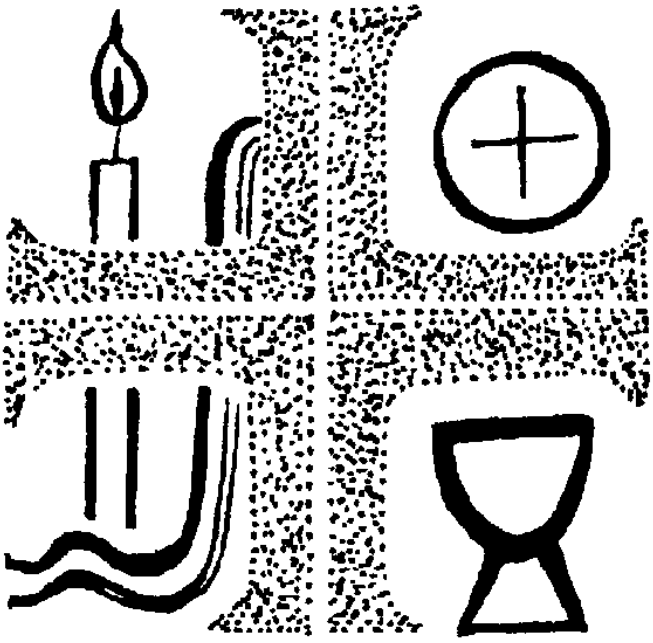
St Mary's



THE SUNG EUCHARIST

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 OCTOBER 2026

Order of the Liturgy and Parish News

TODAY'S CELEBRATION

Welcome to Saint Mary's! The Order of Service begins on page 6
Calendar Dates, Liturgies and How to Donate – see p.2-5 & 24ff

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

RUBRICS	These are instructions or descriptions of what is happening, and they are printed in *italics.* These also provide prompts and guides for posture and gesture.
OUR PART	The congregation's (people's) parts are printed in **bold**.
SINGING	Saint Augustine is reputed to have said 'those who sing pray twice'. We include the music, so it is easier for you to join in as you are able

THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The liturgical colour for the Sundays in Ordinary Time is green.

It symbolises growth and potential in the new life we have in Christ. The Sundays outside the main seasons of preparation and celebration are termed 'ordinary'. They are termed ordinary because they are counted sequentially through the entire year.

Personal prayers can be made on either side of the sanctuary after receiving communion. Light a candle and pray. The light burns long after we leave as our prayers rest in the heart of God.

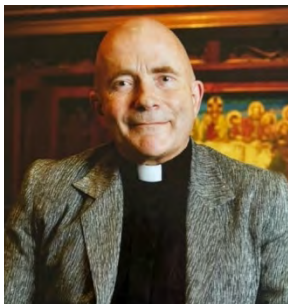
CELEBRATING THE LITURGIES TODAY

25 OCTOBER 2026 – THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

8 AM	**THE EUCHARIST**	
Presider / Homilist	Fr Stuart Soley SMMS	
Reader	Rhondda Fahey	
10 AM	**SUNG EUCHARIST**	
Principal Celebrant	Fr Stuart Soley SMMS	
Homilist		
Priests Assisting		
Organist	Beverley Phillips	
Mass Setting	Melbourne Setting	Rosalie Bonighton
1st and 2nd Readers	Robert Gribben	Fabien Nunes
Servers	Alice Christofi, Anne Sunderland	
Welcomer	Sam Miller	
Introduction/Intercession	Jen Langmead	
Live Stream / AV	Geoff Jenkins	
Kids Cnr / Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Rosie Moloney
Morning tea	Helen McCallum	David Keuneman

FROM FR STUART:



PONDERING FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

I am sure I speak for many of you when I express my gratitude to Paul and Katie for speaking about what inspires them to give to the work of this parish. Thank you to them both for sharing their stories. It is my hope we have an annual Stewardship Sunday or Sundays which looks at all manner of aspects of how we are to steward the many gifts that God gives us.

WALL OF IDEAS

An extension of the idea of stewardship is to ponder what makes a faith community work and thrive. This is what I seek your input for on the so called “Wall of Ideas”. What does Saint Mary’s means to you and what you’d like to see that will last 50 or more years?

HELEN HAINES MP

There is widespread shock and disbelief in the attack on Helen Haines, the member for Indi in the Federal Parliament. Indi is centred around the north-east of the state and much of the Diocese of Wangaratta. This seat has been the crucible for genuine and well-ordered local community action to send people to represent them in the members of parliament.

Monday’s violent act is in stark contrast to the beauty of the area and so shocks. Apart from the terrible agony and unenviable decisions that have faced Helen, her husband and their family, it prompts us all to reflect deeply over some time of what gives rise to such a thing happening and to avoid knee-jerk responses.

None of it makes sense. We do not know what prompted it and the man who has been charged with a variety of offences will see justice take its course but must not become a scapegoat for a deeper malaise in our society. That deeper malaise is the decline of civil discourse as Allegra Spender who is another community independent. It is also the free trafficking of violent language and imagery which seems to be a firm backdrop to our culture.

The One Nation party has been criticised for a recent cartoon showing a female politician mowed down by an SUV and for its denigration of Senator Jacquie Lambie for a serious medical issue she faces. An apology does not cut it when the party continues to objectify and demonise many different sectors of society. It is not the only one, to be fair, but it has high prominence in the Murdoch and other media. Here I am being specific in areas we need to ponder the 'ecosystem' in which violence can take form.

Today's gospel is about the great two commandments. How timely! These are the foundation for our commitment as Christians and as such can be our contribution to building a kinder and more gentle society. Please pray for Helen, her attacker and all those who are now fearful or unsure in public life or as members of sections of society often dismissed or demeaned.

THE WIDER WORLD

There are a few things to draw to your attention for prayer and thought.

PALESTINE AND ISRAEL – IN BRIEF

Earlier this month saw the third anniversary of the October 7th attacks by Hamas and the commencement of the destruction of cities, agricultural lands, and the basics of society in Gaza and surrounding countryside.

I try not to talk about it much as I have found you get censured very easily. But the anniversary does highlight a long and terrible offence against humanity and God in whose likeness every person is made.

At the meeting of the Perth Diocesan Synod last weekend, there was strong support and prayers for all people in places of conflict and especially for Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land. A motion was passed noting the impact the conflict in the Middle East is having on the ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, especially the Al Ahli Hospital and the field clinic at Khan Younis in Gaza.

Their Synod heard from John Na'em Snobar, Director of Advocacy for Palestinian Christians in Australia, who spoke of the impact the conflict is having on these ministries.

