

8am Presiding and Preaching: The Rt Revd Bishop Genieve Blackwell10am Presiding and Preaching: The Rt Revd Bishop Genieve Blackwell

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.



TIS 373

Hail, our once-despisèd Jesus, hail, our Galilean King! By your suffering you released us and did free salvation bring. Friend and universal Saviour, bearer of our sin and shame, by your merits we find favour; life is given through your name.

Paschal Lamb by God appointed, all our sins on you were laid; by almighty love anointed, you have full atonement made: all your people are forgiven through the virtue of your blood;

opened is the gate of heaven; reconciled are we to God.

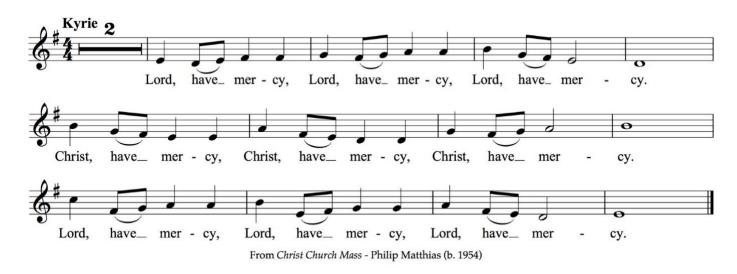
Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heav'nly host adore you, seated at your Father's side: there for sinners you are pleading, there you now our place prepare, ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.

John Bakewell 1721–1819 and others Music $\ensuremath{\mathbb C}$ Gwenlyn Evans Ltd

The Bishop: Peace be with you **All: 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.



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

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

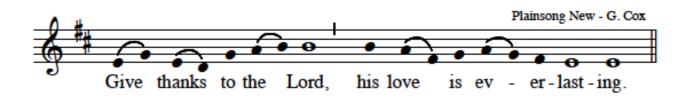
A reading from the book Numbers:

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Numbers 21.4-9:

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

PSALM 107



Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. *Response*

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; *Response*

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. *Response*

Then they were glad when it grew calm, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. *Response*

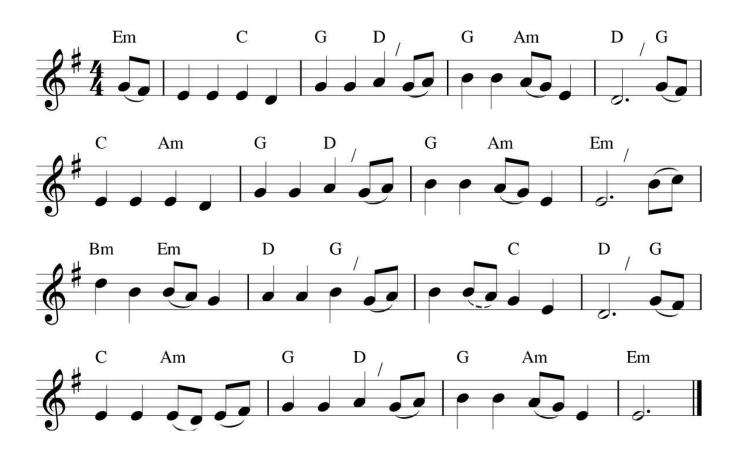
SECOND READING:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2.1-10

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



HYMN 585

- I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89 alt.

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory
'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord;
'whoever follows me will have the light of life'.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

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 Jesus Christ.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

John 3.14-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON Bishop Genieve

Following the sermon, the sanctuary party move to the font followed by the baptismal family and congregation.

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

We welcome those who come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

Sponsors (parents and godparents): We present Oliver George to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing *Oliver George* for baptism?

Sponsors: I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of *Oliver George*?

Sponsors: I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage *Oliver George* in the life and faith of the Christian community?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help. Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

Sponsors: I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

Sponsors: I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

Sponsors: I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

Sponsors: I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Sponsors: Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

To the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that *Oliver George* may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. **Amen.**

Give to his sponsors and family the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. **Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called *Oliver George* to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church. Do you believe in God the Father?

Sponsors: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

Sponsors: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Sponsors: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The priest says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** The priest baptises the child:

Oliver George, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The priest makes a cross on the child's forehead:

Oliver George, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever. Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

God has brought you out of the darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

The congregation move back to their seats and the sanctuary party to the sanctuary.

Reception Into Communicant Membership

The candidate is presented by the priest

Priest Janet Snibson has already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of the Baptist Church. She now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seeks our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

The bishop says to the candidate

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order? **I do.**

The bishop welcomes Janet in these words, taking her by the hand. We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church.

