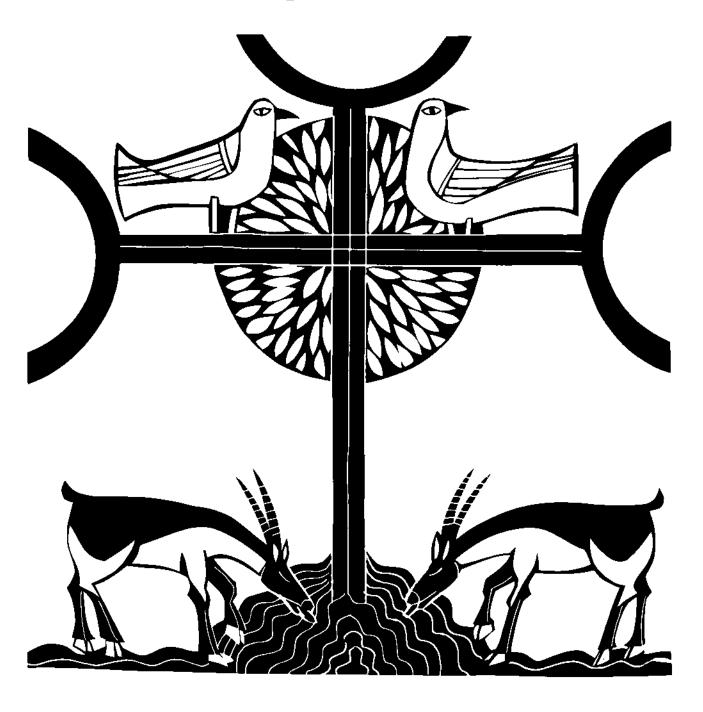


# Season of Creation 1 — Ordinary Sunday 22 1 September 2024



8am and 10am: The 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.

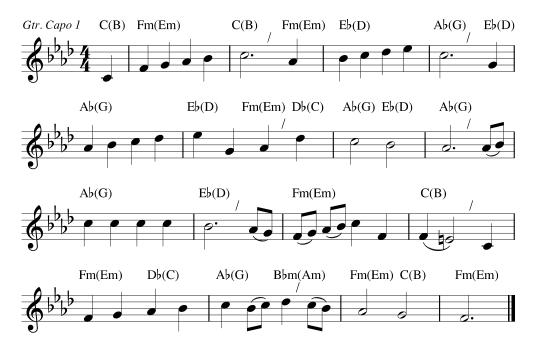
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

#### Prelude

## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Today we mark Earth Sunday as the first of our Season of Creation. Mother Earth is precious to us all, it sustains our whole life and gives us everything we need, and so we give thank to God today for God's great goodness in giving us our precious love.

#### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 102



1. Praise to the living God, all praise be to his name, who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same: the one eternal God before what now appears, the First, the Last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

- 2. Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness; holy, no holiness of earth can his express.

  Behold the Lord of all: creation speaks his praise, and everywhere, above, below, his will obeys.
- 3. God's Spirit freely flows, high surging where it will: in prophet's word he spoke of old, is speaking still.

  Established is God's law and changeless it shall stand, deep written on the human heart, on sea, on land.
- 4. God has eternal life implanted in the soul; his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
  Praise to the living God, all praise be to his name, who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!

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# PRAYER OF PREPARATION

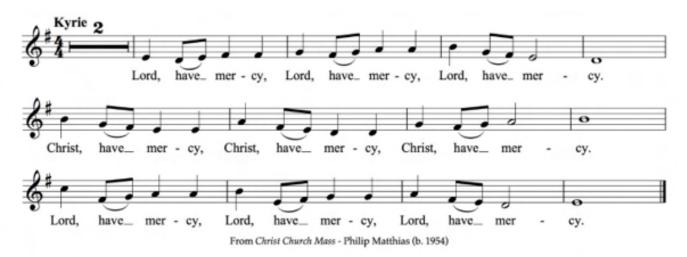
In the name of the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.



The deacon introduces the confession:

God's whole creation groans.

The land produces thorns and thistle and longs to be set free.

Our sin affects all around us.

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

## Creator God,

we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you. We have broken our relationships with one another, abused your fragile creation, wounded your love and marred your holy image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love.

