

Feast of St Francis and Blessing of Pets Sunday 6 October 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.

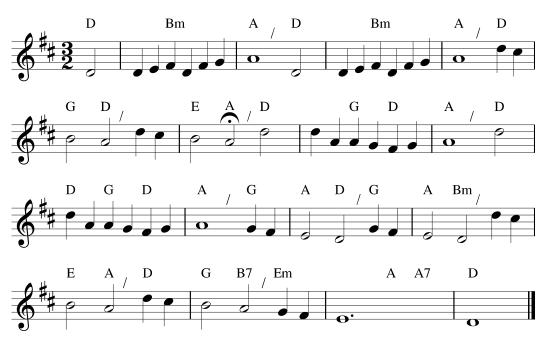
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

Prelude: '13 Ways of Looking at a Butcherbird' by Michael Hannan.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

God's kingdom is not for the proud and powerful. It is for those who approach the mysteries of life and love with the profound receptivity of a child, wide eyed and open to all that happens.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 100



- 1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!

 O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2. Swift-rushing winds that are so strong, and clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise him, alleluia! Fresh-rising morn, in praise rejoice, and lights of evening, find a voice: O praise him ...

- 3. O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!

 O fire, so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light, O praise him ...
- 4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfold rich blessings on our way, O praise him, alleluia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show; O praise him ...
- 5. And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,O praise him, alleluia!All who long pain and sorrow bear praise God and on him cast your care;O praise him ...
- 6. And you, most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath, O praise him, alleluia! You lead to heaven the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way has trod: O praise him ...
- 7. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness; O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

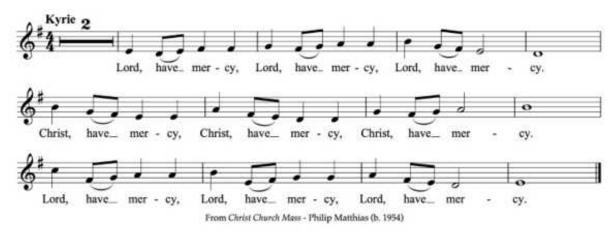
In the name of the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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,

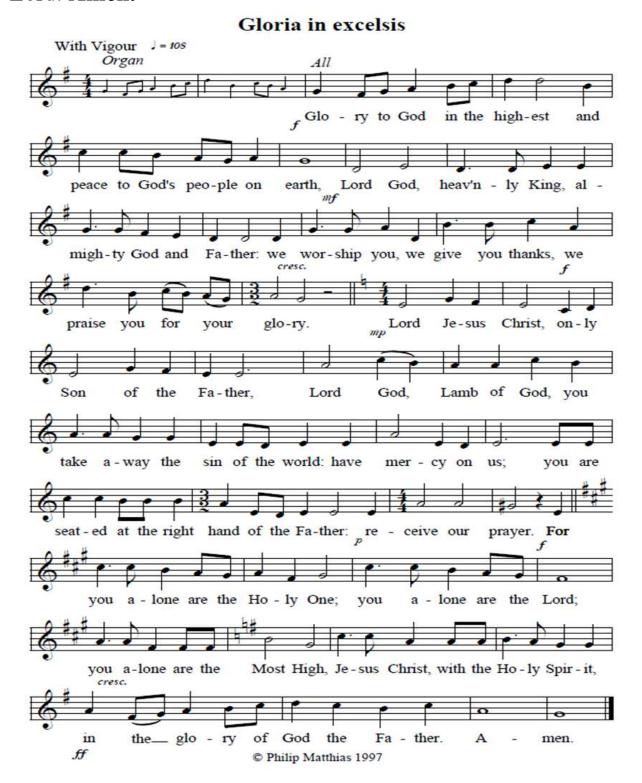
we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you. We have broken our relationships with one another, abused your fragile creation, wounded your love and marred your holy image in us.

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.**



THE COLLECT

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the child-like and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessèd Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Job:

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
'Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?
It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment.
Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken.

'Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

'Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home? Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!

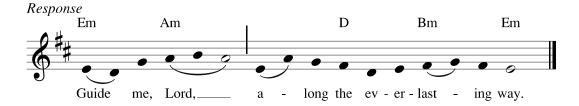
Then Job answered the Lord:

'See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but will proceed no further.'

(Job 38.1, 12-21 and Job 40.3-5)

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

Psalm 139 TiS 88 v 6-9



- 6. Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7. If I ascend into heaven you are there: if I make my bed in the grave you are there also. *Response*
- 8. If I spread out my wings towards the morning, or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9. even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. *Response*

Response ICEL Psalm verses from *The Psalms: The Liturgical Psalter* © 1976, 1977 'inclusive language' version 1994 David L. Frost, John A. Emerton and Andrew A. Macintosh. All rights reserved Musical setting of the antiphon, psalm verses and the accompaniment © 1994, 1998 Geoffrey Cox Reproduced with permission

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians:

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus

Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

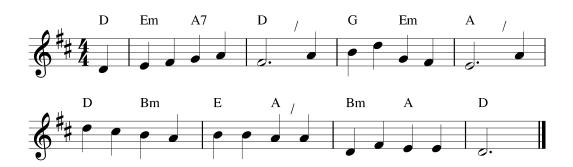
From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

(Galatians 6.14-18)

Hear the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL HYMN TIS 448



- 1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
- 2. The Lord who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell with us in lowliness, our pattern and our King:
- 3. still to the lowly soul he will himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne chooses the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we your presence seek; this blessing now renew: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for you.