PATRIARCHS STATEMENT

For those who follow this news, you will be all too aware of the daily violence on the occupied West Bank by settlers and the IDF. The sole remaining Christian village on the West Bank has been the scene of many horrific acts of violence over the years but with increasing intensity since 2023.



The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem have issued a joint statement condemning a "heinous attack" by masked Israeli settlers on the Christian town of Taybeh during the olive harvest, and rejecting a recent religious ruling that authorized Jews to seize Palestinian olives.

■ The statement condemned the attack carried out on Saturday, October 17, against local residents and against foreign guests, including diplomats and officials from European countries, who were visiting the area in solidarity.

■ "We consider the religious ruling recently published, allowing Jews to take the olives of Palestinians, as unfounded, very worrying and dangerous, and absolutely unacceptable," said the statement. The church leaders noted they appreciate that several rabbis and Jewish voices have publicly rejected it.

■ “The facts on the ground show that these attacks continue because of the impunity enjoyed by those who commit them,” said the statement. They stressed that enforcement must be "serious and consistent" and not remain an isolated measure.

■ The Patriarchs warned that the Palestinian villages of the West Bank have been exposed to “wide-scale terror by settlers, which is reaching a peak during this time of the olive harvest,” and called on the

international community to intensify efforts to protect the people of Taybeh and the West Bank.

■ "We renew our full support to the community of Taybeh and its churches, and we will continue, as in the past, to do everything possible to preserve the Christian presence there," added the statement.

ENDING WITH PRAYER

Ending with prayer? Or starting with it?

It is often said spare me your thoughts and prayers, let me see what you do. But good action must flow from deep and honest prayer. To these two huge issues on our minds this week I have found two wonderful prayers.

A PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

The Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum, posted this prayer recently which is also worth praying:

O God of Justice and peace, we cry out to you
in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear
which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;
we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians
and for all people of the land.
While we pray to you, O Lord,
for an end to violence and the establishment of peace,
we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom
where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children
for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HELEN HAINES

We used this prayer at the Eucharist on Thursday. It is written by the Melbourne priest, Elizabeth Smith, now living in Perth.

God of grace,
come and help Helen Haines,
violently attacked in the midst of the community she serves.
Heal and strengthen her.
Assure her and her family of your constant care.
Come and help all our elected leaders
to model courteous debate and peaceful speech.
Come and help our whole community to engage respectfully
with those with whom we disagree.
Come and help each of us
to do our share of building safety and trust
in our homes, schools, and workplaces.
In public and private life,
teach us to grow communities of love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

MEETING OF ARCIC III
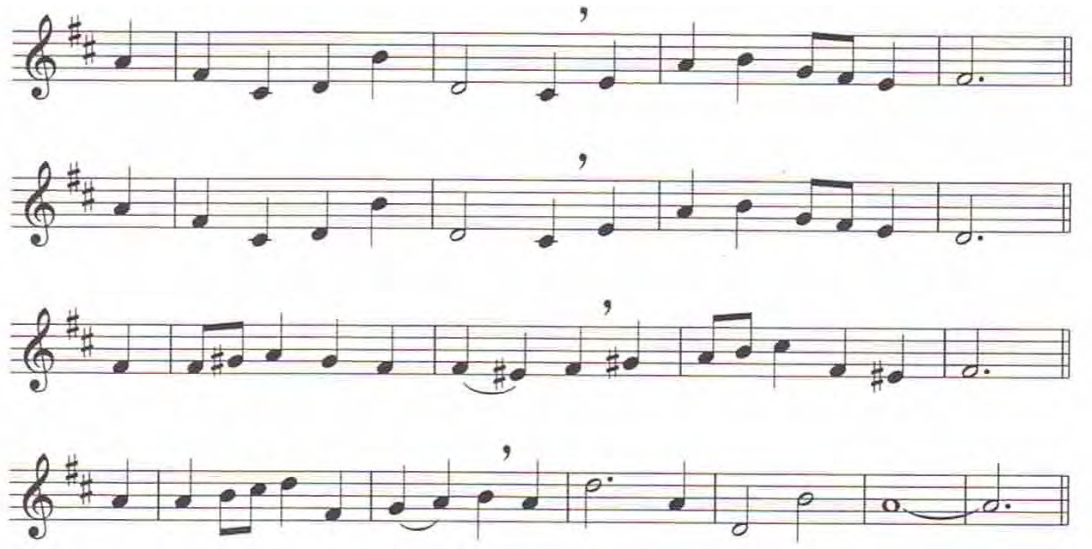
Earlier this month, the third Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission met to conclude the phase of consultations which began in 2019 on their latest document "While They Were Talking and Discussing: Learning to Do Moral Discernment in Communion".

The two Anglican representatives from Australia on the commission are Bishop Philip Freier, our former archbishop, and Fr Alex Ross, the Vicar of Saint John's, East Malvern. The commission has approved the publication of the document, an outline of which you can read on page 31.

That's a fair bit to read through: all strength to you and God bless, *Stuart*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The bell is rung and we stand for the entrance procession which is sung during the following hymn. The altar which represents Christ is reverenced and censed.



1. **Your hand, O God, has guided**
your flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

2. **Your heralds brought glad tidings**
to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

3. **Through many a day of darkness,**
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

4. **And we, shall we be faithless?**
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain unflinching,
one church, one faith, one Lord.

5. **Your mercy will not fail us,**
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem,
one church, one faith, one Lord.

WORDS: Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-1891 *alt.*
MUSIC: THORNBURY Basil Harwood 1859-1949 (TIS 456)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