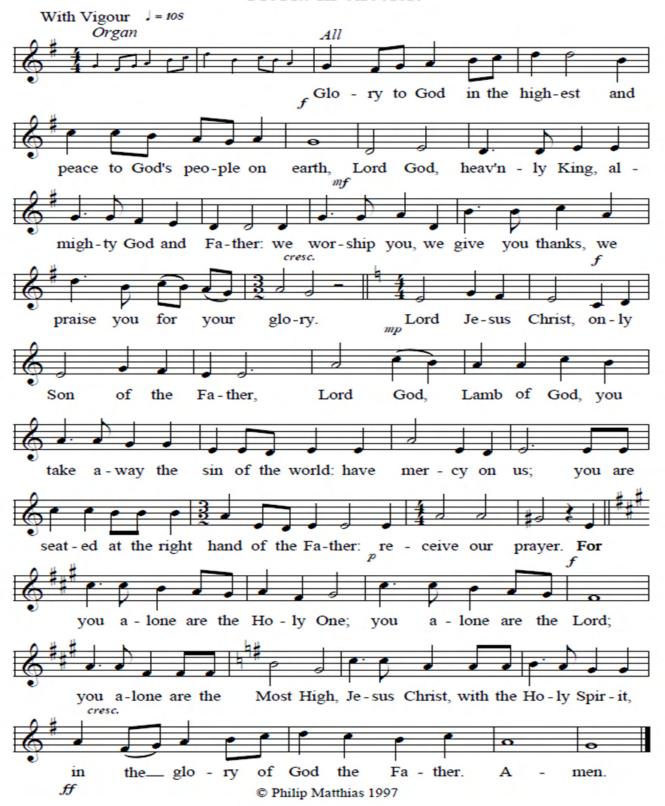
Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people and of your glorious creation,

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. 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

Creator God, we thank you for all of creation. We ask your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. And we now ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so that we achieve the kingdom of God. **Amen.** 

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

#### FIRST READING

# A reading from the Book of Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the

night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

(Genesis 1.1-25)

For the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 33 vv 1-9



- 1. Be pleased with the law-giver, you who live right and true Speaking good of the law-giver is acceptable for those of straight standing
- 2. Speak good of the law-giver with the sounds of the river Make music to him with sound of the wind in the acacia
- 3. Sing a freshly cut song, and dance with skill while shouting with energy
- 4. For this letter of the law-giver is straight standing and upright everything made is the workmanship of honour and respect
- 5. He longs for righteousness and justice Country all over is full like a bucket of water which never empties with the love of the law-giver
- 6. The word close to the law-giver made the expanse above long ago

And the spirits who live there by the same close word

- 7. He picks up the waters of the oceans in a coolamon. He puts the deep and hidden in a place far away
- 8. Allow all the people from all over the world to be afraid of him. Allow all the people from all over the world to be astonished by him.

9. He spoke the truth and the world came to be He orders the world and its stands it's ground.

The Reverend Canon Glenn Loughrey. Trans

#### SECOND READING

# A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

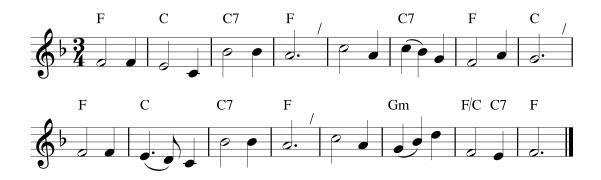
For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse; for though they knew God, they did not honour him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools; and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

(Romans 1.18-23)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# THE GRADUAL HYMN TIS 599 (II)



- 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

  Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

  Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
  Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- 4. Take my silver and my gold, nothing, Lord, would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
- 5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

  Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love: my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836–79 *alt.* Reproduced with permission

# The Gospel



## Alleluia, Alleluia

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth; that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

#### 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 Jesus Christ

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet

the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John 1.1-14)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Sermon

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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.

We are the body of Christ.

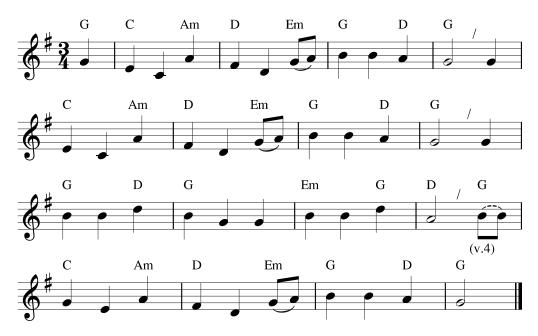
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 143



- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might; your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small, in all life now living, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree, then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
- 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight; of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.
- 5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight what hides you is only the splendour of light;

and so let your glory, Almighty, impart, through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

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#### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

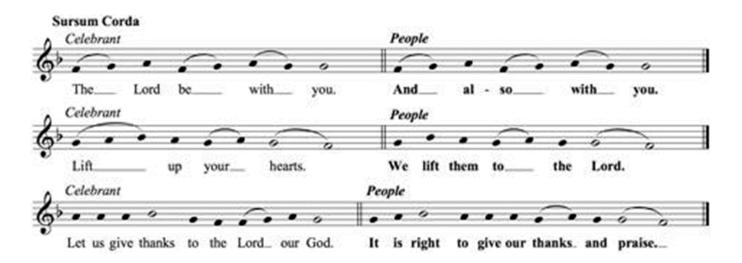
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

