

Sixth Sunday of Easter 5 May 2024



8 am and 10am Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra Sermon: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b.1954) TiS 757

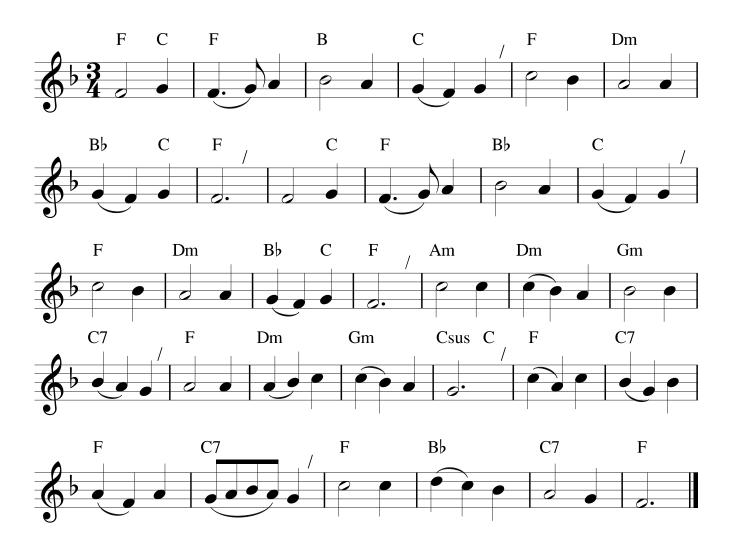
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please join in saying the text marked in bold and singing the musical responses and hymns.* 

# Prelude

#### INTRODUCTION

The central theme of today's gospel is the command to love. We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us, love in action, self-giving, suffering all for the other, even to the point of death.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN



- Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave: thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3. Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be, let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

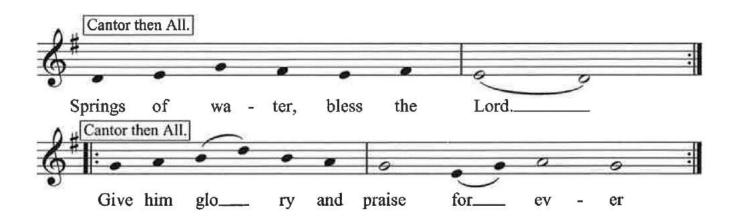
In the name of the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

# He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

[At 10am] The choir sings the Vidi aquam as all are sprinkled with water from the baptismal font.



Antiphons and responses:

Springs of water bless the Lord. Springs of water bless the Lord. Give him glory and praise for ever. Give him glory and praise for ever.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

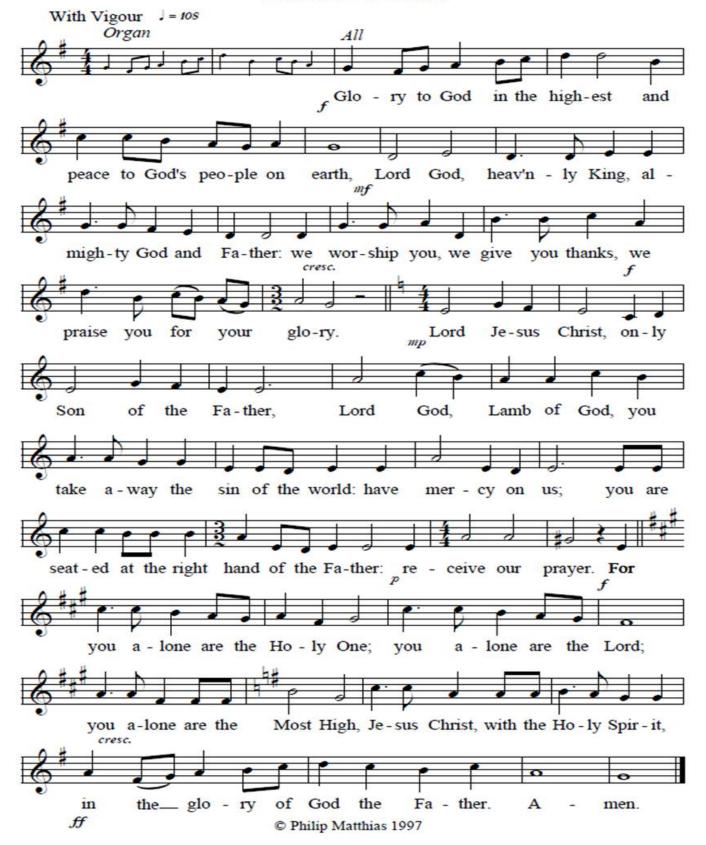
Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces 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.

