

St Mary's



Lent 2

25th February 2024



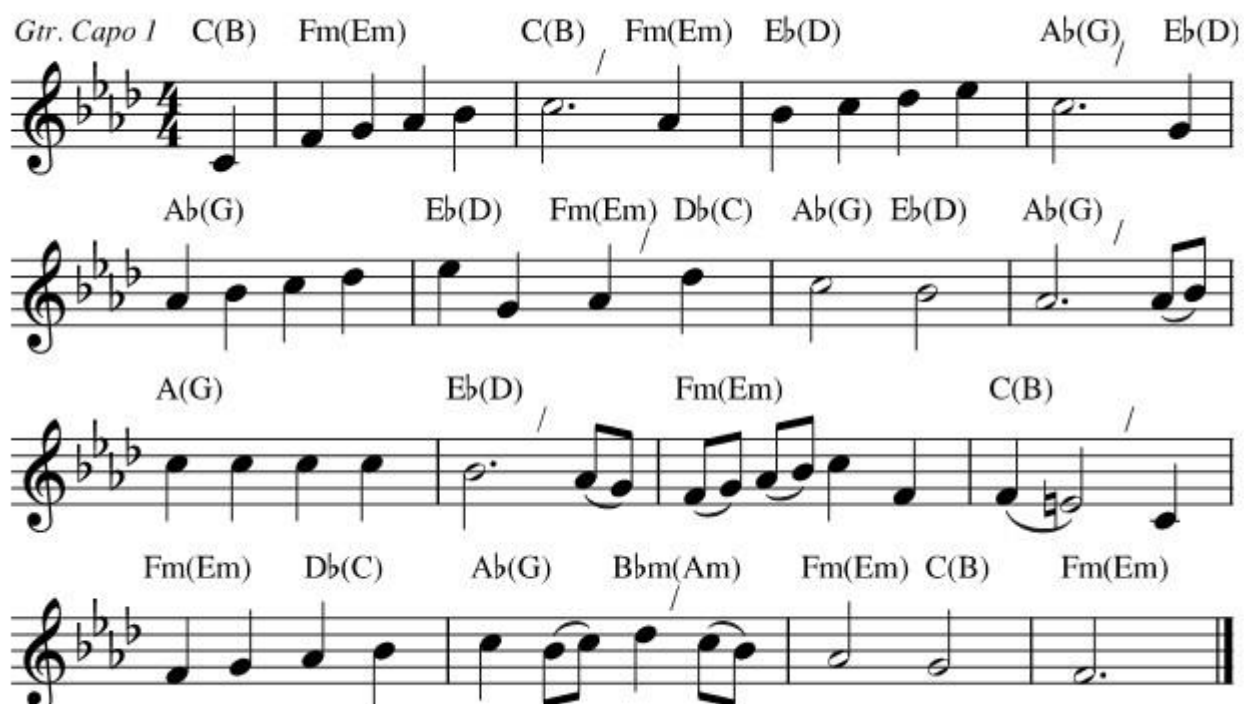
8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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*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.*

HYMN

TIS 125



1. **The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
the Lord, the great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
We bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blessed.**
2. **The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace
shall guide us all our happy days
in all our ways.
He calls us each a friend,
he calls himself our God;
and he shall save us to the end
through Jesus' blood.**

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3. He by himself has sworn,
we on his oath depend:
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.
 4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,
'almighty King!'
who was and is the same
and evermore shall be,
the Lord, our Father, great I AM
eternally.
 5. Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
all praising his almighty grace,
for ever new.
He shows his wounds of love,
they kindle to a flame
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.
 6. The whole triumphant host
gives thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
with heaven our songs we raise:
all might and majesty are yours,
and endless praise.