✚ In the Name of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

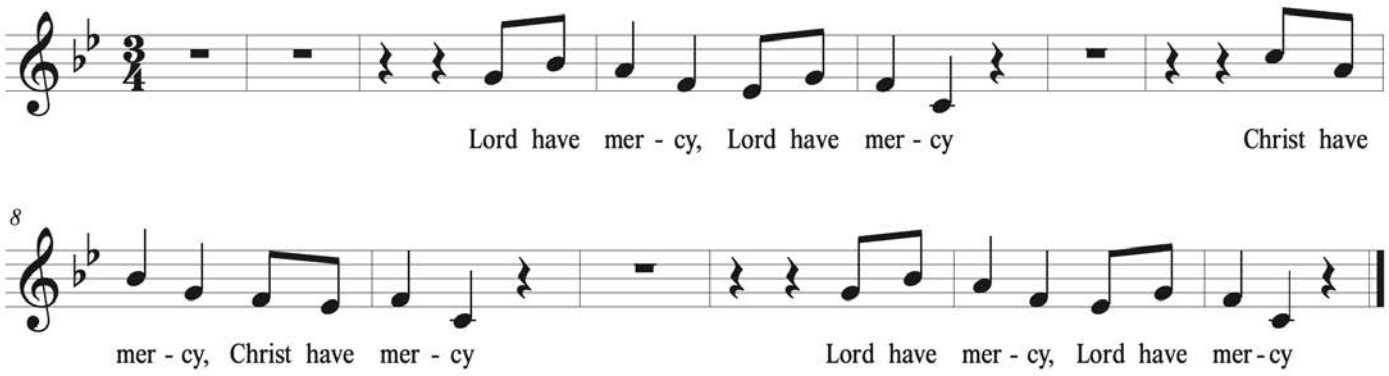
THE CONFESSION

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.
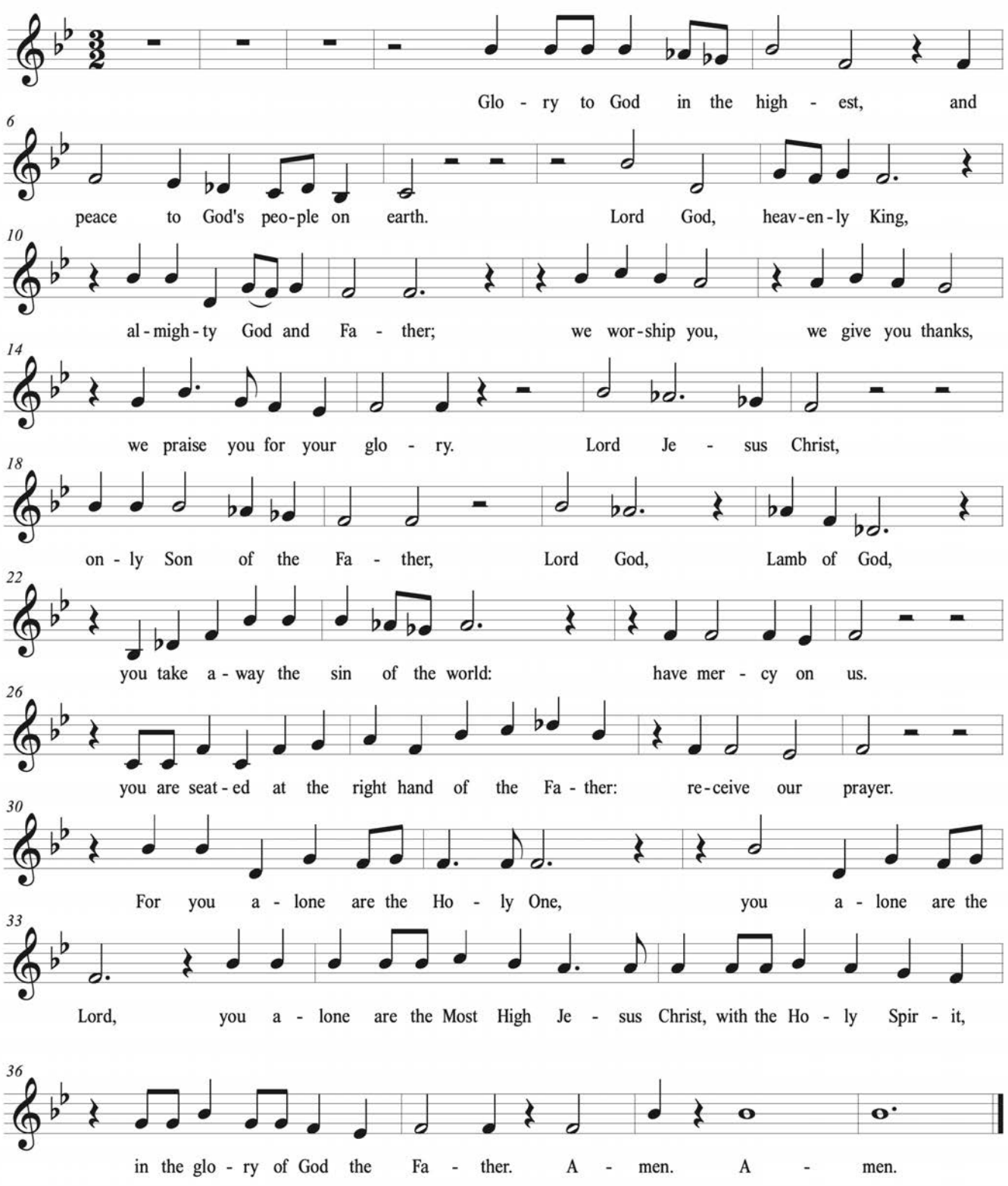
ABSOLUTION

The rite concludes with the absolution.

THE KYRIE



THE GLORIA



THE OPENING PRAYER

The response to the prayer:

Amen.

We sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

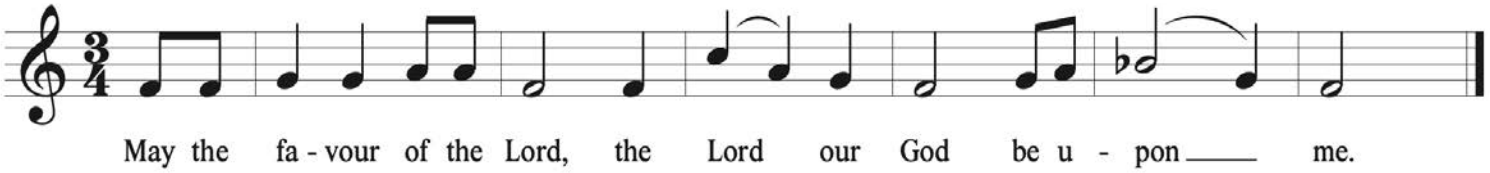
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

(Exodus 32:1-14)

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 90



Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

May the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.

You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.

May the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

May the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay?
Have compassion on your servants.
Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us,
and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

May the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.

Show your servants your works,
and let your glory be over their children.
May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

May the favour of the Lord, the Lord our God be upon us.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Saint Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

Brothers and sisters,

though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
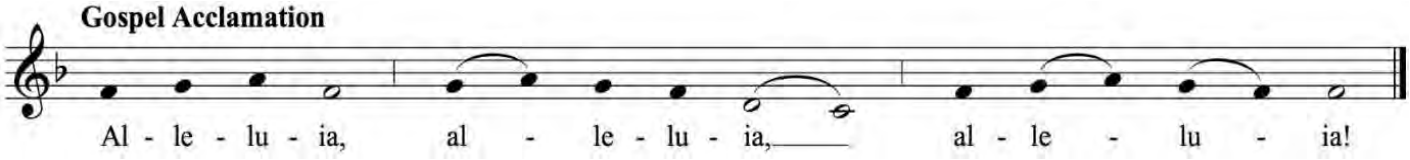
We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

(1 Thessalonians 2:1-13)

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, **alleluia!**
Those who love me will keep my word
and my Father will love them and we will come to him. *(John 14:23)*
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

(Matthew 22:34-46)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit

THE HOMILY

THE 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,] *all may bow to honor*
and became truly human.] *the incarnation*
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:	*or:*	*or:*
Lord in your mercy	Lord hear us	Let us pray to the Lord
Hear our prayer	**Lord hear our prayer**	**Lord hear our prayer**

After the prayers for the departed:

✚ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine on them.

