



**3rd Sunday of Easter
Harvest Festival
Sunday 4 May 2025
8am & 10am**

Missa Sanctae Maria by C Willcock, SJ

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.

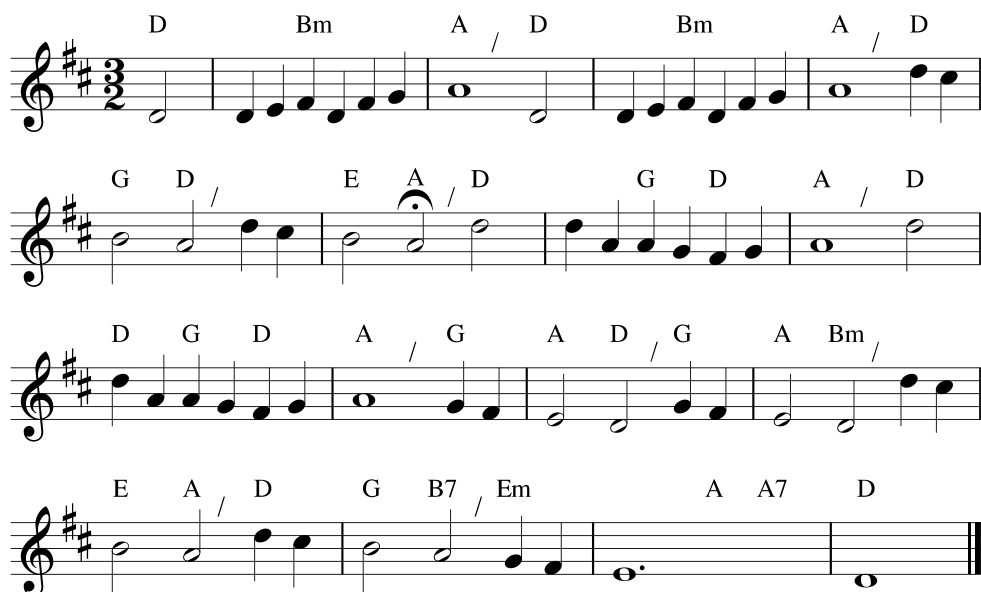
Thank you for joining us in worship.

*Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and joining in the music.*

INTRODUCTION

Today in our liturgy, readings and music, and in garden and kitchen harvest, we are giving thanks for God's great provision for us through his creation. At St Mary's we take seriously the Anglican Communion's 5th Mark of Mission: "*To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth God gave humankind*". From Hildegard von Bingen (12th century): "All nature is at the disposal of humankind. We are to work with it. For without it, we cannot survive".

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. 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, alleluia!

Based on *Laudato sia Dio mio Signore* the 'Canticle of the Sun' of Francis of Assisi 1182–1226 by William Henry Draper 1855–1933 *alt.*
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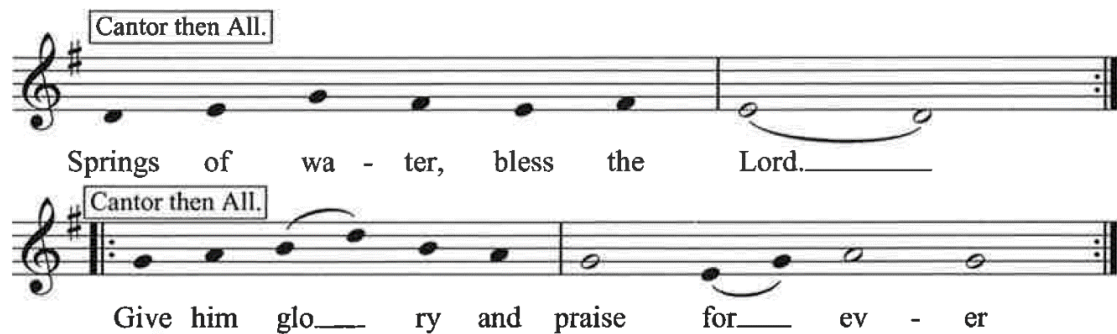
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Christ is risen, alleluia! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

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



Springs of water bless the Lord.