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Priest kneeling at the altar says:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting 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.**

Assistant:

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

COLLECT FOR LENT 2

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Genesis:

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

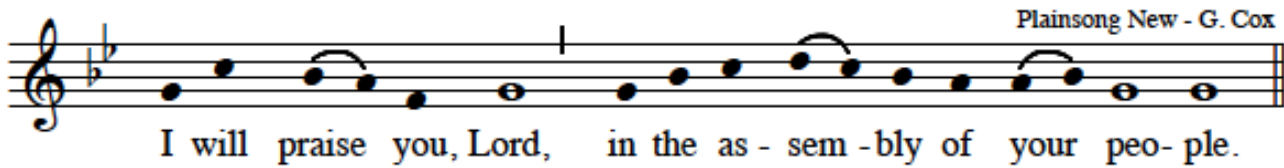
God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22



My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever! ***Response***

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. ***Response***

I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. ***Response***

SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

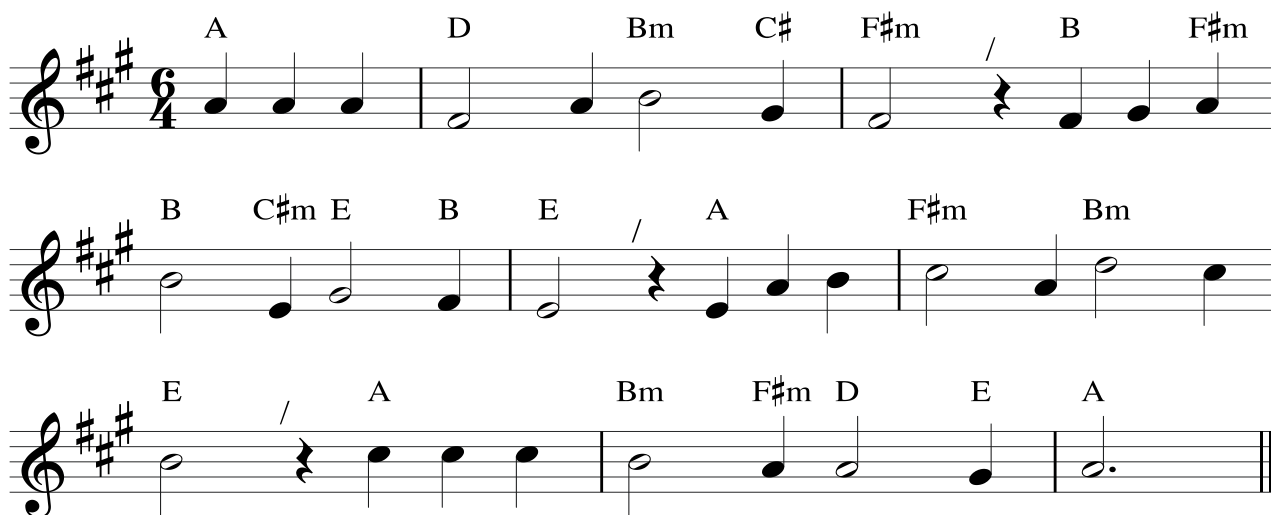
For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4.13-25

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1. 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Charles William Everest 1814–77 alt.

THE GOSPEL

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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What is born of the flesh is flesh

and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus began to teach the disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?’

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

Mark 8.31-38

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE 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.

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 GREETINGS OF PEACE

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

Gtr. Capo 3 Bb(G) Cm(Am) Bb(G) F7(D7) Gm(Em) Eb(C)

Cm(Am) Bb(G) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) Ab(F) Bb7(G7)

Eb(C) F(D) Bb(G) Cm(Am) Dm(Bm) F7(D7) Bb(G)

1. O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought!
2. O wide-embracing, wondrous love,
we read you in the sky above,
we read you in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.
3. We read you best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.
4. We read your power to bless and save
ev'n in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of your might.