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 GREETING OF PEACE

The priest introduces the Greeting of Peace:
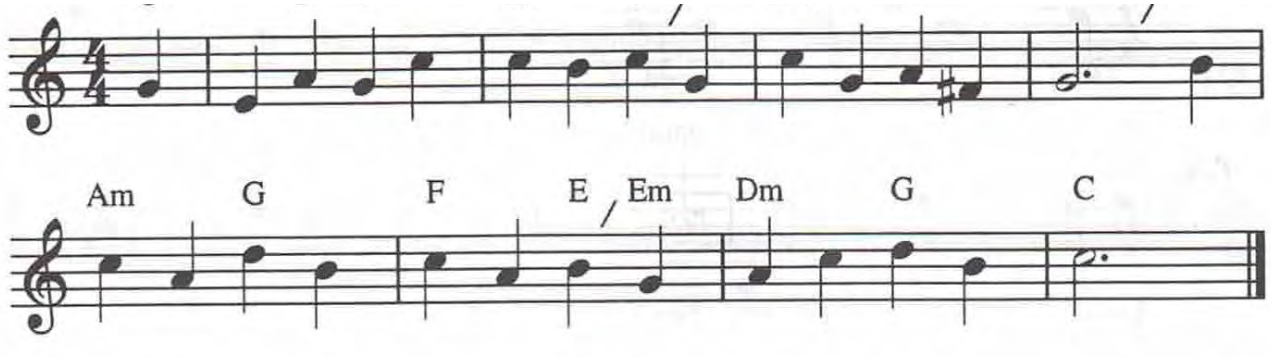
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND THE CENSING

OFFERTORY HYMN



1 **Our God, our help in ages past,**
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2 **under the shadow of your throne**
your saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3 **Before the hills in order stood,**
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God
to endless years the same.

4 **A thousand ages in your sight**
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 **Time, like an ever-rolling stream,**
bears all of us away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 **Our God, our help in ages past,**
our hope for years to come,
remain our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts 1674-1748 *alt.*
MUSIC: ST ANNE Later form of melody (rhythm adapted)
from 'A Supplement to the New Version', 1708 probably by William Croft 1678-1727 (TIS 47)

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

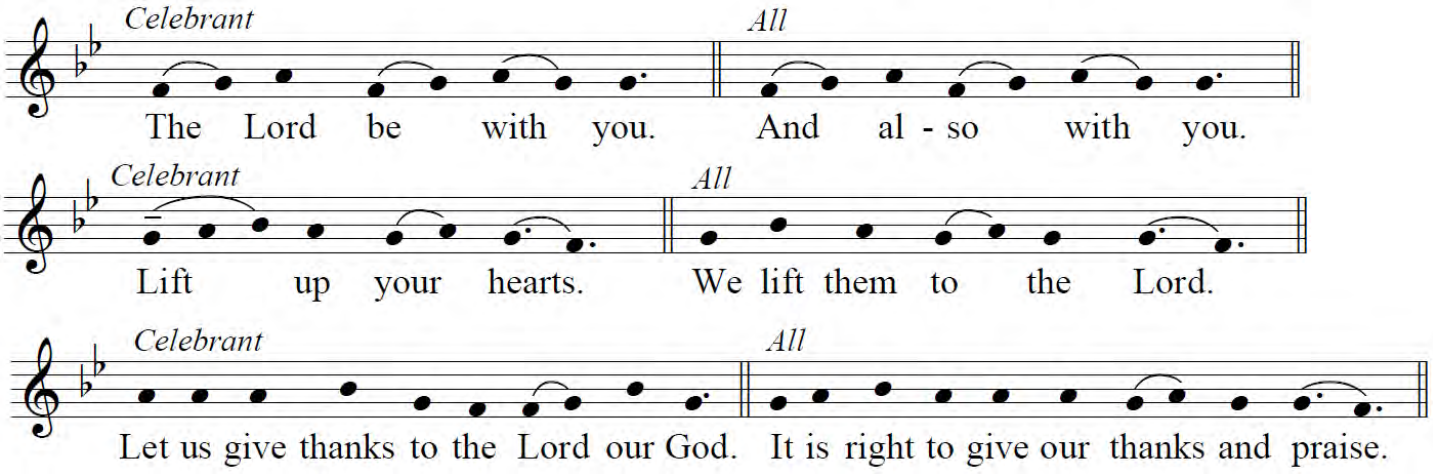
Our response to the prayers is: **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS
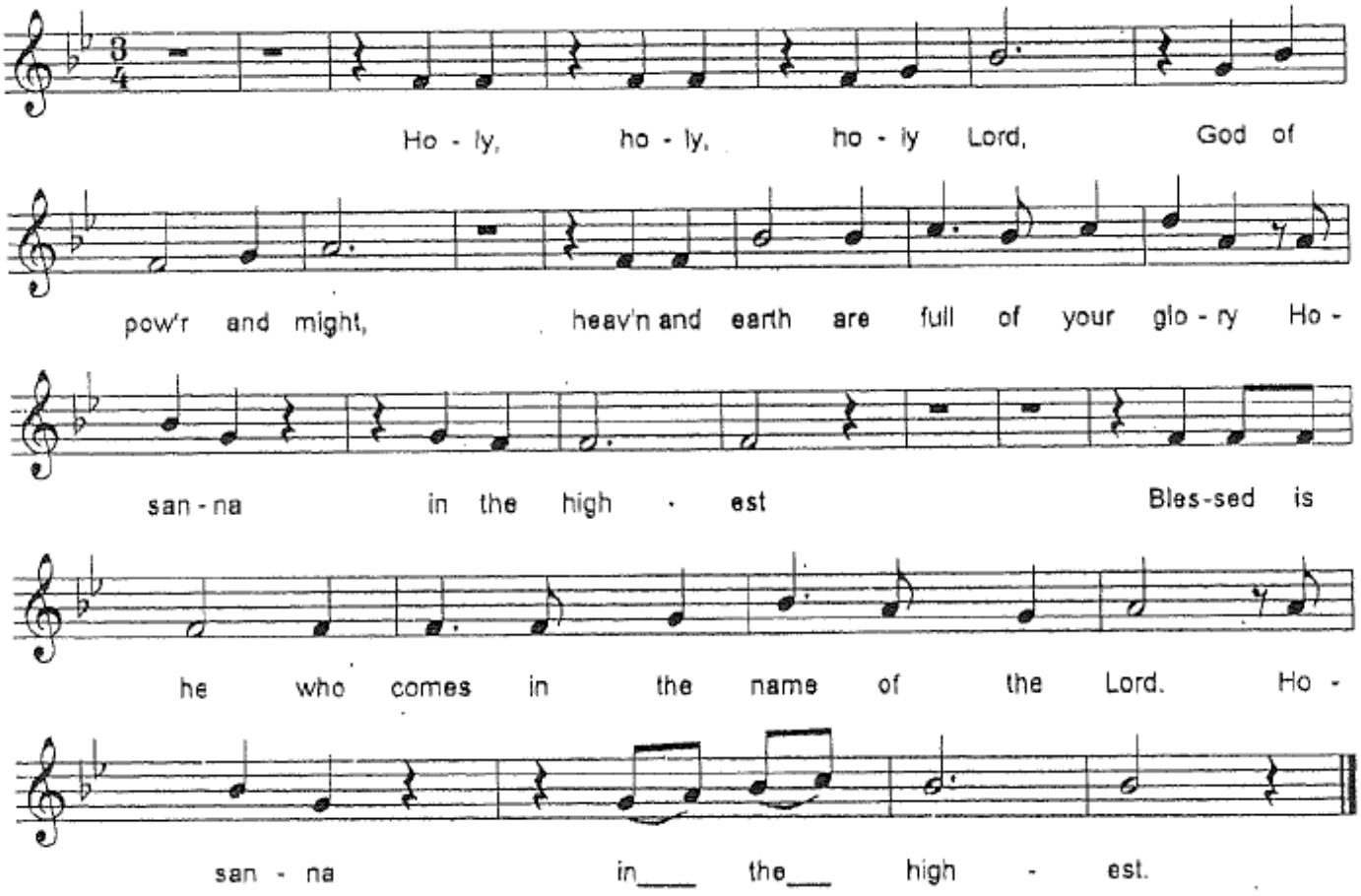
Our response to the prayer is: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We stand throughout the prayer.
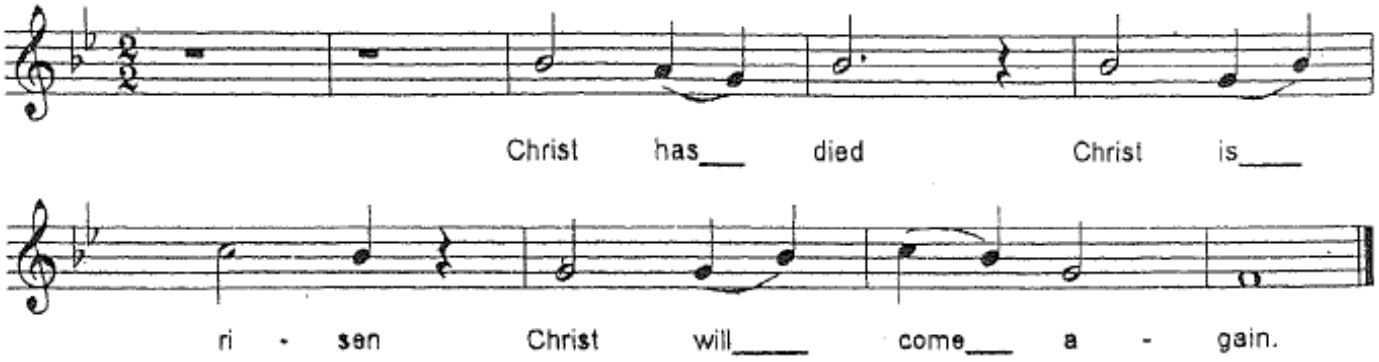


