

Third Sunday After Epiphany 21st January 2024



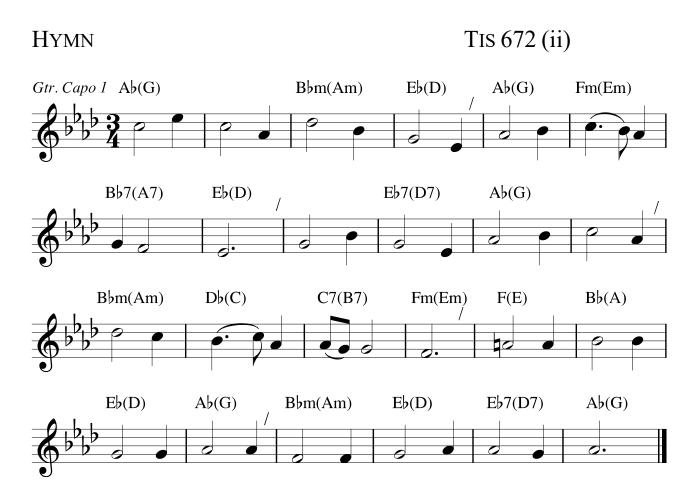
8am & 10am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Robyn Boyd

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

Dear friends, this week our gospel reading reminds us that we are to be disciples of Christ and are to follow when, and where, he calls us. On this Sunday before Australia Day, our liturgy calls us into reconciliation with our First Nations peoples, and to a discipleship of tolerance and respect for all people and a passionate commitment to justice for all.



1. Lord of earth and all creation, let your love possess our land: wealth, and freedom, far horizons, mountain, forest, shining sand: may we share, in faith and friendship, gifts unmeasured from your hand.

- 2. People of the ancient Dreamtime, they who found this country first, ask with those, the later comers, will our dream be blessed or cursed? Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living, hope for which our children thirst.
- 3. Lord, life-giving healing Spirit, on our hurts your mercy shower; lead us by your inward dwelling, guiding, guarding, every hour. Bless and keep our land Australia: in your will her peace and power.

Michael Rayner Thwaites 1915– and Honor Mary Thwaites 1914–93

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

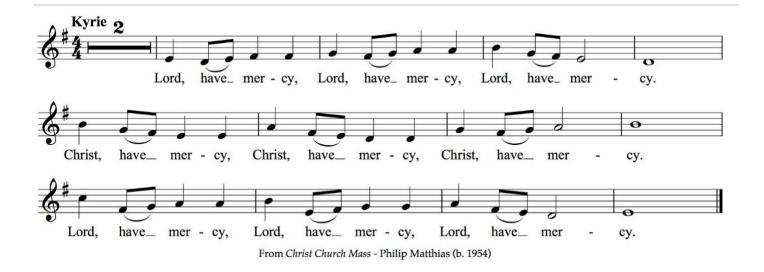
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.



Though Christ has called us into one body, the oneness of the peoples of this land has been broken by acts of oppression and the failure of compassion.

Let us therefore confess our brokenness, confident in God's power and promise to make us whole.

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

Bountiful God,

through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom: teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the prophet Jonah:

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Jonah 3.1-10

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62.5-12

Response: God alone is my rock and my salvation

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. (R)

On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. (**R**)

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. (**R**)

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. (**R**)

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work. (**R**)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

1 Cor 7.29-31

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**The kingdom of God is near:
Believe the Good News!

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Christ:

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Mark 1.14-20

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

On this Sunday before Australia Day, the Priest begins the intercessions with a Prayer for Australia Day. (APBA p204)

We bless you, God of the universe,

for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate,

for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history,

with all its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope.

Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers continue

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

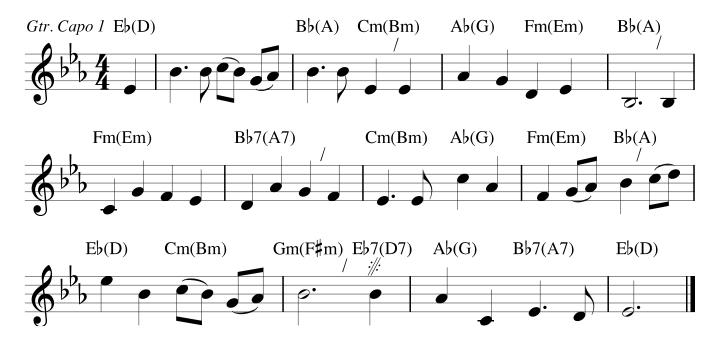
We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN TIS 598



- 1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind: in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.
- 3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
 where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 the silence of eternity,
 interpreted by love,
 interpreted by love!