**5. O love of God, our shield and stay
through all the perils of our way;
eternal love, in you we rest,
for ever safe, for ever blest.**

Horatius Bonar 1808–89

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 al - so 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 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:

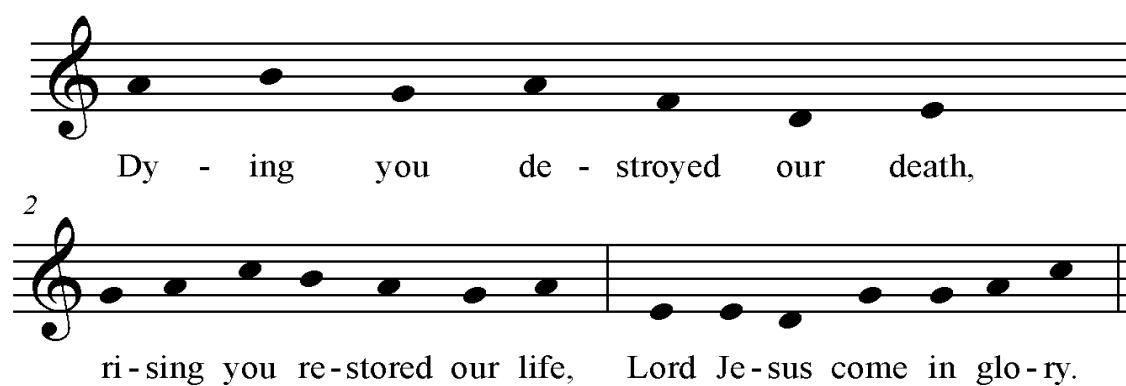


Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in obedience to our Saviour Christ in remembrance of his death and passion may be partakers of his body and his blood.

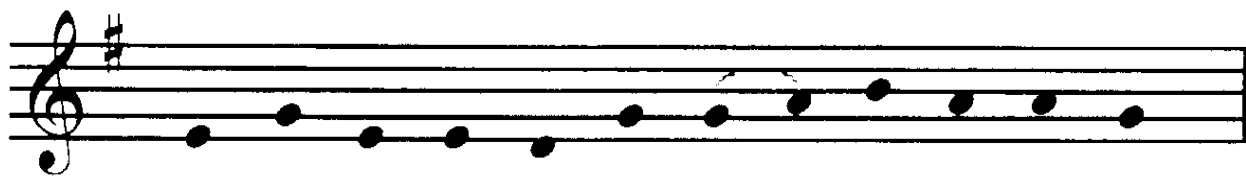
Who on the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

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.’

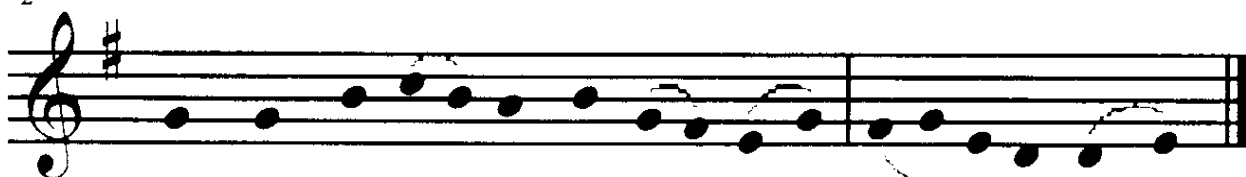
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Father, with this bread and this cup,
We do as our Saviour has commanded;
We celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
We proclaim his perfect sacrifice
Made once for all upon the cross,
His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
And we look for his coming to fulfil all things according to your will.
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 in in whom
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
We worship you, Father almighty, now and forever.



Bless-ing and ho-nour and glo - ry and po - wer



are yours for e - ver and e - ver A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, Hal-lowed be your name.



