

Second Sunday After Epiphany 14th January 2024



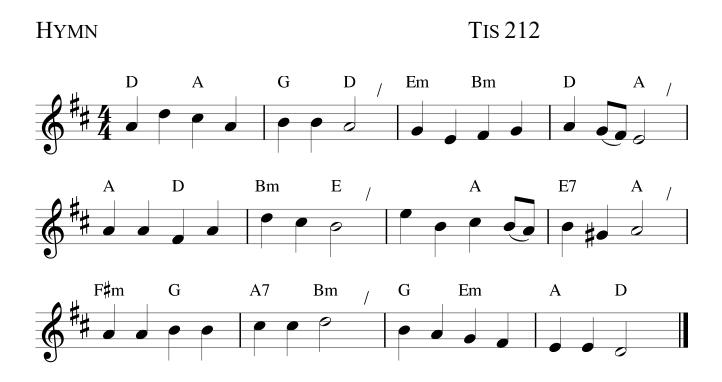
8am & 10am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Robyn Boyd

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

Jesus calls us into a discipleship which he will determine. The only way to be a disciple of Jesus is to be a follower of Jesus. Too often we try to lead him where we would like to go, but find in the end that he is Lord and leads us where he wills.



1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night; dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.

- 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn if you seem not close to me; joyless is the day's return, till your mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

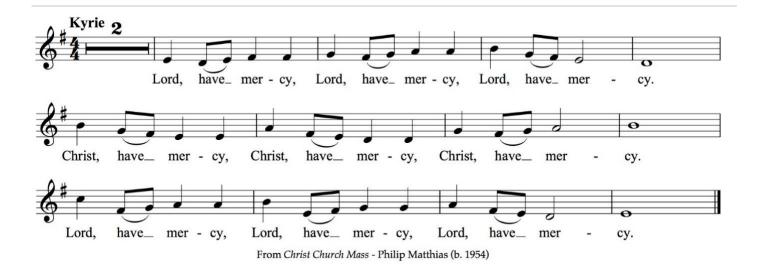
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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



Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations. Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

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.**



THE COLLECT

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Samuel:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called, 'Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.'

But Eli said, 'I did not call; lie down again.'

So he went and lay down.

The Lord called again, 'Samuel!'

Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.'

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." 'So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

1 Samuel 3:1-10

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139

Response: Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before. *Response*
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways. *Response*
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether. *Response*
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me. *Response*
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it. *Response*
- 12 For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother's womb. *Response*
- 13 I will praise you, for you are to be feared: fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works. *Response*
- 14 You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth. *Response*
- 15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect: and in your book were all my members written; *Response*
- 16 Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing. *Response*
- 17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them! *Response* 18 Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you. *Response*

SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians:

- 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial.
- 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything.
- 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other.

The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.'

But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

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:

Glory to you Lord Christ

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.

He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'

Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?'

Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of

Israel!'

Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'

And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

John 1:43-51

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection

NICENE CREED

Let us stand and together affirm the faith of the Church

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 GREETING OF 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.

HYMN Tis 595



- 1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend: I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2. Still let me feel you near me:
 the world is ever near;
 I see the sights that dazzle,
 and tempting sounds I hear;
 my foes are ever near me,
 around me and within;

but, Jesus, draw me nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

- 3. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; Lord, speak to reassure me, to chasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.
- 4. Lord, let me see your footmarks and in them plant my own; that I may follow boldly and in your strength alone; O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode 1816-74 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

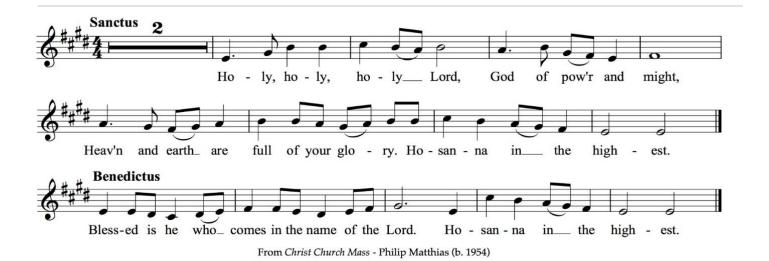
All glory and honour, be yours now and always, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.

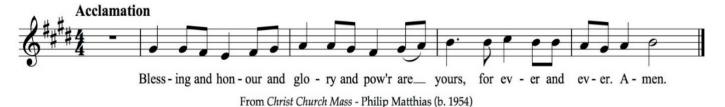
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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 our Saviour 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.