- 4. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.
- 5. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-92 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.

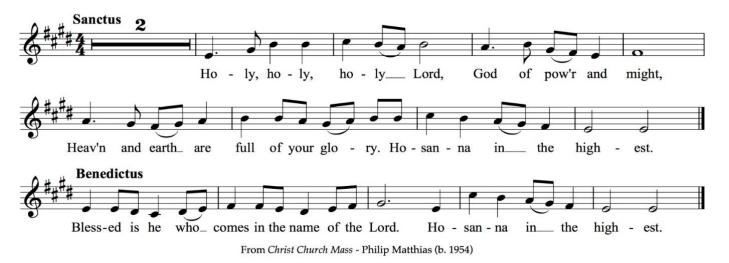
All glory and honour, thanks and praise, be yours now and always, Lord of every time and place, God beyond our dreaming. We give you thanks that from the beginning of time, your spirit has brooded over this ancient land

In the fullness of time you revealed your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

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.

We give you thanks that in him you have revealed to us your presence in the vastness of this land, your love in its fruitfulness, and your purpose in its cycles of death and renewed life.

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



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.

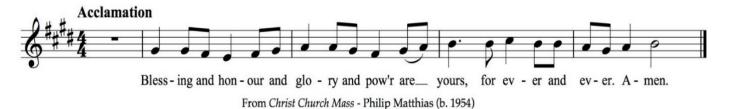
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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.

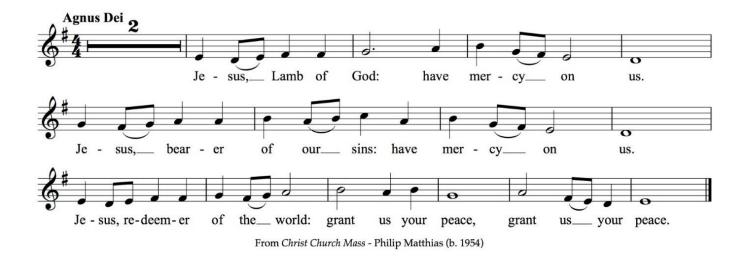
THE FRACTION

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.

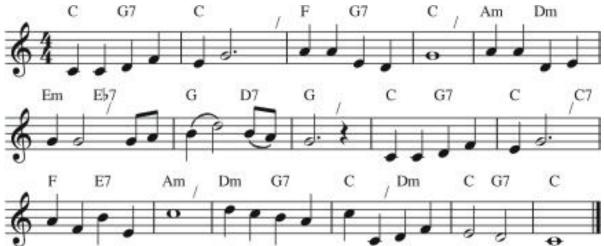
In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

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.**

HYMN TIS 687



- 1. God gives us a future daring us to go into dreams and dangers on a path unknown.

 We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power we will let God change us for new life starts now.
- 2. We must leave behind us sins of yesterday for God's new beginning is a better way.

Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back: God gives hope, and insight and the strength we lack

3. Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs how to meet the challenge of our troubled times. Love us into action stir us into prayer till we choose God's life, and find our future there.

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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.

THE BLESSING

God has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. May you experience his kindness and blessings, and be strong in faith, in hope, and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS

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

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Joy Chang, David Moran, Kevin Charles Allan, Judith Bessell, Gledys Mary Yapp, and John Barwise.

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

The Roster		
	January 21st	January 28th
8:00am Reader	TBC	TBC
10:00am Readers	Helen McCallum	Rosie Moloney
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Josie Snowdon	Andrew Murray Anne Sunderland
Subdeacon		
Welcome	Anne Sunderland	Alice Christofi
Introduction & Intercessions	(intro in pew sheet) Serving Team/Sub Deacon	(intro in pew sheet) Serving Team/Sub Deacon
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Sam Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	School Holidays	School Holidays
Morning Tea	Susan Gribben	TBC

Mary's Parish Notices

Sharing with the Hungry

Anglicare is now back and is quite short of food. Please take a bag from the baptistery and bring it back with food.

Small sizes and easy to open please.

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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