

St Philip's Anglican Church
Marningatha Episcopate
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The Holy Eucharist



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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Season of Creation Week 1.

[Opening Hymn](#) TIS 626 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

[Acclamation:](#)

The Lord says: "I have seen the suffering of my people and have come down to deliver them."

God still hears the cries of the poor, the thirsty and the displaced.

Christ says: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is present among us, calling us into reconciliation, justice and care for creation.

Come, let us worship the God who turns deserts into springs, division into community, and fear into hope.

[Father's Day](#)

[Sentence](#)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law. Romans 13.8

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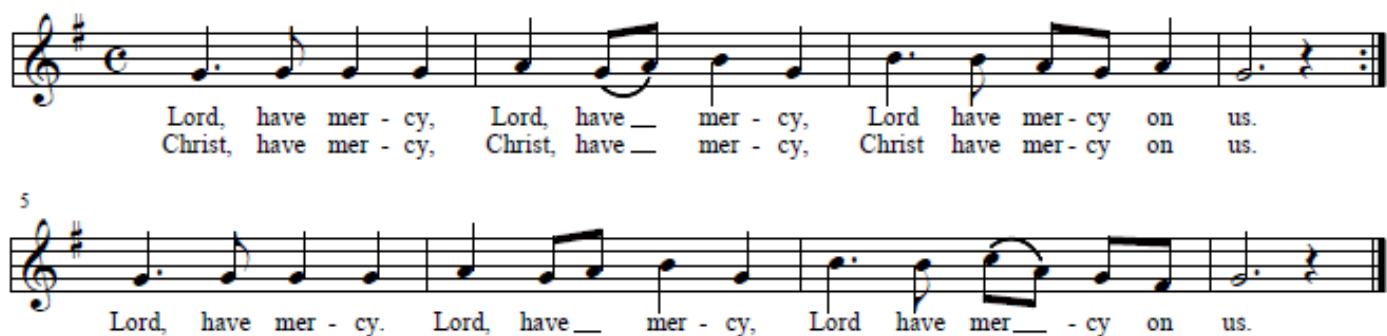
[Prayer of Preparation](#)

[Let us pray.]

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.

[Two Great Commandments](#)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'



Seasonal Invitation

God calls us to love our neighbours and to care for the Earth, yet we confess that we have often failed.

A pause for reflection

Penitence

For the times we have polluted rivers, destroyed forests, and treated creation as something to exploit rather than cherish;

For the times we have remained silent while communities suffered from drought, floods, pollution and environmental injustice;

For the times we have allowed conflict, and greed to divide your people, instead of seeking reconciliation;

For the ways we have wasted food, water and energy, while many of our sisters and brothers go without;

The Absolution

Gracious God forgives you! Renewed you by his Spirit, to become faithful stewards of His creation, agents of reconciliation, and bearers of living water; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

1 Cantor =104 All:

Glory-to-God-in-the High - est and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth.

4 Lord God, hea - ven - ly king, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

8 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

12 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

16

Lamb of God, you take a - way the - sin of the world: have mer - cy on

20

us; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

24

you a - lone are the ho - ly one. You a - lone are the Lord.

28

You a - lone are the most high Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit. In the

32

Glor - y of God the fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect

[Let us pray.]

Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Exodus 12.1-14

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.

¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 24:1-6 - *read antiphonally.*

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it:

the world, and all who live in it;

² For he founded it on the seas

and established it on the waters.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,

who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD

and vindication from God their Saviour.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,

who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:15–20 + Hebrews 10:24

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Christ has no body but ours David Ogden © 2002. St. Philip's Edit.

Christ has no body now but ours,

No hands, no feet on earth but ours.

Ours are the eyes with which he sees

Ours are the feet with which he walks,

Ours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Ours are the hands.

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Ours are the feet.

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Ours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Ours are the hands.
Ours are the feet.
Ours are the eyes.**

Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

The Creator be with you:

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, Chapter 18 beginning at the 10th verse. **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 18.10-20

¹⁰ 'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. ¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon / Homily

Jo Knight – Anglican Overseas Aid.