The Prayer continues to the Sanctus and Benedictus which are sung by all to the setting below.
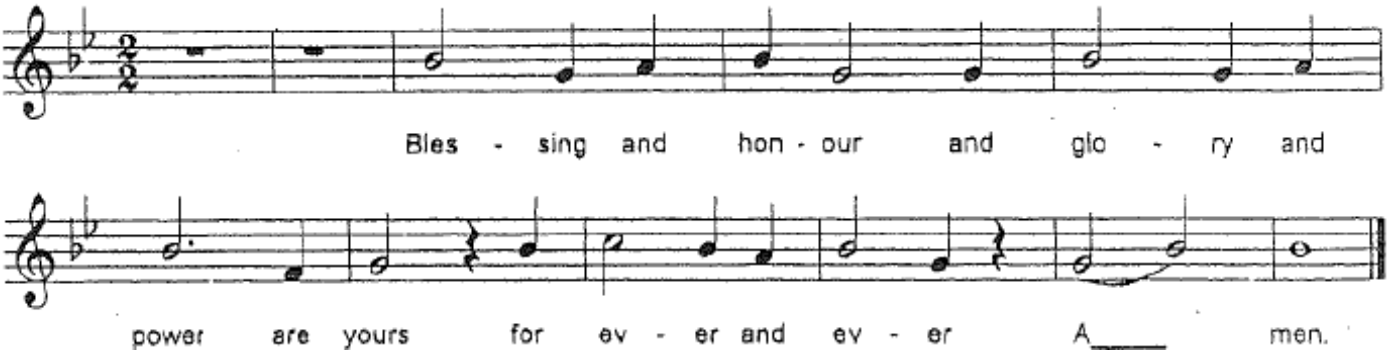


The Prayer continues . . . .

After the elevation of the Host and the elevation of the Chalice, all may bow with the priest in adoration of the real presence of Christ … and all join in singing the acclamation:



The Prayer continues, ending with the celebrant singing:
. . . . in songs of never ending praise:



After the Host and Chalice are placed back on the altar,
all may bow with the priest in adoration.

