

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday 11 May 2025 8am & 10am, Rev'd Robyn Boyd

Missa Sanctae Maria by C Willcock, SJ

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.

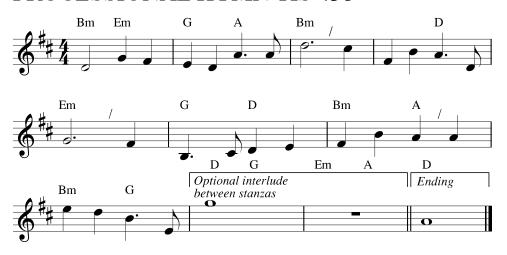
Thank you for joining us in worship.

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

#### INTRODUCTION

Competing voices vie for our attention and commitment. How do we distinguish which voice will defy death and lead us to true life? Prayerful listening helps! Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name, refreshing our souls and lovingly guiding us. Nothing can snatch us from God's loving hand.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 438



- 1. Give me the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.
- 2. Once they were mourning here below, and poured out sighs and tears; they wrestled hard, as we do now, with sins and doubts and fears.
- 3. I ask them whence their victory came; they, with united breath, ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.
- 4. They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their quest, and, following their incarnate God, possess the promised rest.
- 5. Our glorious leader claims our praise for his own pattern given; while the long cloud of witnesses show the same path to heaven.

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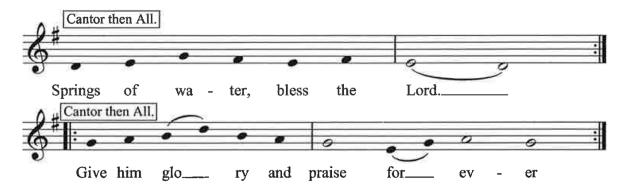
#### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

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.

**Springs of water bless the Lord.** 

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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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**

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**

[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.



#### **COLLECT**

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Please sit.

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

(Acts 9.36-43)

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

## **PSALM 23 (TIS 11)**



- 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

  Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *Response*
- He guides me along the right path;
  he is true to his name.
  If I should walk in the valley of darkness,
  no evil would I fear.
  You are there with your crook and your staff;
  with these you give me comfort. Response
- 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes; my head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *Response*
- 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
  In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *Response*

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#### SECOND READING

## A reading from the Book of Revelation:

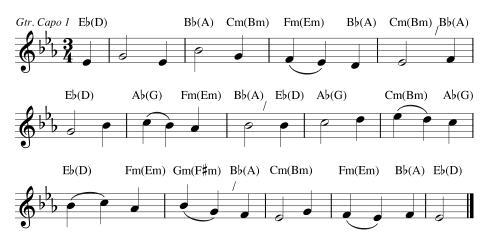
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

(*Revelation 7.9-17*)

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

#### **GRADUAL HYMN TIS 223**



- How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
   It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast, is manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.

- 3. Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace:
- 4. Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
- 5. Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see you as you are I'll praise you as I ought.

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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
He has shown pity in all people. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you: And also with you.

[At 8am] Words only.

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

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and

they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

(John 10.22-30)

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

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

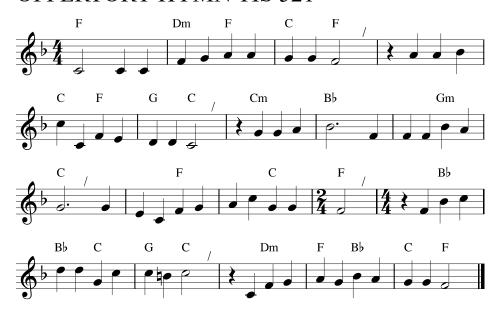
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 521**



- 1. Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed that all your church might be for ever one; may at each eucharist this prayer be made with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.' O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 2. For all your church, O Lord, we intercede; make all our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace: thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 3. We also pray for wanderers from your fold; O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep, back to the faith which saints believed of old, back to your church which still one faith must keep: soon may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease may we be one with all your church above, one with your saints in one unbroken peace,

one with your saints in one unbounded love; more blessèd still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

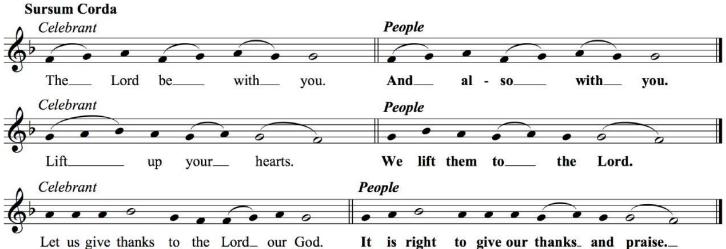
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## PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation ...

Blessèd be God for ever.

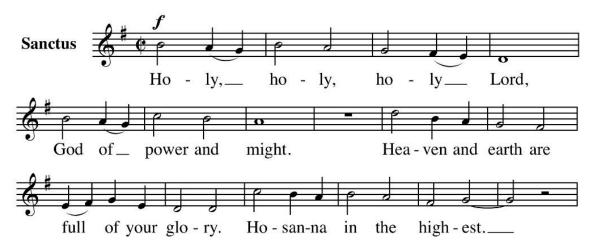
## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

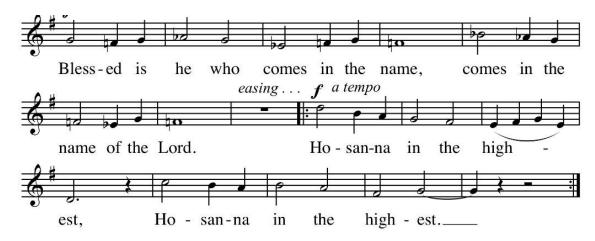


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours...