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The Gospel



Alleluia, Alleluia

Christ is the firstborn of all creation; all things have been created through him and for him.

Alleluia

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

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of

the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Luke 12.22-34)

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.

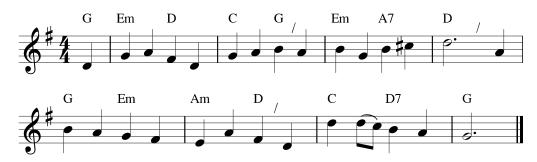
His Spirit is with us.

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 378



- 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.
- 2. The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings and Lord of lords and heav'n's eternal light,
- 3. the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.
- 4. To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given, their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.
- 5. They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above, their profit and their joy to know

the mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

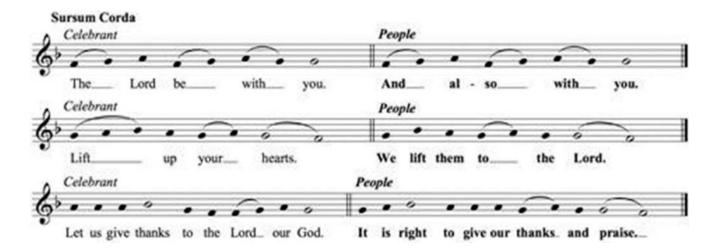
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

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

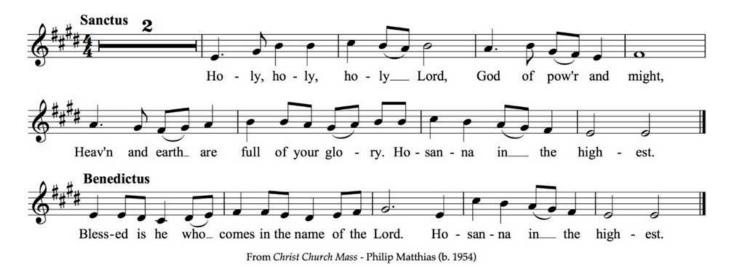


It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting. At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from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

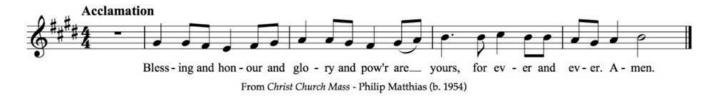
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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:



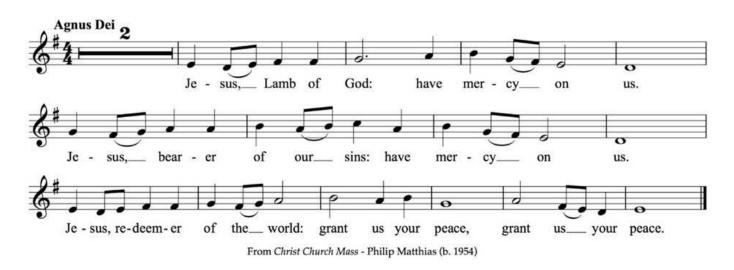
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

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.

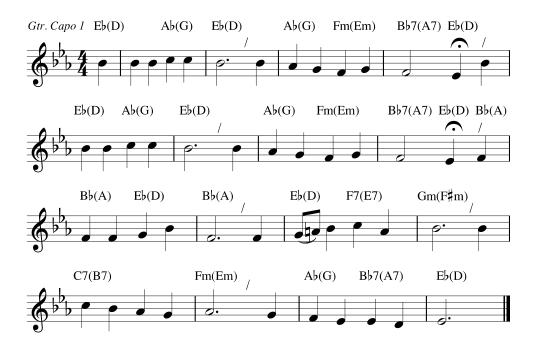
Anthem: 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon' music by Laudario da Cortona, arr G Menestira.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you made your church rich through the poverty of blessed Francis: help us like him not to trust in earthly things but to seek your heavenly gifts; though 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 106



- 1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us. Lord, keep us in your grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, who ever was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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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

God give us grace to follow St Francis and all the saints in faith and hope and love. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and 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, Martin and Ann.

As well as those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Charles Albert (Bert) Housden, Patricia Litchfield, Elizabeth Hastings and Robert Morrison.

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

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St Mary's Parish Notices

- 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 27 October, 11.30am. Reports to be submitted to office@stmarys.org.au by Sunday 13 October, with the exception of Budget by Thursday 17 October and Synod by Friday 18 October. Hard copy prints of relevant documents are available in the Church.
- Beverley will be performing as part of Music at the Basilica Windfire Festival free lunchtime concert series on Monday 7 October, 12.30-1pm at Wesley Uniting Church, Yarra St, Geelong. Please visit www.musicatthebasilica.org.au
- 'Quarterly Conversation' hosted by The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist will be 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.
- The next AVE Advent Christmas edition is a few months away, please get writing if you have something in mind.
- 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 https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/ choose 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' and select 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.

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St Mary's Roster		
	Sunday 6 Oct 2024 Feast of St Francis and Blessing of Pets	Sunday 13 Oct 2024 Ordinary 28 (Fr Jan's Final Sunday)
8:00am Reader	Jen Langmead	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	Helen McCallum Audrey Statham	John Blanch Rhondda Fahey
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Peter O'Donoghue	Sam Miller Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland Peter O'Donoghue
Welcome	Sam Miller	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercession	Alice Christofi	Geoff Jenkins
Video/AV	Geoff Jenkins	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	N/A
Morning Tea	Lewis Gurr-Stephen Ivana Csar	Helen McCallum David Keuneman

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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

