



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 2 March 2025
8am & 10am

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 joining in the music.

Prelude

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

This is the last Sunday before Lent which begins this coming Wednesday. Today we read the story of Jesus' transfiguration from Luke's Gospel, though this is not the actual Feast of the Transfiguration which is celebrated across the church, East and West, on August 6. Our focus instead is on Jesus' preparation for his long journey to Jerusalem which will end at the cross. It gives us a glimpse of that final glory as we begin our Lenten journey with him. It also enables us to reflect on baptism as our entry into Jesus' glory through the Spirit. Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL TIS 786

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 2/4 time. The first two staves are identical. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, D, G, D, Em, C, Am, D7, G on the first two staves; and G, Em, A7, D, G, D, Am, D7, G on the third staff.

1. Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
2. Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation.
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation.
Saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,
speak and heal our mortal blindness.
Deaf we are, our healer be,
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
heal the world, by our sin broken.
4. Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling.
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling.
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

Kyrie 2

Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy.

Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer - cy.

Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy, Lord, have_ mer - cy.

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CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA

Gloria 2

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for_ your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, _ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One: you a - lone are the Lord: you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the _ glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please be seated

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the

cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. *(Isaiah 55:10-13)*
 For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99/TIS 58

Response (Ps: 57:5)

D A G D A D G A Bm E
 Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the
 F# Bm G A7 D
 heavens! Let your glo - ry ov - er all the earth be found.

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| <p>1. The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
 The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth quake!</p> <p>2. The Lord is great in Zion,
 and is exalted over all the peoples.
 <i>Response</i></p> <p>3. Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
 Samuel also was among those</p> | <p>who called on God's name.
 They cried to the Lord, who answered them, <i>Response</i></p> <p>4. who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.
 They kept God's testimonies,
 and the statutes God gave them.</p> <p>5. Extol the Lord our God,
 and worship at his holy mountain;
 Surely the Lord our God is holy!
 <i>Response</i></p> |
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SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. *(2 Corinthians 3:17-18)*

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

GOSPEL READING

Please stand



Alleluia, **Alleluia**

This is my Son, my Chosen One:

Listen to him.

Alleluia

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

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,’ not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. *(Luke*

9:28-36)

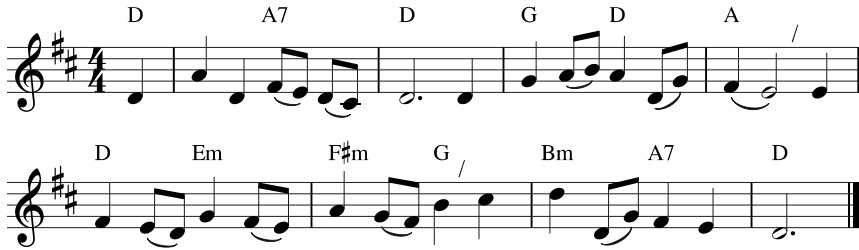
For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Please be seated

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL HYMN TIS 234



1. How good, Lord, to be here!
your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be:
4. Before we taste of death,
we see your Kingdom come;
we still would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the
mount,
come with us to the plain.

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We welcome the one who comes to be baptised.

I invite their sponsors to present him now.

The sponsors answer

We present Marlon Kahurangi Skudder-Cross to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of this child? **I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage this child in the life and faith of the Christian community? **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? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? **I reject them all.**

Do you renounce all evil? **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. **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? **I will, with God's help.**

The priest says 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 Lord ...

Amen.

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.

The response to the Thanksgivings is:

Thanks be to God.

Blessing of Water

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

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.
On 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?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Marlon is baptised, anointed with oil and signed with the cross.

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 darkness into his marvelous 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.**

PEACE

Please stand

We are the body of Christ: **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 261

1. Lord, you are the light of life to me;
when darkness hides my path, you
help me see.
Shine on me, O Lord, that now and
all my days
your light may lead me on, guiding
my ways.
2. Lord, you are the rock on which I
stand,
stable and strong in you, held by
your hand;
keep me safe, O Lord, in weakness
let there be
your loving, firm embrace
upholding me.
3. Lord, you are the truth that sets me
free;
only in you is found true liberty.
Teach me then, O Lord, in all things
to pursue
your good and perfect will, growing
like you.
4. Lord, you are the Lamb of God who
died,
suffering for love of me, scorned,
crucified.
Love me still, O Lord, let others
daily see
your selfless, serving love flowing
through me.
5. Lord, you are the King who ever
reigns;
earth's rulers rise and fall: your
throne remains.
Rule my life, O Lord, I yield myself
anew
your name to glorify, living for you.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them to the Lord.**


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.