... for ever praising you and saying/singing:



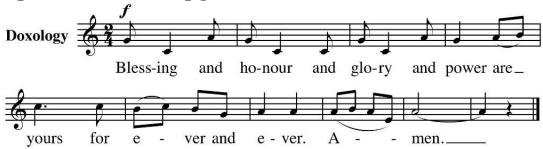


Merciful God, we thank you ... Great is the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded ...

... in songs of never-ending praise:



## 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**



### **INVITATION**

#### **COMMUNION**

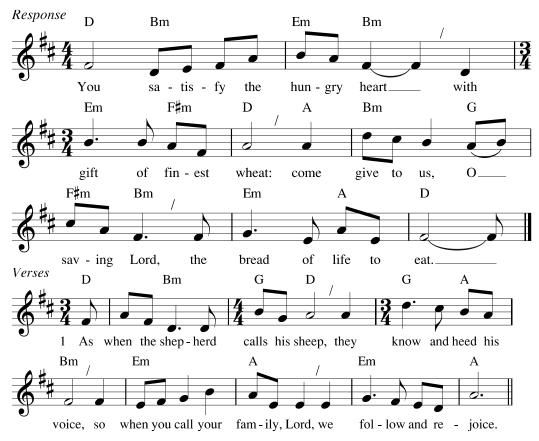
Anthem: 'Offertory' by John Ness Beck, text from Micah 6:6-8.

## 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 539**



- 2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. *Response*
- 3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our one-ness in the Lord? *Response*
- 4. The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Response*
- 5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Response*

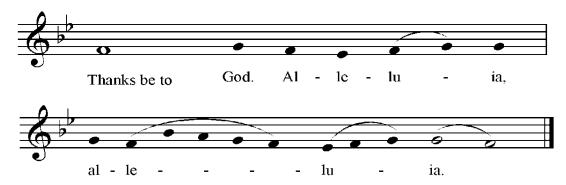
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**BLESSING** 

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!



Postlude: Offertory on 'O Filii' by Alex Guilmant, Op 49 Nr 2.

All are invited for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Service.

#### **PRAYERS**

Please pray for those in need, including Isaiah, Matthew Champion and Fr Frank Moloney.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: David John Hood, Roslyn McIntosh, Graeme Albert Prior, Nan Dawson and Frankie Artis.

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 Mon/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below <a href="https://bit.ly/49910N4">https://bit.ly/49910N4</a> Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706. Weekday Eucharist is on every Thursday at 12pm.

## St Mary's Parish Notices

- 2025 Harvest Festival extended for another week, come see the wonderful produce this Sun 11 May, following the 10am service.
- Reminder that the next two Parish Council Meetings have been rescheduled to Sun 25 May & Sun 22 Jun. The 2025 Reconvened Annual Parish Meeting will also be on Sun 25 May (printed flyers at the front porch).
- We will welcome Fr Stuart Soley with Induction of New Incumbent on Wed 11 June, 7pm as well as lunch following his first Sunday service on 15 June.
- We still need to fill in some gaps in the next roster for morning teas and welcomes. Support will be provided for new volunteers, please email office@stmarys.org.au
- Worldwide Communion Forest Project: make a commitment to caring for creation in either new or existing project of any scale. For info: <u>Intro to the Communion Forest.pdf Google Drive</u> (printed copies available from the front porch) and <u>Every single tree counts as a blessing from God. Please</u>, <u>join in!</u> If you have a project idea that St Mary's can pursue together, speak to CAG members: Tim, Michael, Marion, Helen or Audrey.
- HOPE 25 Hymn Fest: Sat 17 May, 2-4pm at Christ Church Anglican (54 Central Springs Rd, Daylesford). All welcome to sing along accompanied by piano & organ (Beverley will be there!) and share afternoon tea, printed flyers at the front porch.
- Beverley will also be performing on Sun 18 May, 2.30pm at Cathedral Church of Christ the King (49 Lydiard St South, Ballarat Central). Faith Hope and Love with VOX vocal soloists and conducted by Helen Duggan. Tickets \$35/\$30/\$15 or \$75 family, book via <a href="www.trybooking.com/DAPYE">www.trybooking.com/DAPYE</a> (printed flyers at the front porch).
- 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: <a href="www.trybooking.com/DAPLJ">www.trybooking.com/DAPLJ</a> or contact <a href="mailto:chroper@trinity.unimelb.edu.au">chroper@trinity.unimelb.edu.au</a> or 0407 419 330. The next intensive sessions will be on 6-8 Nov.
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St Mary's Roster		
	Sun 11 May 2025	Sun 18 May 2025
	Easter 4	Easter 5
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Andrew McKinley
10:00am Readers	Sarah Gador-Whyte	Fabien Nunes
	Michael Golding	Anne Sunderland
Serving Team	Anne Sunderland	Anne Sunderland
	Alice Christofi	
Welcome	Helen McCallum	Katie Holmes
Introduction &	Alice Christofi	Geoff Jenkins
Intercession		
Video/AV	Fabien Nunes	Sarah Gador-Whyte
	Sam Miller	Sam Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday	Harriet Jenkins	N/A
School	Rosie Moloney	
Morning Tea	Michael Noble	Katie Holmes
	Margaret Noble	Elizabeth Brookes

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