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Give him glory and praise for ever.

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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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We confess our sins and the sins of our society in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA

[Said at 8am, sung at 10am]

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:

**have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
received our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High
Jesus Christ**

with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the father. Amen.

Choir/All



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



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you - we



give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high - est and



peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,



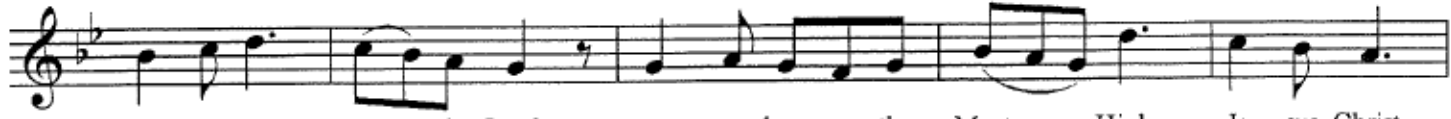
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us; You are



sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the



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



high - est and peace - to God's peo - ple on earth. A - men.

COLLECT

God of Creation, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share not only the fruits of the earth, but your abundant grace with the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel:

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

(Joel 2:21-28)

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

PSALM 147 (TIS 92)

Refrain G Em C D / G Em

Sing to God, with joy— and— glad-ness, hymns and psalms of

C G / G Em C D /

grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise— dis - cov - er

G Em C G / *Fine*

that to wor - ship God— is— good.

Verse G Am D B / Em Am

1 God u-nites his scat - tered peo - ple, gath - ers those who

B7 / Em Am D G /

wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken spir - its,

C Am D G / *D.C.*

tend - ing ev - ery— wound and scar.

2. Such is God's great power and wisdom
none can calculate or tell;
keen is God to ground the wicked
and with humble folk to dwell.

Response

3. God, with clouds, the sky has
curtained
thus ensuring rain shall fall;
earth, responding, grows to order
food for creatures great and small.

Response

4. God's discernment never favours
strength or speed to lift or move;
God delights in those who fear him,
trusting in his steadfast love. *Response*

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SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

(2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

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

GRADUAL HYMN TIS 168

The musical notation for Gradual Hymn TIS 168 consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The chords indicated above the notes are: F, Bb, Gm, C, Bb, C7, F. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The first staff contains the first two measures, the second staff the next two, the third staff the next two, and the fourth staff the final two measures, ending with a double bar line.

1. For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are
sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe
keeping,
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The Lord will give all that is good:
and our land will yield its increase

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But Jesus said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life

does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

(Luke 12:13-21)

For 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.**

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**

PEACE

Please stand

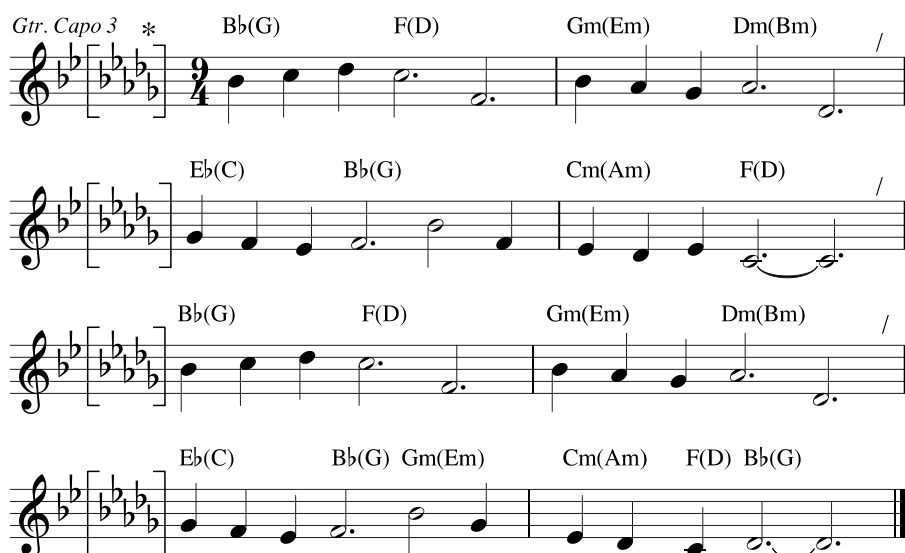
“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life
does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 668



1. Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in
our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow
will bear.
2. We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures
that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and
forgive!
3. Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is
sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will
complete.
4. God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow
and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us
one.

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PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation.







Through your goodness we have these gifts to share,

fruits of harvest and labour, bread and wine.
 Accept and use our offerings for your glory
 and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessèd be God for ever.

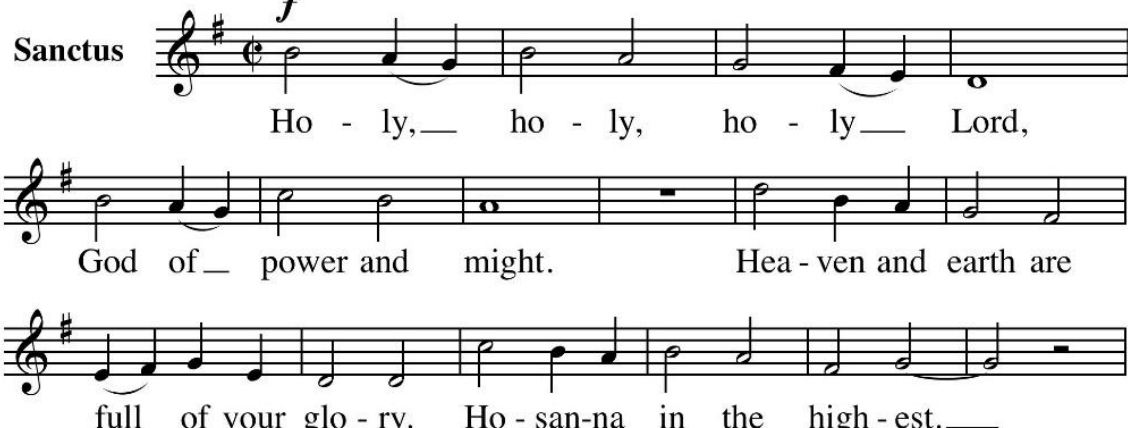
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And also with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>

Worship and praise belong to you ...
 ... singing the hymn of your unending glory

Sanctus *f*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name, comes in the
easing... f a tempo
 name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high -
 est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

1. Choir; 2. ALL

mf Christ has died. *f* Christ is ri-sen. *f* Christ will come a-gain.

Hear us, most merciful Father ...

... Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen

Doxology

f Bless-ing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are _
yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - - men. ____

THE 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 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.

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread: **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

AGNUS DEI

Choir (SA)
mf warmly

Agnus Dei

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the

ALL

Choir (TB)

world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

mf warmly

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the world, have

ALL

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Choir *mf warmly*

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the world,

mp **ALL** *p poco rall.*

grant us your — peace, grant us your — peace.

INVITATION

COMMUNION

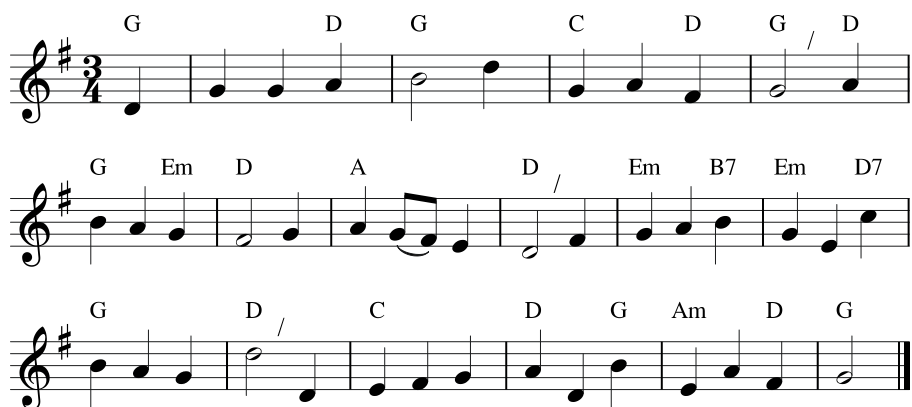
Anthem: 'Fear not, O lord' by William H Harris (1883-1973), text: Joel 2:21-28 (see today's First Reading).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Priest offers the prayer, followed by,