The congregation responds

We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

The bishop says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love, source of all good, by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servant and guide her in your way of peace and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candidate kneels and the bishop lays hands on the candidate's head, saying Janet, may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom in the fellowship of this Church. God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless, preserve and keep you. **Amen.**

After The Laying of Hands

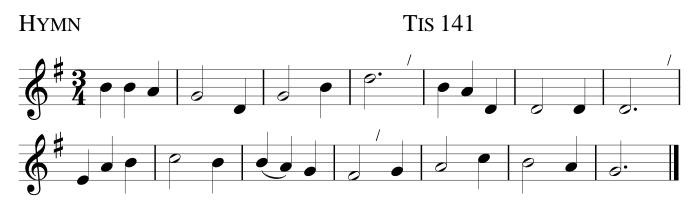
The bishop prays for those upon whom hands have been laid.

Almighty and everliving God, watch over these your servants upon whom we have now laid our hands. Let your Holy Spirit always be with them and lead them to know and obey your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The newly baptised and received are greeted by the congregation.

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.**



Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise: in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God, when all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

O wisest love, that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail, should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace should flesh and blood refine, God's presence and his very self, and essence all-divine.

O generous love, that he who smote in Man for man the foe, the double agony in Man for man should undergo,

and in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high, should teach his friends, and thus inspire to suffer and to die. Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise: in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman 1801–90 alt.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

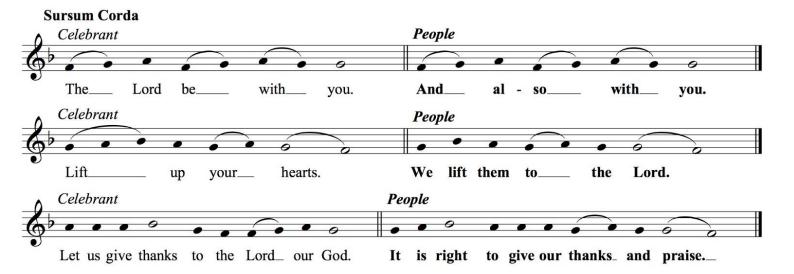
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

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



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.

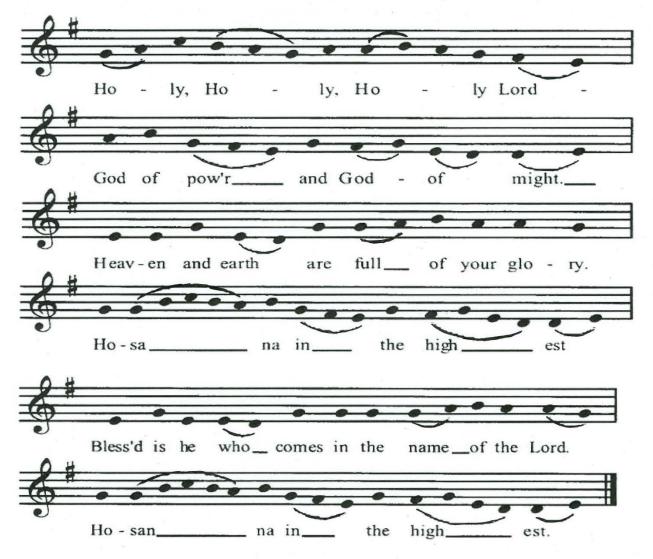
In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

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:

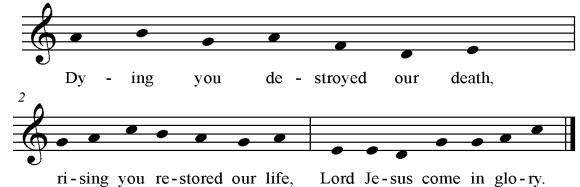


Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in obedience to our Saviour Christ in remembrance of his death and passion may be partakers of his body and his blood.

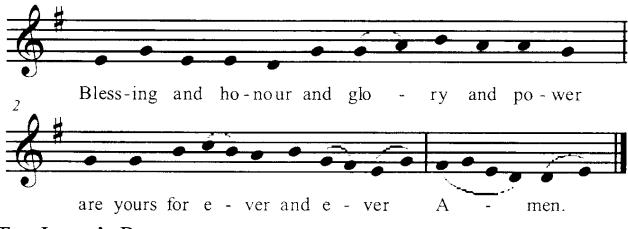
Who on the night he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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 which is 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 and in whom By the power of the Holy Spirit, We worship you, Father almighty, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

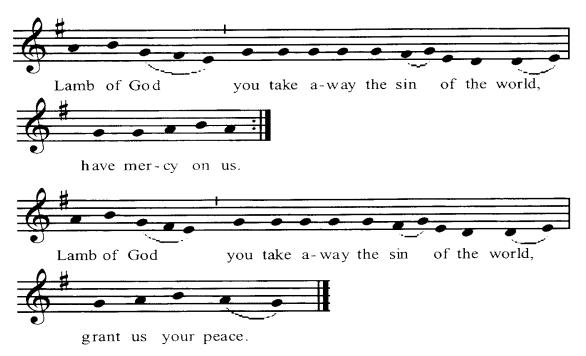
As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



