shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people curing their illness.
3. Sing then of David's son, our Saviour and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another.
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sins of the nation.
5. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.

Final refrain

*The King of glory comes, the na-tion rejoices;
open the gates before him, lift up your voices.
The King of glo-ry comes, the nation rejoices.*

*Willard Francis Jabusch 1930–
Words © W. F. Jabusch*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptising if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ John answered them, ‘I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

John 1.6-8, 19-28

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

We are the body of Christ:

His spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you:

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A D E D A D E D A D

1 Lord, the light of your

A E / A D A E /

love is shin - ing, in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;

D E C#m F#m D E

Jes - us, Light of the world, shine up-on us, set us free by the

C#m F#m G E G E

truth you now bring us — shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain A D Bm E7

Shine, Je - sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fath - er's glo - ry;

A D Bm G E / A

blaze, Spi - rit, blaze, — set our hearts on fire. Flow, ri - ver, flow,

D Bm E7 A

— flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your word,

D Bm E7 A D E D

— Lord, and let there be light.

Last time
A D A

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us —
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness —
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, ...

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story —
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine ...

Graham Kendrick 1950–


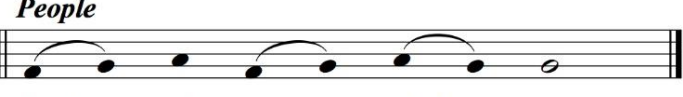




THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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.

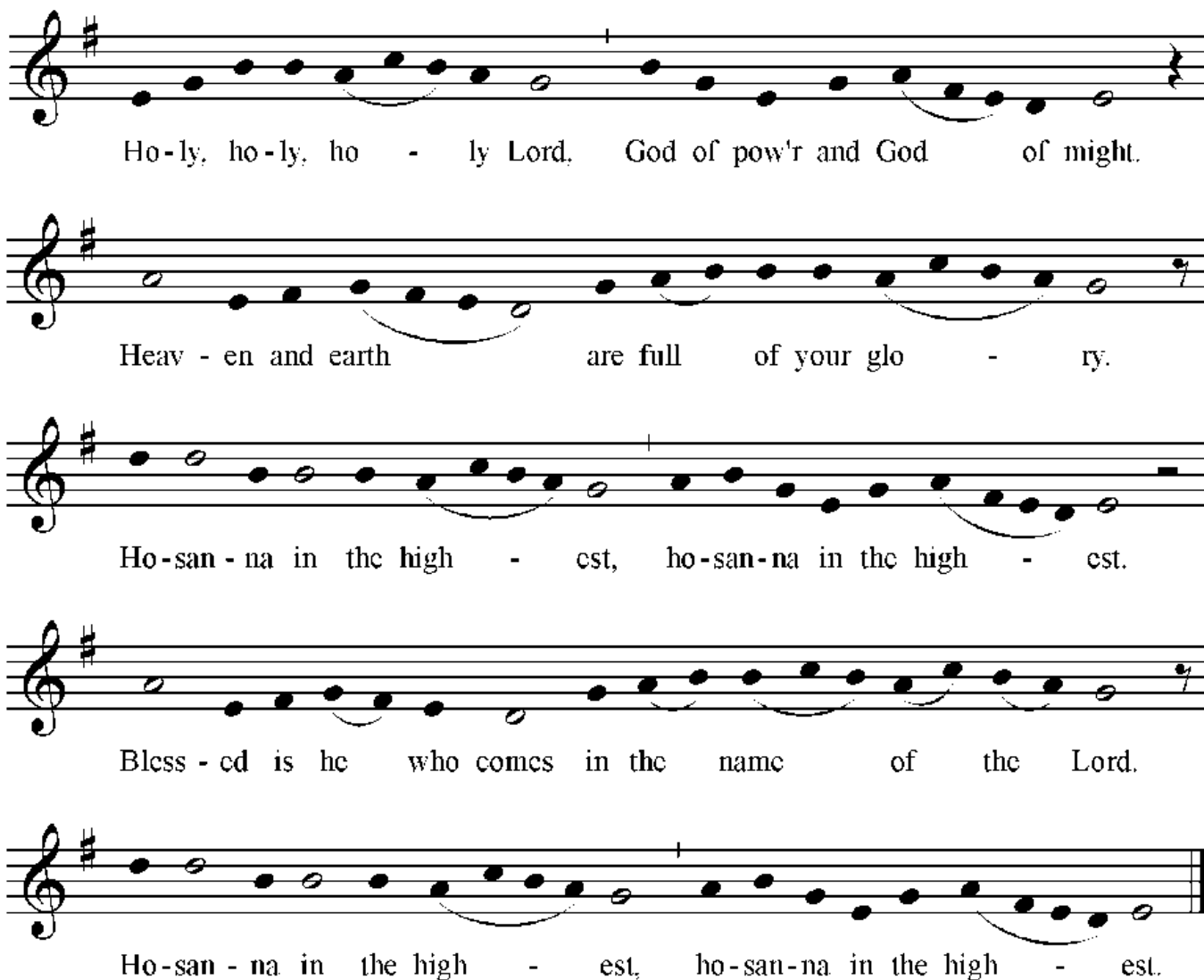
All glory and honour, thanks and praise be given to you at all times and in all places, Lord, holy Father, true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is your eternal Word through whom you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In him the day of our deliverance has dawned. We rejoice that through him you make all things new and we look for his coming in power and majesty to judge the world. In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