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 188



1. *Unison*

Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.

2. Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.

3. Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.

4. *Unison*

Now, people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

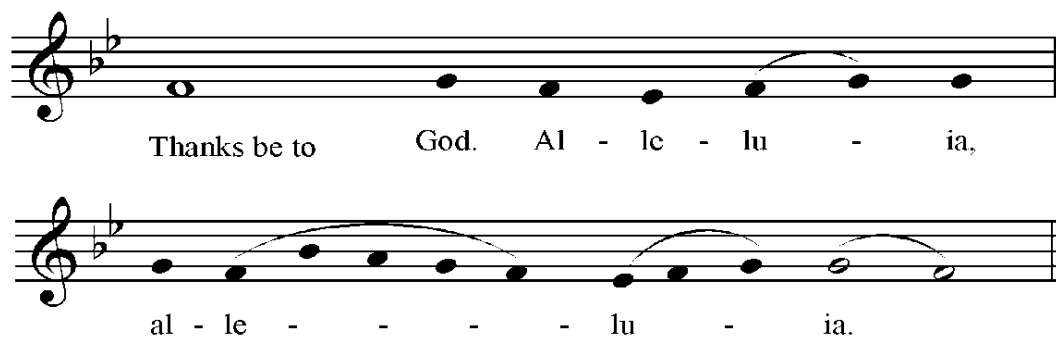
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!



St Mary's Parish Notices

- Harvest Festival Celebration: (this!) Sun 4 May after 10am service. Contact Marion/Helen/Susan if you can help with: making preserves (labels at the front porch), donating home-grown produce or volunteering for the day. You can find printed posters/flyers around the Church, invite your friends and family!
- Worldwide Communion Forest Project: make a commitment to caring for creation in either new or existing project of any scale. For info: [Intro to the Communion Forest.pdf - Google Drive](#) (printed copies available from the front porch) and [Every single tree counts as a blessing from God. Please, join in!](#) If you have a project idea that St Mary's can pursue together, speak to CAG members: Tim, Michael, Marion, Helen or Audrey.
- Good Governance & Management in Your Parish: Sat 7 June, 9.30am-1pm at St Cuthbert's Church (83 Heyers St, Grovedale). Attendance is free, please register: www.trybooking.com/DAPLJ or contact chroper@trinity.unimelb.edu.au or 0407 419 330.
- We will welcome Fr Stuart Soley with Induction of New Incumbent on Wed 11 June at 7pm.
- 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'.
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<i>St Mary's Roster</i>		
	Sun 4 May 2025 Easter 3/Harvest Festival	Sun 11 May 2025 Easter 4
8:00am Reader	Rhondda Fahey	Judie Bainbridge
10:00am Readers	* Calvin Lee John Blanch *	Sarah Gador-Whyte Michael Golding
Serving Team	Peter O'Donoghue Anne Sunderland (C)	Anne Sunderland Alice Christofi
Welcome	Alice Christofi (C)	Helen McCallum
Introduction & Intercession	Geoff Jenkins	Alice Christofi
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Fabien Nunes Sam Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins/ Rosie Moloney	Harriet Jenkins Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	Michael Noble Margaret Noble

** Harvest Festival readings: Joel 2:21-28, Psalm 147 (parts thereof), 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 12:13-21.*

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