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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

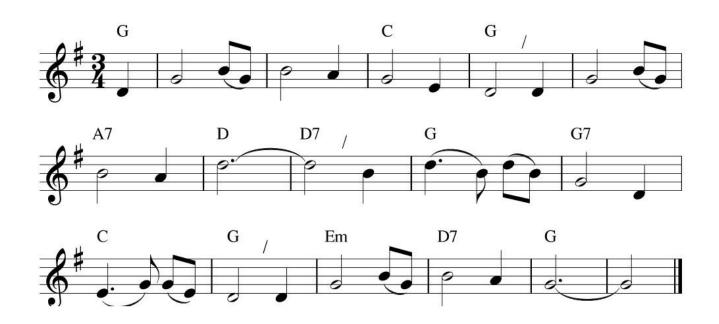
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; 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.

Hymn

TIS 129



- 1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2. As grace first taught my heart to fear so grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come: God's grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail and mortal life shall cease I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
- 6. When we've been there a thousand years bright shining as the sun we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

John Newton 1725–1807 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: Florence May Dove, Grace Elizabeth Lansell and Paul Francis Kathner.

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

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Vacant Position - Parish Administrator

The role of St Marys parish administrator has become vacant with the current administrator finishing up on the 14th of March. The official hours for the role are 9.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday. Some proficiency in Microsoft Office, basic internet and website maintenance will go a long way, as will good looks, infinite patience and a sense of humour. A procedural manual has been written which will help the new parish administrator to navigate the role.

The Roster					
	10th March (Lent 4)	17th March (Lent 5)	24th March (Palm Sunday)		
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Jenny Langmead	Rhondda Fahey		
10:00am Readers	Andrew Gador- Whyte Fabien Nunes	Rhondda Fahey John Blanch	Passion		
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland	Josie Snowdon Lewis Gurr- Stephen Peter O'Donoghue	Anne Sunderland Peter O'Donoghue Lewis Gurr- Stephen		
Subdeacon	Josie Snowdon	N/A	Josie Snowdon		
Welcome	Helen McCallum	Anne Sunderland	Adam Wing		
Introduction & Intercession	Baptism	Robert Gribben	Alice Christofi		
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Sam Miller	Sam Miller		
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Baptism	Rosie Moloney	Rosie Moloney		
Morning Tea	Marion Poynter Lewis Gurr- Stephen	Libby Brookes Susan Gribben	Marion Poynter TBC		

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 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.

St Mary's Parish Notices

Holy Week Readers required!

We hoping to recruit some additional readers for the Holy Week and Easter services. Please contact Fr Jan or Alice Christofi (achristofi@gmail.com) if you are interested and available to read a lesson or part of the Passion at any of the following services. Readings can be provided in advance and new voices are very welcome. Sunday 24th March - Reading part of the Passion on Palm Sunday (10am)

Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday (8pm) Saturday 30th March - Easter Vigil (9pm)

Morning Prayer

Morning prayer is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am. Simply go to this link to be taken to the site: https://bit.ly/stmary-mp Meeting ID: 869 2175 7848 (Passcode: 003238)

Link to Upcoming Services:

https://www.stmarys.org.au/news_events/

'Last words of love 'Sunday 17 th March, 5pm

Regarding this work: published by the RSCM this work focussed on the seven last words from the cross - explored in readings, reflection, prayers, music (hymns and anthems) and silence.

We need between 5-7 people interested in reading both a gospel passage and subsequent written reflection published in this RSCM publication.

Please contact Josie or Jan directly so we can get a reading and reflection out to you by email this week.

Or

Email: josephine56@icloud.com

For more information regarding this event please speak to Beverly, our Director of Music

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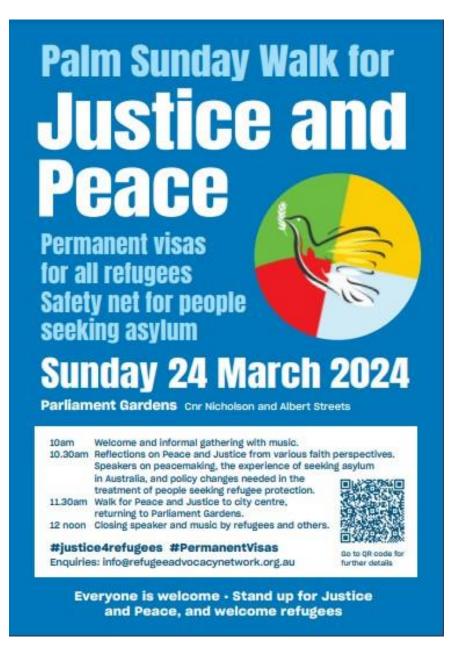
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