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.
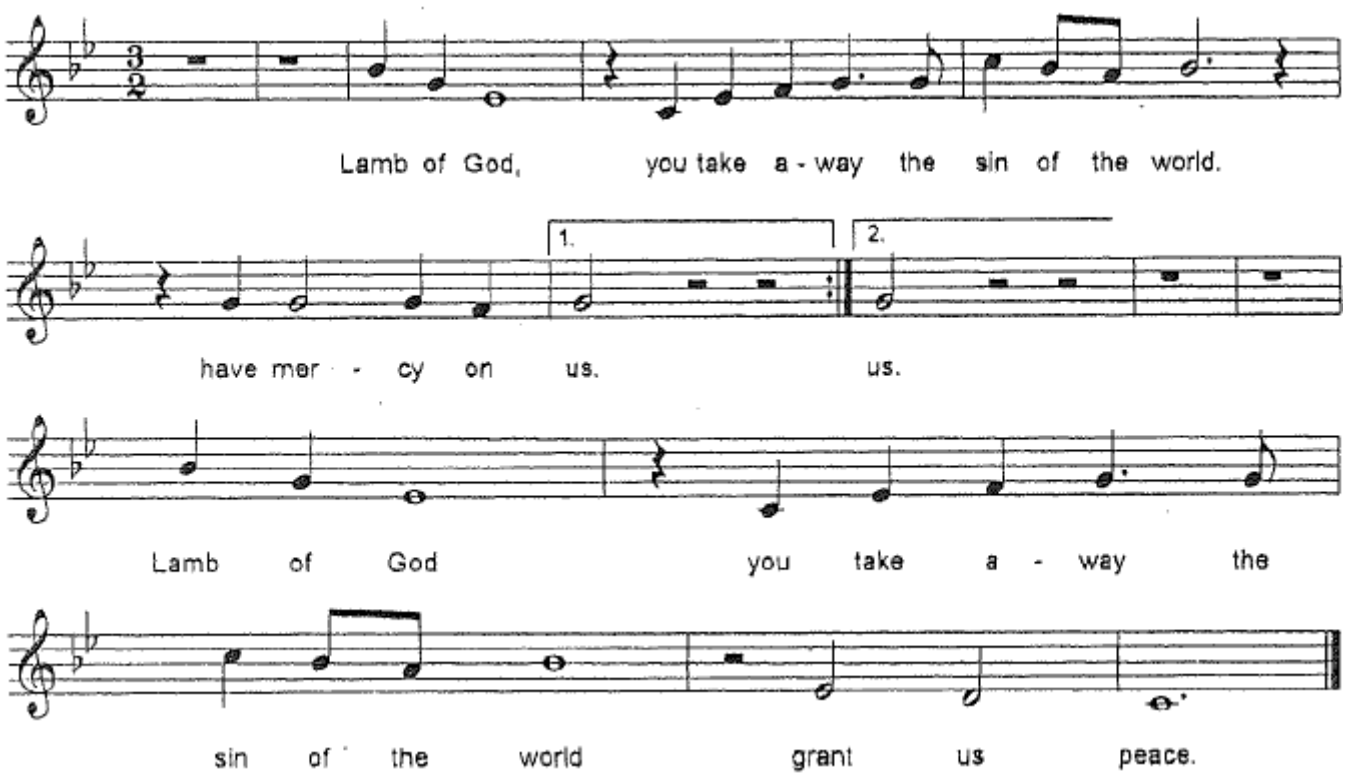
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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 Agnus Dei is sung by all to the setting below.



✚ Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Fr Stuart administers communion to the servers and Eucharistic Assistants.
Feel free to sit until the following invitation to communion

Come! Draw near with faith
and receive the gifts of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God.

Christ is the host at the altar here at Saint Mary's and welcomes all, especially those who are communicant members of other denominations. If today, you prefer to receive a blessing—please ask the priest or by crossing your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lord, for thy tender mercies sake"
Thomas Tallis

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
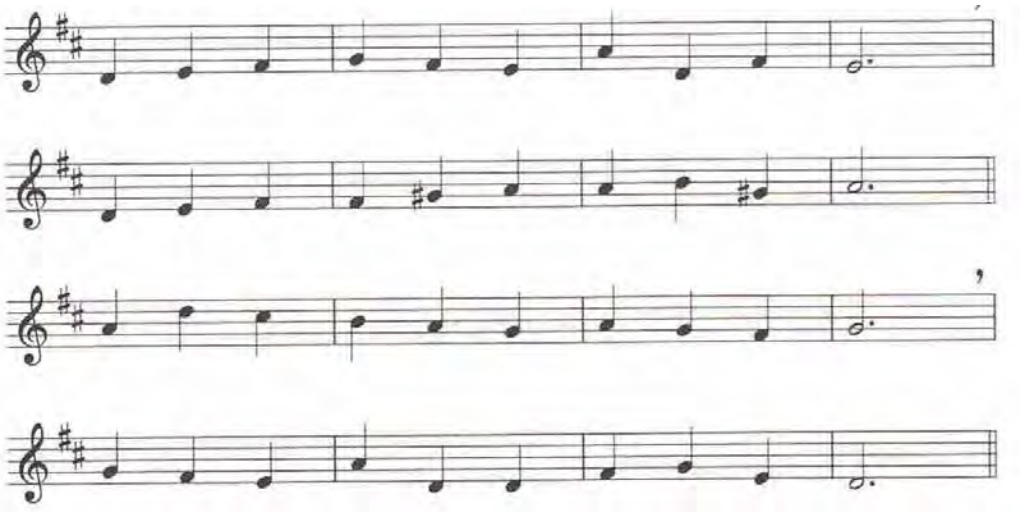
Please stand.

Our response to the prayer is: **Amen.**

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN



1 **Love is the touch of intangible joy;**
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

2 **Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;**
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

3 **Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;**
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

4 **Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son:**
love is the kingdom their will have begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

WORDS: Alison Robertson b.1940
MUSIC: GREAT STANMORE John Barnard b.1948 (AM 722)

NOTICES

The priest may give some notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Priest prays for God's blessing and reply **Amen.**

The dismissal is given.

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

POSTLUDE

We cannot know whether or not we love God, although there may be strong reasons for thinking so, but there can be no doubt about whether or not we love our neighbour. Be sure that in proportion as you advance in fraternal charity, you are increasing in your love of God, for he bears so tender an affection for us that I cannot doubt he will repay our love for others by increasing, in a thousand different ways, that love which we have for him.
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FROM *THE INTERIOR CASTLE*, TRANS. BENEDICTINES OF STANBROOK (LONDON, 1921)

PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Preparations for the Annual Meeting and annual reports are underway. Reports from the following office bearers or committees will be included:

Vicar | Churchwardens | Secretary | Treasurer | Director of Music | Children's Ministry | Safe Ministry | Hospitality Committee | Climate Action Group | Synod Representatives

Could all those who are responsible for submitting a report please email their completed report to Alice Christofi at **before Sunday, 1 November.** Please email to: achristofi@stmarys.org.au. If there are any additional reports you would like to be included, please feel free to send those in as well.

TODAY: Cut off for being included on the Parish Electoral Roll.

Thank you for your assistance in helping prepare for the Annual Meeting.

ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Each year a joyful band of Saint Mary's parishioners make the trek up the road for this fundraiser for the Theological College. There is a discount for a table of 8 which we will enquire as to the value of that. It is a fun night with good food and wine, silent auction and so on. It would be good to support the College as we have always had a strong link with it. The evening's program is:

6.00 pm – 6.30 pm Evensong in the Chapel

6.45 pm – 10.30 pm Dinner in the ACC Farran Hall

$120 per person

Bookings for singles, or for a discount for tables of 8

RSVP 11 November

AVE REFRESH

Saint Mary's parish magazine, AVE, is getting a refresh After many years of faithful editorial work, Rhondda Fahey has handed on the baton to Katie Holmes and we are introducing some new sections. From the next edition, AVE will be organised under the themes of:

***In Depth*:** for longer pieces that explore a topic, or perhaps a sermon to share more widely. Guide: 2000-3000 words.

***Spiritual Journeys*:** reflections on your journey of faith, your understanding of it, or questions about the mystery of God in your life. Guide: 2000 words (a little more if it has been a long and winding road!)

***Parish Life*:** have you been to a parish event or involved in an aspect of parish life or service? Tell us about it. Guide 800 - 1000 words.

***Further Afield*:** Travel stories have long been a feature of AVE and now a home of their own. Guide: 1000-2000 words.

***Read, Watch, Listen*:** Read a good book, listened to a podcast or seen a film that you'd like to tell us about? Guide: 800 words.

***Creative Voice*:** A place for poems and short stories up to 2000 words. We know there is plenty of talent in the parish.

Word counts are a guide only. To keep the layout clean, we ask for only one photo per article, so please choose the one that best conveys your experience.

If you have any questions, an idea for a piece or just want to talk through a possible contribution, please email Katie Holmes or catch her after the 10am Sunday service. k.holmes@latrobe.edu.au The deadline for our end of year edition is **Friday 4 December.** Please note that Katie will be away for 4 weeks from 9/11-7/12 but will be checking and answering emails.

JOIN A HOSPITALITY TEAM OF VERGERS / HOSPITALLERS

There has been increasing interest from various groups to hire the church for public musical performances, mostly on weekend afternoons. We are looking to establish a small team of people who may be willing, to open the church, be on hand should something unexpected occur and close at the end. We will provide orientation and a modest honorarium.

If you have interest - please let Father Stuart know.

ST MARY'S KIDS UPDATE

There are two engaging opportunities for all our preschool and primary school-aged children to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun.

First Sunday of each month – Sunday School

Third Sunday of each month – Messy St Mary's

Please note: Everyone is welcome at both sessions! The suggested ages are a guide to help us plan. We look forward to welcoming all children as we learn, create, and grow together!

Harriet Jenkins.

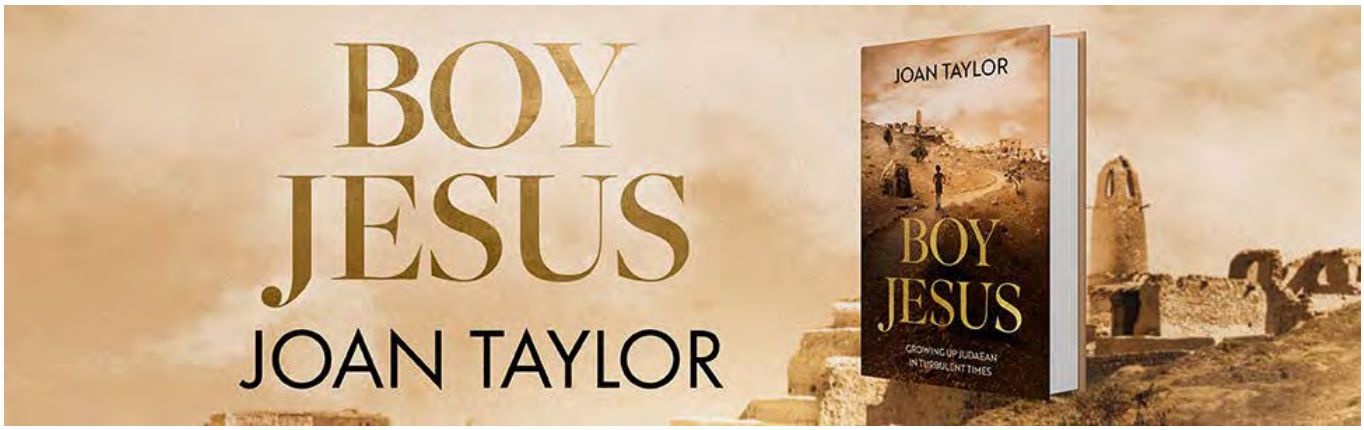
ST MARY'S MUSIC AND CULTURE FUND

You can give money to enrich the music and culture of the parish via the Saint Mary's North Melbourne Music and Culture Fund. Gifts to this fund enable a tax deduction to be made.

Go to the Melbourne Anglican Foundation website and scroll down the page to the "Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation". Use the drop-down menu to select our fund.

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ACU INSTITUTE FOR RELIGION & CRITICAL INQUIRY



Public Lecture

Jesus' Birth and Childhood Revisited: The Traumatic Historical Context behind Matthew's Account

presented by Joan Taylor



Jesus lived at a time of deep social disturbance, as the Jewish people struggled to come to terms with Roman occupation in Judaea. As the Gospel of Matthew tells the story, he was born in Bethlehem to a clan of people who descended from the great king David, but he became a refugee, an outsider, an immigrant in the Galilee in which he grew up. While scholars of the historical Jesus have often considered this account more legendary than real, this lecture explores how key aspects correlate with other evidence. As such, Jesus and his family likely witnessed atrocities carried out by the occupying Roman overlords and their client rulers. This would have a lasting impact.

Joan Taylor, Professor Emerita of Christian Origins at King's College London and Visiting Professor at Australian Catholic University, is a renowned authority on the literature and archaeology of early Christianity and Judaism. She draws both on archaeological findings and on historical works of the period.

When: Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Time: 6pm for refreshments
6:30pm lecture start

Where: Mercy Lecture Theatre, Entry via Duke St, ACU Campus, Fitzroy or Online via Teams

Click here to register via Humanitix or scan the QR code below

This lecture is sponsored by the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry.

ARCIC

The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission

COMMUNIQUÉ

October 2026

The Anglican–Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) held a plenary meeting, online, on 5 October. The meeting marked the conclusion of the second phase of the work of ARCIC III, which began in 2019. During the meeting, the members of the Commission approved the final draft of the Agreed Statement for this phase of their work, ***While They Were Talking and Discussing: Learning to Do Moral Discernment in Communion***. An editorial sub-committee has worked since the Commission's previous plenary meeting, in Melbourne, Australia in October 2025, to complete the Agreed Statement, sharing drafts of their work with the full commission for comment, in advance of circulating the final draft for approval.