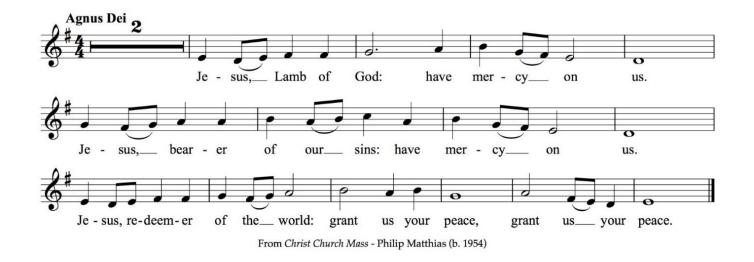
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

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



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread.

He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup.

So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with you Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE Please stand

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.

HYMN

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- 1. All my hope on God is founded; all my trust he will renew, through all change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.

 God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
- 2. Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; all we build with care and labour, tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

- 3. God's great goodness lasts for ever, deep his wisdom, passing thought; splendour, light and life attend him, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4. Daily the almighty giver will his bounteous gifts bestow; in his will our souls find pleasure, leading us where'er we go.
 Love will stand at his hand, joy shall wait for his command.
- 5. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges 1844–1930 alt. after Joachim Neander 1650–80

THE BLESSING

God who has called you is faithful.
Go into the world with joy,
forgive generously, love extravagantly, live abundantly.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Humoresque "L'Organo primitivo" - Toccatina for Flute by Pietro Yon

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to Elizabeth Buttery for leading us musically on the organ this morning.

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: Alma Archer, Robert Fallshaw, Joy Chang, David Moran and Kevin Charles Allan.

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

Yes, the Season of Christmas is now over, but

Good King Wences' car backed out, on the feet of Steven...

Get dressed, ye married gentlemen

Deck the halls with bras of holly

Peace on earth and mercy mild; Goddamn sinners reconciled

Noel, Noel...Barney's the king of Israel...

We three kings, of porridge and tar...

The Roster				
	January 7th	January 14th	January 21st	January 28th
8:00am Reader	Rhondda Fahey	Andrew McKinlay	ТВС	ТВС
10:00am Readers	Sam Miller	Robert Gribben	Helen McCallum	Rosie Moloney
Serving Team	Josie Snowden Peter O'Donoghue? (TBC)	Andrew Murray Lewis Gurr Stephen	Alice Christofi Josie Snowden	Andrew Murray Anne Sunderland
Subdeacon				
Welcome	Anne Sunderland	Alice Christofi	TBC	Alice Christofi
Introduction & Intercessions	(in pew sheet) Serving Team/Sub Deacon			
Video/AV	Sam Miller	Adam Wing	Adam Wing	Sam Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Morning Tea	Margaret Noble Michael Noble	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	Susan GribbenTBC	ТВС

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Mary's Parish Notices

Last Sunday's icon of the Baptism of Christ

Some people were asking about the axe near the tree. From Matthew 3:10, and Luke 3:9: words from John the Baptist,, speaking to the 'brood of vipers', the crowds coming to him for baptism: "Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire".

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:

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

Bank: Westpac BSB: 033 132 Account Number: 264412

Taking advantage of an empty page here!

"Worship is the moment when we're both *broken open* and *repaired* at the same time. We're *broken open* to the majesty and love of God, to the beauty and angst of the world, and to the joyful detail of each other's lives. We're broken out of our self-enclosed, private worlds and placed on a bigger map and in a larger family. We can't truly encounter the living God and then go back to peeling the potatoes and cutting the lawn as if nothing had happened. At the same time, like a well used piece of furniture, we're *repaired* by worship because the nails of our life and faith will often have worked loose during the week, and the glue will have come unstuck in places. What worship does is fit us together again, strengthening our joints and making us more 'serviceable' in God's work.

Sir Alec Guinness returned from church one day and met a lapsed Catholic friend who asked him: 'Had a nice Mass, then?' Sir Alec wanted to reply: 'Oh you know, the same old thing. The Real Presence at the altar, body, blood, soul, divinity of Christ, the usual.' God is both beautiful and terrifying, almighty love and a consuming fire. Our worship should be about nothing less."

From "The Life and Work of a Priest", Bishop John Pritchard (UK)

The Work of Christmas.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

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