

## Season of Creation 4 — Ordinary Sunday 25 22 September 2024



8am and 10am: The Rev'd Dr Luke Hopkins

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

Greatness in God's kingdom comes from service, not from position or power. The disciple must be open and accepting, not rigid and hard hearted. Only in loving and accepting service, will we receive the riches which Jesus' messianic kingdom makes available for us.

#### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 153



1. God is love, let heav'n adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice. God, who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heavens above, and who breathes through all creation, God is love, eternal Love.

- 2. God is love, and gently enfolding all the world in one embrace, with unfailing grasp is holding every child of every race.

  And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.
- 3. God is love, and, though with blindness sin afflicts our human hearts, God's eternal lovingkindness holding, guiding, grace imparts. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is love, so love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

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#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

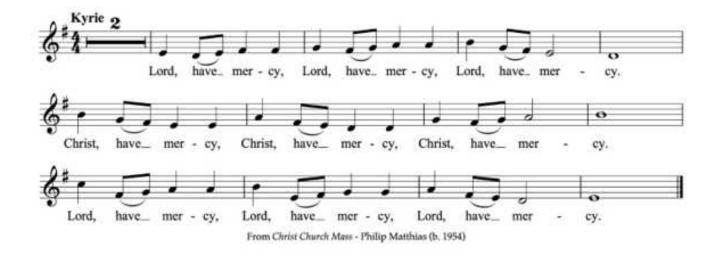
In the name of the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

#### 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

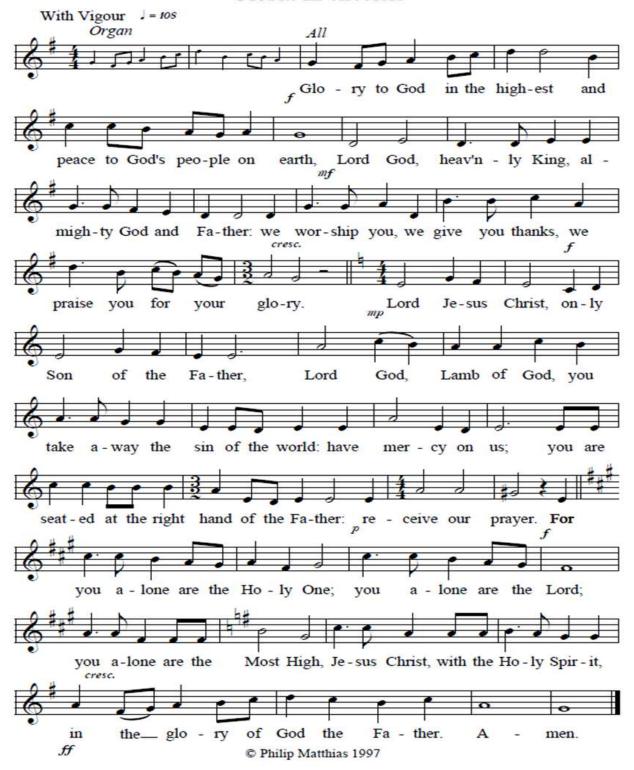
and of your glorious creation,

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

God and Father of all, you have taught us through your Son that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom; give us the wisdom from above, so that we may understand that in your sight the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Please sit for the readings

#### FIRST READING

#### A reading from the Letter of Isaiah:

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—

They shall not labour in vain,

or bear children for calamity;

and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

(Isaiah 65.17-25)

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

#### Psalm 48

# Praise the Lord; praise the Lord in Zi - on. Copyright 1989 Howard Hughes, S.M.

- 1. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised: in the city of our God.
- 2. Fair and lofty is God's holy mountain: it is the joy of all the earth.
- 3. On Mount Zion, as in the far north, stands the city of the Most high: in her citadels God is well known as a sure defence. *Response*
- 4. See how the rulers assembled: they came on together against her.
- 5. They were amazed when they saw her: they were dismayed and ready to flee.
- 6. Trembling came upon them and anguish: as it comes on a woman in childbirth,
- 7. or as when the east wind blows: and breaks up the ships of Tarshish. *Response*
- 8. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts:
  the city our God upholds forever.
- 9. We have called to mind your steadfast love O God: in the midst of your temple.

10. As your name is great O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth:

your right hand is filled with victory.

11. Let God's mountain rejoice, and the daughter-cities of Judah be glad:

because of your judgments. Response

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#### SECOND READING

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

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

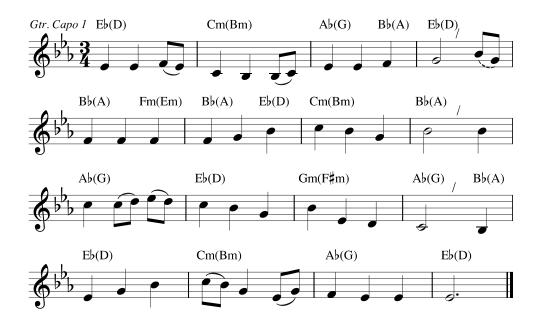
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,

nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8.28-39)

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### THE GRADUAL HYMN TIS 613



- 1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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#### The Gospel



#### Alleluia, Alleluia

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Alleluia**

The Lord be with you And also with you.

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

#### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Sermon

#### 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.

We are the body of Christ.

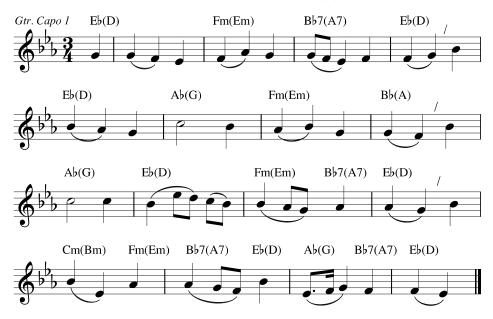
His Spirit is with us.