#### 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

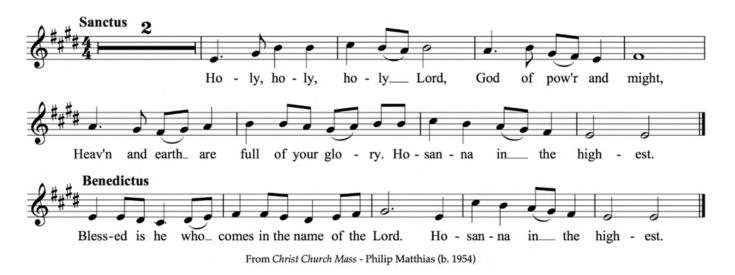


It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting. At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image, and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but did not abandon us.
You called us byname and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:



Bright image of your glory,

He learnt obedience to you in all things,

Even to death on a cross,

Breaking the power of evil,

Freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,

Exalting him to glory,

And the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayd You Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, His companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
Blessed, and broke it,
And giving it to them, said:
'Take, east; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,

And giving thanks he

And, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant,
Which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

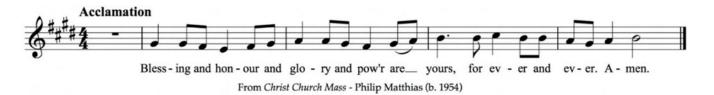


Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



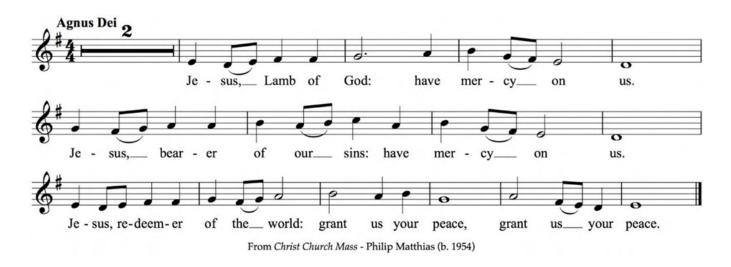
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

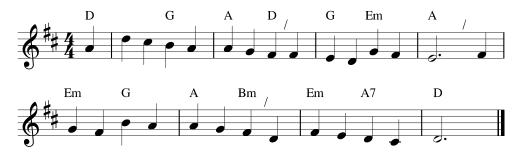
Anthem: 'Be thou my vision' by Bob Chilcott.

# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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.

#### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 485



- 1. My God, accept my heart this day, and make it still your own, that I from you no more may stray, but follow you alone.
- 2. Before the cross of him who died in penitence I fall; let every sin be crucified, and Christ be Lord of all.
- 3. Anoint me with your heavenly grace, and seal me for your own, that I may see your glorious face, and worship near your throne.
- 4. Let every thought and work and word to you be ever given; then life shall be your service, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.

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#### **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

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky, who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water, who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine, lead us, feed us, multiply us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator through all eternity. **Amen.** 

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

#### **PRAYERS**

Please pray for those in need, including Fr Shane.

And those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: John Marley and Vernon Samuel Charles Jones.

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

Morning prayer is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am. Simply click the link below to be taken to the site <a href="https://bit.ly/stmary-mp">https://bit.ly/stmary-mp</a> Meeting ID: 869 2175 7848 (Passcode: 003238)

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- St Peter's Bookroom 'Spring Book Fair' on Saturday/Sunday 7/8 September, from 10am, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne. Printed flyers on the front porch, further info on stpetersbookroom.com.au or call 9663 7487.
- Online Study Groups 'Jesus and the Powers' still running until the end of September, register via www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au
- Astra presents 'Friday the Thirteenth: Schoenberg Ives 150' on Friday 13 September at St Mary's Anglican Church, 8-9pm. Hard copy flyers available from the front porch. Tickets \$38 (Concession \$22), bookings https://events.humanitix.com/friday-the-thirteenth-schoenberg-ives-150?hxchl=hex-pfl
- 'Good Governance and Management in your Parish' half day course on Saturday 14 September, 9.30am -1pm, St Stephen & Mary Church, 383 High St, Mount Waverley trybooking.com/CQXTE
- Season of Creation Workshop—Climate Fresk on Saturday 21 September, 9am, St Paul's Cathedral. Hard copy flyers available on the front porch. Register via https://bit.ly/3WrG3Eq or QR Code

• Planning for 2024 Advent Carol Liturgy is underway, please speak to Beverley.

	Sunday 1 September 2024 Season of Creation 1, Ordinary 22	Sunday 8 September 2024 Season of Creation 2, Ordinary 23
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinley	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	John Blanch Anne Sunderland	Rhondda Fahey Katie Holmes
Serving Team	Peter O'Donoghue Anne Sunderland	Alice Christofi Peter O'Donoghue
Welcome	Helen McCallum	Anne Sunderland
Introduction & Intercession	Alice Christofi	Andrew Gador-Whyte
Video/AV	Sam Miller	Paul Eikelboom
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	N/A
Morning Tea	Michael & Margaret Noble	Libby Brookes (tbc Marion?)

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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