Gloria in excelsis



THE COLLECT

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. (Acts 10:44-48)

For the word of the Lord

#### Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 98



- Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his own right hand and with his holy arm he has brought salvation. *Response*
- 2. The Lord has made known his salvation, and has shown his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his mercy and truth towards the house of Israel. *Response*
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let all the world be glad in him, sing, rejoice and give him thanks. *Response*
- 4. Let music sound upon the harp, and psalms be offered to his praise; with trumpets and with sounds of joy proclaim the praise of God our King. *Response*

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Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the

Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

(1 John 5:1-12)

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



The Gradual Hymn

### Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**



All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

# Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you **And also with you**.

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

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. (John 15:9-17)

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

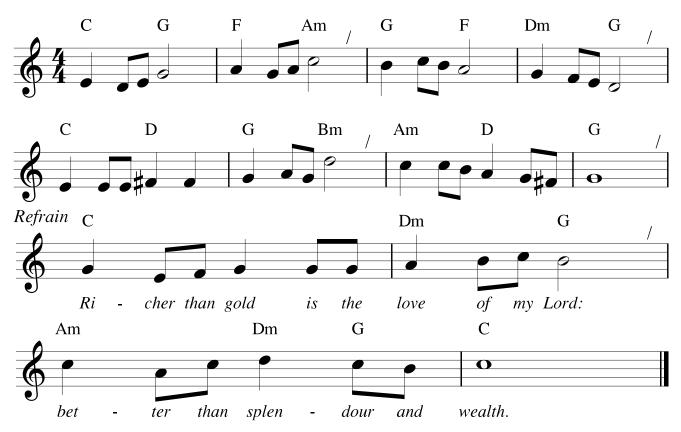
Please stand.

The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you!'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN



1. Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with friends, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again, love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

- 2. Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at his table, host to the twelve, love, only love, is his mark. *Refrain*
- 3. Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, 'This is my body, this is my blood', love, only love, is his sign. *Refrain*

- 4. Love is his sign, love is his news,
  'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my life's blood.' Love, only love, is his news. *Refrain*
- 5. Love is his news, love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called, sisters and brothers, cousins and kin. Love, only love, is his name. *Refrain*
- 6. Love is his name, love is his law. Hear his command, all who are his: 'Love one another, I have loved you.' Love, only love, is his law. *Refrain*
- 7. Love is his law, love is his word: love of the Lord, Father and Word, love of the Spirit, God ever one. Love, only love, is his word. *Refrain*

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

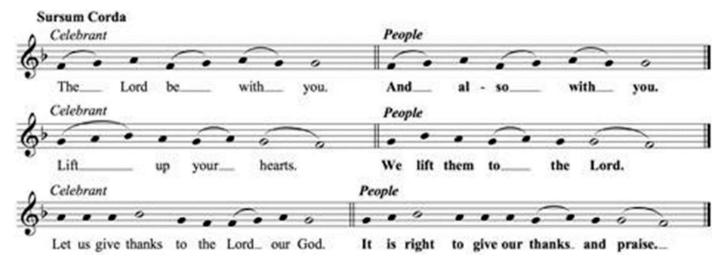
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

### 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



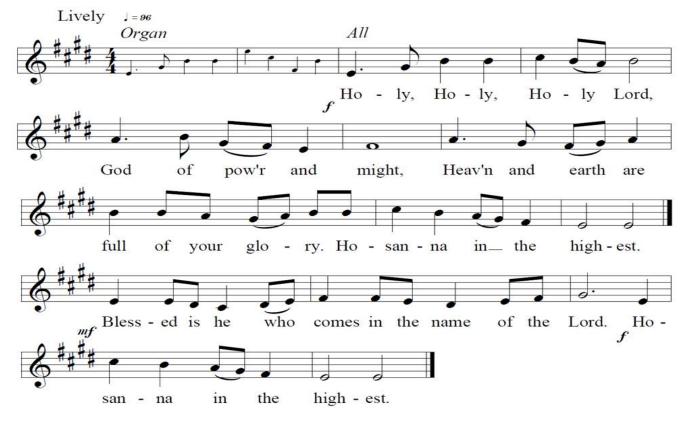
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for 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. And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant, and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