All thanks and praise, glory and honour...

... we proclaim your great and glorious name:

Sanctus 2



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly___ Lord, God of pow'r and might,



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

Benedictus



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

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Holy God, we thank you ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded ...

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Acclamation



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are___ yours, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD

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

Agnus Dei 2



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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COMMUNION

Anthem: *'Farewell to Alleluia'* by Olin Jones, text C11th anon.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

FINAL HYMN NEH Rev 78



1. Alleluia, song of sweetness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever dear to choirs on high:
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.

Be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions
Make us a for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must
flow.

2. Alleluia thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee;
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.

4. Therefore in our hymns we pray
thee.

Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep thine Easter
In our home beyond the sky,
There to thee for ever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

3. Alleluia cannot always

Tune: Bithynia 87.87D, Samuel Webbe's 'Essay on the Church Plainchant' 1782, The Australian Hymn Book, Collins, 2001, Sydney. Text: Latin, possibly 11th century tr John Mason Neale 1818-66 and Compilers of Hymn Ancient & Modern, 1861. The Revised English Hymnal, Canterbury Press, 2023, Norwich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Isaiah, Fr Frank Moloney, Denise & Graeme and Chips. And pray for Nelson Rufatt who recently passed away. Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Eunice Jones, Lilly Conlan, Tom Love, Alan Barker and George Higgs.

If there is a name to be included, please email office@stmarys.org.au
(Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified)

Morning Prayer held on Mond/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below <https://bit.ly/49910N4> Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706
Weekday Eucharist on every Thursday at 12pm.

Prayer for a New Incumbent:

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

St Mary's Parish Notices

- Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday will be served (today) Sun 2 March.
- Lent begins next Sun 9 March and our Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wed 5 March, 7pm.
- 2025 AVE Easter Edition: submissions by Sun 30 March to either David or office@stmarys.org.au To be published on the 2nd week of April (week before Palm Sunday). Easter theme welcome, for other ideas visit previous publications on <https://www.stmarys.org.au/> (bottom LH corner of homepage).
- Harvest Festival Celebration: Sun 4 May after 10am service (stalls, fun, games and morning tea). Contact Marion if you'd like to join the working bees and help with making preserves, chutneys, jams and other gifts. Jar/bottle labels available from the Church porch.
- Victorian Anglicans Together Seminar: Thurs 6 March, 6.45pm, St Peter's Eastern Hill (cnr Albert & Gisborne Streets, East Melbourne) with Bishop Alison Taylor as speaker. Flyers at the front porch, please RSVP: <https://bit.ly/bp-alison-episcopacy>
- Events at St Mary's (printed posters/flyers available around the Church):
 - Organ & Harp Recital – A Celebration of Women Composers with Beverley and Laura: Sun 9 March, 2.30pm. Tickets \$30/\$25, please book via <https://www.trybooking.com/CYXFF>
 - Polyphonic Voices presents Polychoral Splendour: Sun 23 March, 2.30pm. Tickets \$40/\$30/\$20/free under 15. Please book via www.polyphonicvoices.com/2025
 - Handel's Messiah Part II: The Lamb of God by VOX Choir Ballarat: Sun 6 April, 3pm. Tickets \$40/\$35/\$15/free for primary age children, bookings via www.trybooking.com/CYZYE

- Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.
- Your support for the Parish is appreciated. To authorise direct debit, contact Parish Treasurer via treasurer@stmarys.org.au For occasional/regular giving, direct funds to Parish Giving account with Anglican Development Fund: BSB: 703-122 / Acc: 05004687 / Acc Name: St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne. *If you are currently depositing to Westpac BSB 033132, please consider using the ADF account as it simplifies the monthly bookkeeping effort and supports the Diocese.*

<i>St Mary's Roster</i>			
	Sun 2 March 2025 8 th in Ord Time	Wed 5 March 2025 Ash Wednesday, 7pm	Sun 9 March 2025 Lent 1
8:00am Reader	Rhonda Fahey	N/A	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	John Blanch Ivana Csar	Michael Golding Steph C	Fabien Nunes Marion Poynter
Serving Team	Alice Christofi (C) Peter O'Donoghue	Peter O'Donoghue Anne Sunderland (C)	Alice Christofi (C) Peter O'Donoghue
Welcome	Adam Wing	Alice Christofi (C)	Anne Sunderland
Introduction & Intercession	Sam Miller (C)	Clergy	Alice Christofi
Video/AV	Geoff Jenkins	Sam Miller	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins/ Rosie Moloney	N/A	N/A
Morning Tea	Michael Noble Margaret Noble	N/A	Helen McCallum David Keuneman

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