The Agreed Statement consists of an Introduction and four chapters.

Introduction *'While they were talking and discussing'* (Lk 24:15)*:*
The Challenge of Doing Moral Discernment in Communion

Chapter 1 *'Two of them were going to a village called Emmaus'* (Lk 24:13)*:*
The Way Already Travelled

Chapter 2 *'The apostles and the elders met together'* (Acts 15:6)*:*
Sharing Moral Discernment in Communion

Chapter 3 *'Their eyes were kept from recognising him'* (Lk 24:16)*:*
Case Studies in Moral Discernment and Ecclesial Wounds

Chapter 4 *'You are witnesses of these things'* (Lk 24:48)*:*
Moral Theology for a Synodal Church

The Statement will be published in the coming months with an official Roman Catholic commentary. The document will also be reviewed by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order, with a view to its eventual commendation for reception at the next meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council, which will take place in India in 2029.

When published, this Agreed Statement will complement the first document published by ARCIC III, ***Walking Together on the Way: Learning to be the Church – Local, Regional and Universal*** (2018). With the finalisation of its second Agreed Statement, ARCIC III has now completed its work in response to the mandate it received from the late Pope Benedict XVI and Archbishop Rowan Williams, to study 'the Church as Communion, local and universal, and how in communion the local and universal Church come to discern right ethical teaching.'

A FEW POINTERS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE CREATED ORDER

For right use of the resources of the bountiful earth in changing climates

For a proper distribution of the wealth of the earth

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For an end to war and violence in every land and for the work of those who bring aid, and all who pursue peace, for all peoples | For the United Nations and a renewal of international cooperation and justice

For all work for the public in service and parliament; for civil discourse

FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

For our parish and its ministry in North Melbourne.

For Pope Leo, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Ric, Archbishop of Melbourne and his assistant bishops

For Megan, Ben and Nigel newly ordained as bishops

For the Reverend Darcy Wood celebrating 60 years ministry

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Helen Haines, Andrew and family, Jess, Robert and Susan, Liisa, Dawn, Phillip, Edith, Audrey, Susanne, Jan, Fr Tim, Graham, Pope Leo, Vasu, Cecilia, Peter, Isaiah, Kingsley, Max, John

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Roger Sharr (priest), Judith Barnard

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

William Charles Shoppee, Margaret Fallshaw, Ann Brady, William Gerard McMahon, Eduardo Moreno, William Temple (bishop), Edwin Roughton Lee (minister), Brian Porter (priest)

IF YOU HAVE PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you'd like a name to be included, please email Fr Stuart on: contactfrstuart@gmail.com (Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified).

FINANCIALLY SUPPORT SAINT MARY'S LIFE & MINISTRY

Your continuing financial support of the Parish is greatly appreciated.

There are two ways to donate to Saint Mary's:

PayID® One off or recurring payments are best made with PayID® from your banking application or website. PayID® makes sending money fast, easy and you'll know your money is going to St Mary's before you hit send.

Our PayID is our ABN - 91 426 837 132
Our PayID Name is ST MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH NORTH MELBOURNE

QR Code Using your phone camera, scan the barcode it opens a link in your browser to donate to the parish.

THINKING OF THE FUTURE: BEQUESTS

A bequest also helps the parish into the future. You can speak with the Treasurer in confidence about how to incorporate St Mary's into your estate planning.

THINKING OF NOW: THOSE IN GREAT NEED:

We donate foodstuffs to Anglicare Victoria / St Mark's Community Care. You can make tax deductible donations also so please visit: https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/ - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENTS

KOOYOORA
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

The Anglican Diocese is conjunction with St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne does not tolerate abuse, harassment or other misconduct within our communities. If any person has concerns about behaviour of a church worker, past or present. The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website www.stmarys.org.au

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Celebrating the Liturgy Next Sunday
Who's doing things!

1 NOVEMBER 2026 – ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

Readings of the Day	First Reading	Revelation 7:9-17
	Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 34
	Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3
	Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12
8 AM	**THE EUCHARIST**	
Reader		
10 AM	**SUNG EUCHARIST**	
1st and 2nd Readers		
Servers		
Welcomer		
Introduction/Intercession		
Live Stream / AV		
Kids Cnr / Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Rosie Moloney
Morning tea		
Flowers		

Sunday 1 November – All Saints' and All Souls' Sunday

8 am – Eucharist | 10 am – Sung Eucharist – as always

Guest Homilists:

Sunday 8 November

Archdeacon Andrew Eaton SMMS, St Peter's, East Maitland, Diocese of Newcastle

Sunday 15 November

Fr Scott Moncrieff SMMS, St George's, Goodwood, Diocese of Adelaide

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

CLIMATE ACTION	*To be advised*
HOSPITALITY	*Friday 6 November in the vicarage*
PARISH COUNCIL	*Meets in person after Sunday Eucharist – Sunday 25 October*
WARDENS	*TBC*

LITURGIES & ACTIVITIES AT SAINT MARY'S

EVERY SUNDAY

8.00 am The Eucharist
10.00 am Sung Eucharist

EUCHARISTS DURING THE WEEK

12.00 pm Thursday

MORNING PRAYER – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 am

Click the link: https://bit.ly/499l0N4
Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706.

CHOIR

Our choir sings at the Sung Eucharist each Sunday. They practice on Tuesdays. Speak to Beverley Phillips if you would like to join our parish choir. Her contact details are on the back of this booklet.

DELTA STUDIES

Occasional series on various theological and topics concerning social justice or current affairs. These are held after the Sunday Eucharist.

GARDENING GROUP

A group of parishioners care for the gardens surrounding our church. If you would like to assist, please contact Margaret Noble or Helen McCallum.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This group meets regularly to plan social and fundraising events in the parish.

SERVERS

A group of parishioners assist at the altar. Talk to Fr Stuart, or Alice or Anne.

Want to keep in touch?

You can fill this form in and tear it off or this page and give to a person on the door, Fr Stuart or one of the servers. You may wish to tick an option below.

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PARISH OF NORTH MELBOURNE

We are a faithful, inclusive, sacramental community
in the Anglican Catholic tradition in this part of Melbourne since the 1850s.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather and worship, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, who have cared for Country for generations. We are grateful for their ongoing custodianship and for their generous invitation to join them in caring for Country.

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	The Reverend Professor Emeritus Robert Gribben AM
	The Reverend Fr Luke Hopkins
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	Susan Brennan
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	Andrew Barnard (Treasurer), Andrew Gador-Whyte,
	Harriet Jenkins, John Blanch
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