Your king-dom come your will be done on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread, for - give us our sins as



we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial. and de -



li - ver uas from e - vil. For the king - dom the power and the glo - ry are



yours now and for - ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men, a -

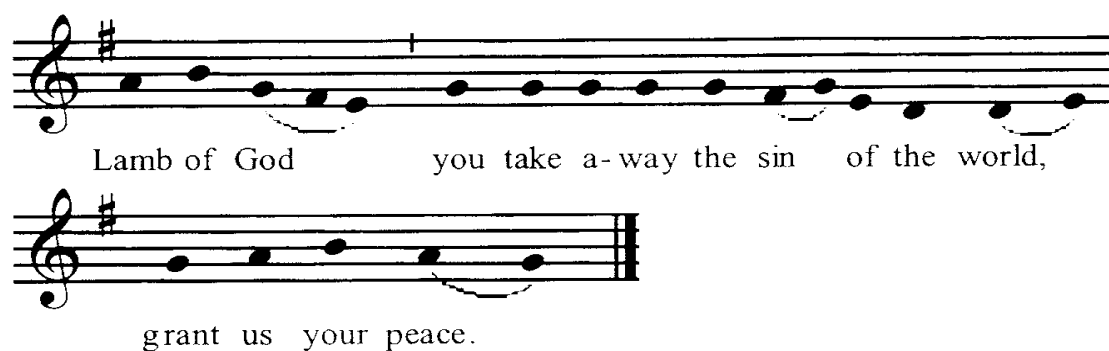
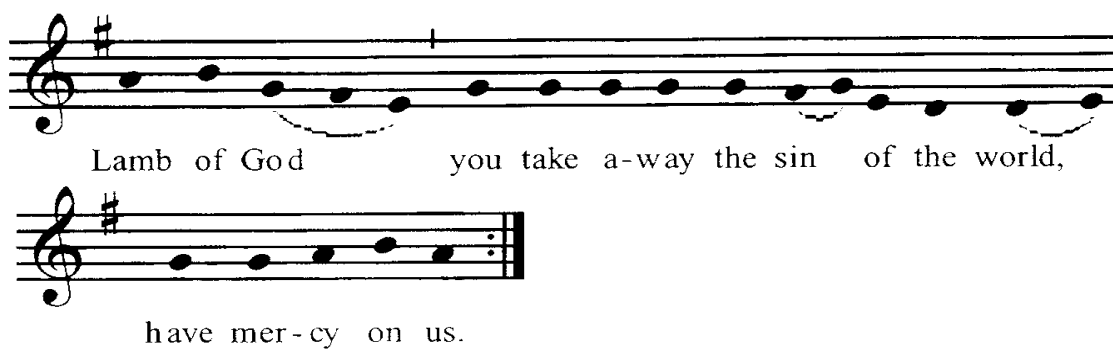


men, A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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



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.

COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM

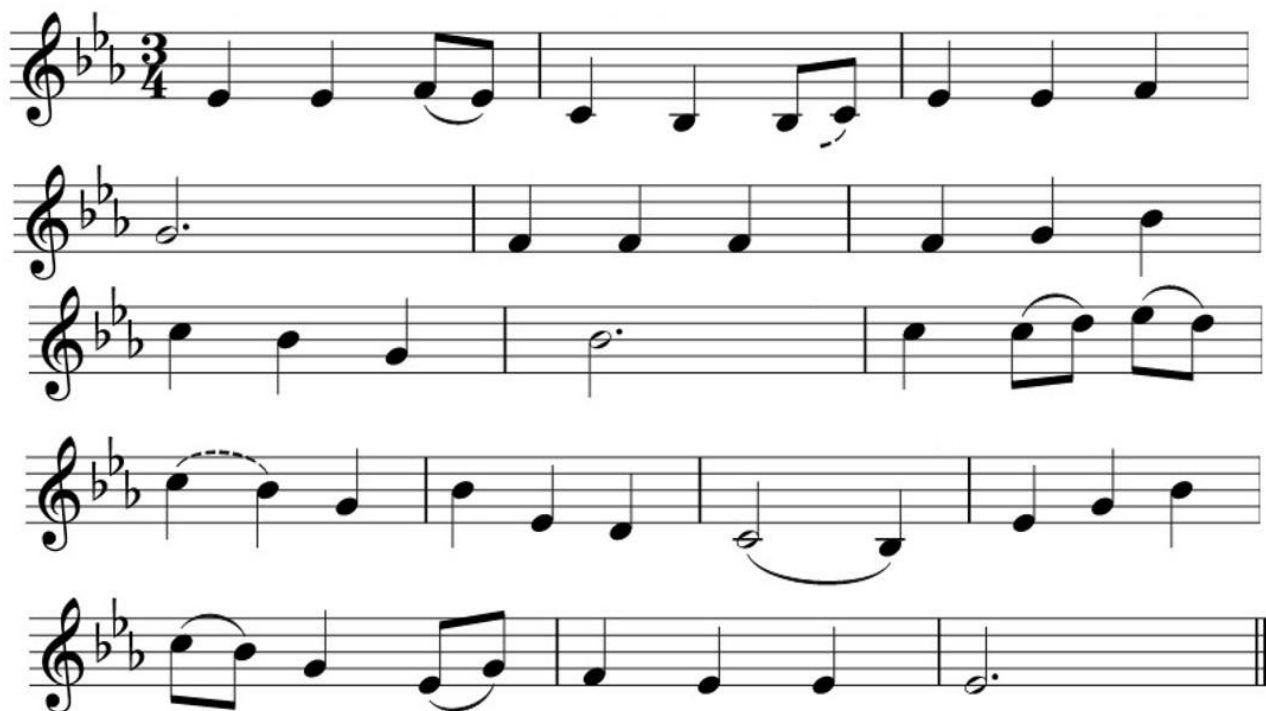
“Lord for thy tender mercies sake”

Farrant (16th c.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven ward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**5. High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

Gaelic c.8th cent. tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880–1931 versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull 1860–1935 alt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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 to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

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

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Richard Davidson, Margaret Fanny Bowman OAM, Dawn Hoy, Stan Archer and Minnie Irene Uren.

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

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The Roster		
	25th February (Lent 2)	3rd March (Lent 3)
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Andrew McKinlay
10:00am Readers	Helen McCallum Sarah Gador-Whyte	Geoff Jenkins John Blanch
Servers	Alice Christofi Josie Snowdon	Thurifer - tbc Josie Snowdon Lewis Gurr-Stephen
Subdeacon	N/A	N/A
Welcome	Andrew Barnard	Adam Wing
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham	Baptism
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Paul Eikelbourn
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	Baptism
Morning Tea	Elizabeth Brookes Susan Gribben	Margaret & Michael Noble

St Mary's Parish Notices

Palm Sunday Walk

The Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees and Peace will be held on the 24th of March, beginning at 10am at Parliament Gardens, East Melbourne.

Visit of Bishop Genieve

On the 10th of March, Bishop Genieve will be visiting our parish. If anyone would like to be received into the church or confirmed, can you please speak to Father Jan ASAP to arrange this?

Twilight at 5 @ St Mary's' - Lenten Moments

A series of Lent-inspired performances will be held at 5.00pm on the following dates:

Sunday 25th Feb:

'A Tenebrae Liturgy' led by St Mary's choir*

Sunday 10th March:

Honouring women in music and text. Flute and keyboard'

Sunday 17th March:

'Last words of Love'. 7 last words from the cross in readings, prayers, music and silence.*

* hymns new and old for congregational participation.

Upcoming Services

March 3rd:

8.00am and 10.00am Third Sunday in Lent

March 10th:

8.00am and 10.00am Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 17th:

8.00am and 10.00am Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 24th:

8.00am and 10.00am Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees and Peace

10am at Parliament Gardens, East Melbourne

28th March:

8.00pm Maundy Thursday

29th March:

10.00am Good Friday

30th March:

9.00pm Saturday Great Paschal Vigil

31st March:

10.00am Easter Day

Lenten Studies

Lenten study sessions are being run at the vicarage over the period of Lent on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Please advise Jan or the office if you'd like to attend.

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