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 572 (II)



- 1. O thou who camest from above the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart.
- 2. There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return, in humble prayer and fervent praise.
- 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me,
- 4. ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat, till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

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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

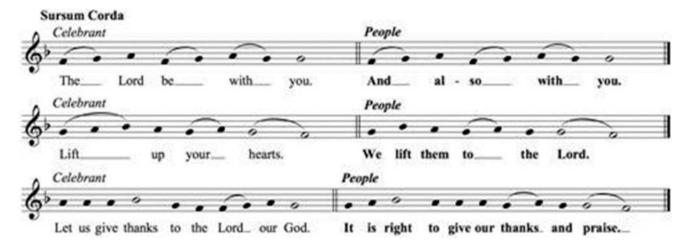
will become for us the bread of life.

#### 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**



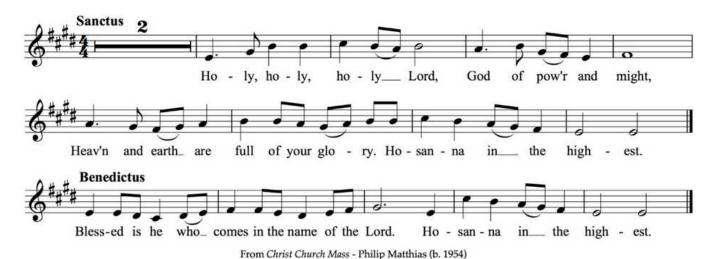
It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

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 by name 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,

Jesus 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 betrayed your Son 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, eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the new covenant, Which is poured out for many.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

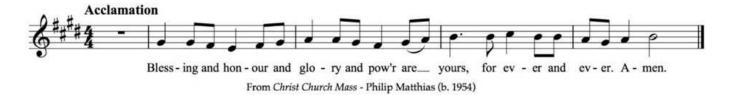


Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever.

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:



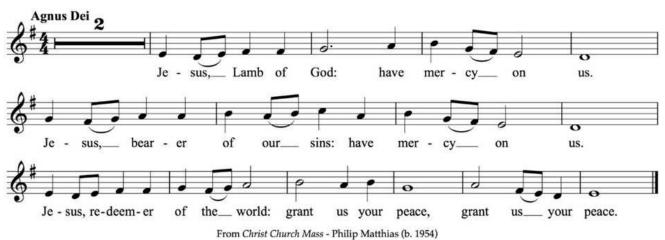
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.





#### 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.

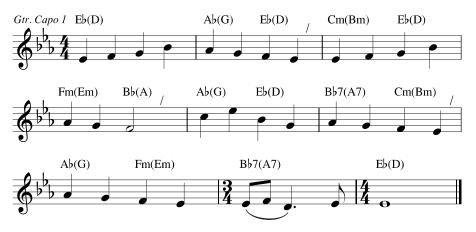
Anthem: 'Christus Factus Est' music: Felice Anerio (1560-1614), text: Philippians 2.8-9.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 650



- 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

#### 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

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.** 

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, Barbara Noble, Fiona Blanch and Martin. Also Shirley Pitcher who recently departed. As well as those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Audrey Rodda, Stanley Keith Dean, Frances Hartshorn and Damon O'Keeffe. If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by emailing office@stmarys.org.au

Morning Prayer on Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9am via https://bit.ly/stmary-mp Meeting ID: 869 2175 7848 (Passcode: 003238)

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### St Mary's Parish Notices

- Copies of 'Application for Enrolment on the Electoral Roll 2024' available from the front porch. Please note that the 2024 Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday 27 October, 11.30am.
- Today's DELTA Study 'Riverhood: Reflections on Victorian Rivers and a Year at Harvard' will be delivered by Dr Katie Holmes at 11.40am in the Church (after morning tea) and online at bit.ly/delta-studies-23
- Online Study Groups 'Jesus and the Powers' still running until the end of September, register via www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au
- 'Quarterly Conversation' hosted by The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist will be on held on Friday 18 October, 11.30am-1pm at the Centre for Theology and Ministry library in Parkville. For information visit www.marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au
- Please get in touch with Marion if you would like to contribute to the Open Garden at Marion & John's place, Saturday 2 November, 10-2pm.
- Planning for 2024 Advent Carol Liturgy is underway, please speak to Beverley.
- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Anglicare Victoria food donations through St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <a href="https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/">https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/</a> choose 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' and select 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'

|                                | Sunday 22 Sept 2024<br>Season of Creation 4<br>Ordinary 25 | Sunday 29 Sept 2024<br>Season of Creation 5<br>Ordinary 26 |
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| 8:00am Reader                  | Rhondda Fahey  | Andrew McKinley  |
| 10:00am Readers                | Paul Eikelboom<br>Geoff Jenkins                            | Peter O'Donoghue<br>Alice Christofi                        |
| Serving Team                   | Peter O'Donoghue<br>Anne Sunderland                        | Sam Miller<br>Alice Christofi                              |
| Welcome                        | Helen McCallum   | Adam Wing  |
| Introduction & Intercession    | Sam Miller   | Audrey Statham   |
| Video/AV                       | Paul Eikelboom   | Geoff Jenkins  |
| Kids Corner &<br>Sunday School | N/A  | N/A  |
| Morning Tea                    | Rosie Moloney<br>Lewis Gurr-Stephen                        | Michael & Margaret Noble                                   |

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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