In obedience to your will your Son our Saviour offered himself as a perfect sacrifice, and died upon the cross for our redemption. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

He is our great high priest whom you raised from death and exalted to your right hand on high where he ever lives to intercede for us. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a royal priesthood called to serve you for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for every praising you and singing:

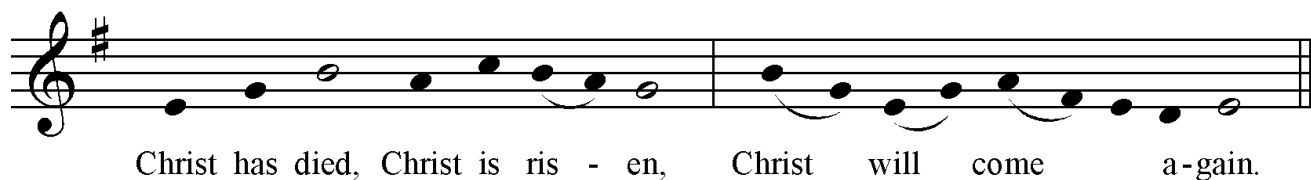


Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

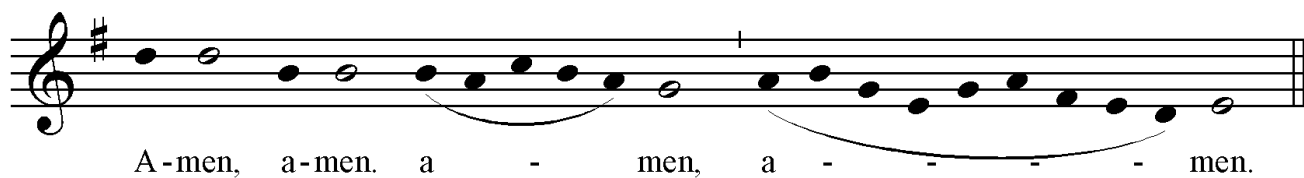
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



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

* Je - sus, wis - dom and might - - - y Lord: you
Je - sus, true branch of Jes - - - se's tree:
Key of Da - vid and Day - spring form on high:
De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

THE ANTHEM

“Advent Song”

*Roger Heagney
Text: John Gregor*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your feet, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your feet, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

TIS 265

Em Am Em G Em Am Em

Am G D Am Em Am Em

Refrain D G Bm Em Am Em C Am Bm Em

Re-joice! re-joice! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

1. **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2. **O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to the tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...***

Sung unaccompanied:

3. **O come, O key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...***
4. **O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...***
5. **O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...***

*Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier based on Antiphons from 9th cent. or earlier
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 alt.*

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: Lucy and Joel, Susan and Greg, Peter and Juneanne, Jenny Langmead, Mavis and Martin, Brandi and family.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Geoffrey Sambell (Bishop, former Vicar), Alison Reimann-Basch, Roma Cain, Ewan Paterson, Elizabeth Prosser and Eveline Cope.

And for the recently departed: Janet Horn.

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

	December 17th	December 24th			December 25th	Sunday 31st
	Advent 3 (Set up christmas tree after church)	Advent 4	Christmas Eve - 5pm Kids	Midnight Mass 11:30pm	Christmas Day 9am	9am
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinlay	Rhondda Fahey				
10:00am Readers	Helen McCallum Alice Christofi	Sarah Gador-Whyte Michael Golding		Susan Brennan Andrew Gador-Whyte	Susan Gribben Josie Snowden	Alice Christofi TBC
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland Lewis Gurr-Stephen	Andrew Murray Peter O'Donoghue	No serving team	Anne Sunderland Peter O'Donoghue	Peter O'Donoghue Andrew Murray	Anne Sunderland Alice Christofi
Subdeacon	Andrew Murray	Josie Snowdon		Andrew Murray	Josie Snowdon	Andrew Murray
Welcome	Parish Council	Michael Golding	Parish Council	Parish Council	Sam Miller	Parish Council
Introduction & Intercession	Andrew Murray	Sam Miller		(in pew sheet) Geoff Jenkins	(in pew sheet) Robert Gribben	(in pew sheet) Andrew Murray
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Sam Miller		Adam Wing	Adam Wing	TBC
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie/Harriet					
Morning Tea	Margaret Noble Michael Noble	Marion Poynter TBC		Refreshments Hospitality Committee	Hospitality Committee - Susan Gribben?	Margaret Noble Michael Noble

Mary's Parish Notices

Thursday Midday Eucharist

There is a midday Eucharist held on Thursdays.
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.

Parish Councillors for 2024

Sam Miller, Anne Sunderland, Adam Wing (Churchwardens), Andrew Barnard (treasurer), Helen McCallum, Alice Christofi (secretary), Andrew Gador-White, John Blanch, Rosie Moloney (Parish Councillors)

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PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246