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:



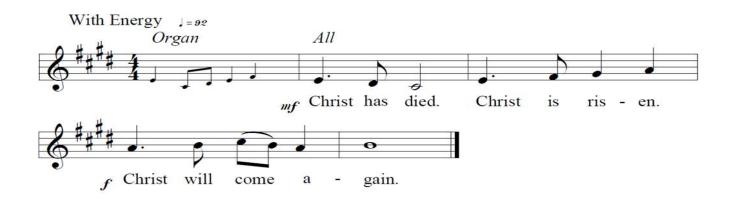
Merciful God,

we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,

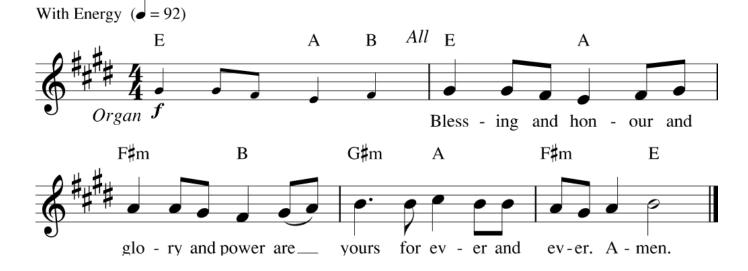
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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.'



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:



As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

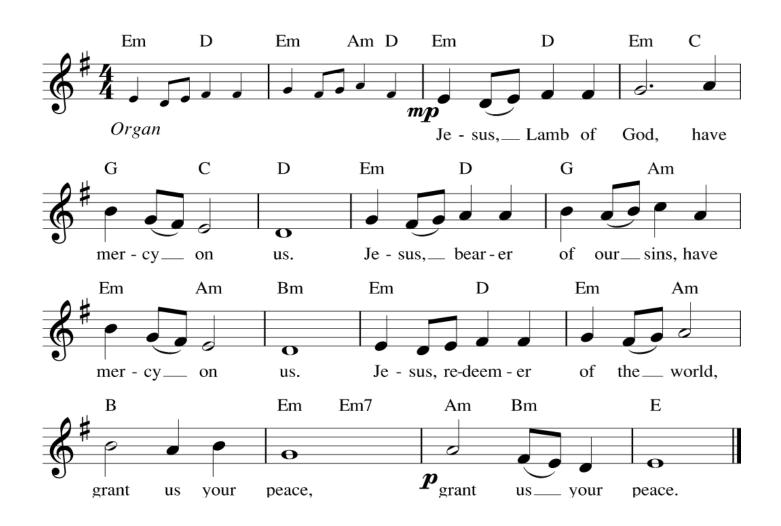


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.** 



## THE INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Anthem: "Ubi Caritas" Ola Gjeilo

# **Post Communion Prayer:**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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.



The Recessional Hymn

 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.

- 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.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia ! Alleluia!

# Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Prayers

Please pray for those in need,

Please pray for the recently departed:

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Lily May Whittingham, Lorna May Gunnersen, John Harvey Foster

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

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- Ascension Day Mass—Thursday 9 May 2024, 6pm
- Sharwood Lecture in Church Law Wednesday 15 May 2024, 7.30pm, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052. RSVP: trybooking.com/CPZFL

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	Sunday 5 May	Sunday 12 May		
	6th Sunday of Easter	7th Sunday of Easter		
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinley	ey Judie Bainbridge		
10:00am Readers	Gladys Asitewa	Rhondda Fahey		
	Michael Golding	Robert Gribben		
Serving Team	Alice Christofi	Lewis Gurr-Stephen		
	Anne Sunderland	Peter O'Donoghue		
Welcome	Adam Wing	Alice Christofi		
Introduction &Intercession	Audrey Statham Geoff Jenkins			
Video/AV	Sam Miller Adam Wing			
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney N/A			
Morning Tea	Michael & Margaret	Marion Poynter		
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# Mission and Vision Statement

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.

God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

To grow substantially in faith and numbers

- To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups children and adults - equally
- To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community
- To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term

To become more open to change as we learn to grow