Affirmation of Faith

Where possible please stand

**We believe in God,
who creates all things,
who embraces all things,
who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part
of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of
all life,**

**who baptizes this planet with living
water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
the suffering one,
the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate
refugee,**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among
and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.**

**And we believe in the hope that one
day
God will put an end to death and all
destructive forces**
(Gurukkul Theological College India)

Intercessions

Please sit or kneel for the prayers, (These or other prayers may be used)

God of life, you delivered your people from slavery and call us to walk together in hope. Hear the prayers of your Church. We pray for your Church throughout Australia. Renew us with courage to proclaim good news to the whole of creation that our worship may lead to justice, our faith to action, and our hope to transformation.
Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes; **give us life in your ways.**

We pray for Australia. Remember communities suffering from drought, cyclones, floods, failed harvests, water shortages and rising temperatures. Strengthen farmers, fishers and pastoralists, and guide governments to protect rivers, forests, wetlands and biodiversity.
Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes; **give us life in your ways.**

We pray for places where conflict divides communities. Bring reconciliation where there is violence, healing where there is historical injustice, and peace where people compete for scarce land and water. Help us resolve conflict through truth, listening and forgiveness.
Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes; **give us life in your ways.**

We pray for all who are displaced— refugees, migrants and those forced to leave their homes because of climate change. May they find welcome rather than rejection, hospitality rather than fear, and communities that reflect Christ's love.
Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes; **give us life in your ways.**

We pray for young people, who inherit both the beauty of creation and the burden of its degradation. Give them wisdom, creativity and perseverance to build a just and sustainable future.
Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes; **give us life in your ways.**

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the gift of fathers. Thank You for the men who have loved, protected, provided, encouraged, and faithfully served their families. Bless those who have quietly sacrificed and given of themselves without recognition. Strengthen them where they are weary and reward their faithfulness with renewed joy. May they continue to reflect Your goodness through their words and actions.
Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes; **give us life in your ways.**

We pray for ourselves. As rivers nourish the land, may your Spirit flow through our lives, making us people of generosity, reconciliation, simplicity and hope.
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Parishioners:

Marina & Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Gwendolyn

Friends: **Denise, Judi and Graeme; Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Dylan; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Eloise; Grant, Drickis; Heidi; Henry and Sam; Vladimir**

Extended Parishioners: **Matt; Maj; Blessing**

Judy Lazarus Transition Centre: **Con, Damien, Tony, Dimitri, and Steve**

Those who have died, or anniversary's fall at this time:

Roy Bradley (4/9) and Betty Everett (5/9)

rest eternal grant unto them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them** may they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory.**

Within the wider Anglican Community, we pray today for:

The World: **Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo**

The Anglican Communion: **The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria;**

Archbishop Samy Fawzy

The Anglican Church of Australia: **Diocese of Bendigo: St Paul's Cathedral: Jumbunna Episcopate; Deanery of Waverley (cont'd): St Faith's Burwood, St Matthew's Ashburton, St Oswald's Glen Iris, Holy Trinity Surrey Hills, St Paul's Canterbury; Deanery of Monash & Kingston: Oakleigh Anglican Parish, St Aidan's Noble Park, Church of the Ascension Springvale, All Saints' Clayton, Christ Church Dingley**

Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Christ Church Grammar School**

Bishops' Visitation: **24/7 Prayer Event, St Paul's Cathedral, St Matthew's Wheelers Hill**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

Greeting of Peace –

We want the warhorse

Jesus rides a donkey.

We want the eagle.

The Holy Spirit descends as a dove.

We want to take up swords.

Jesus takes up a cross.

We want the roaring lion.

God comes as a slaughtered lamb.

We keep trying to arm God.

God keeps trying to disarm us.

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.



During the offertory hymn a collection may be taken

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Offertory Hymn TIS 520 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour vv1,2,5,6.

Preparation of the altar and the gifts

The bread and the wine are presented. – The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

God of all creation; Through fertile soil, life-giving water, the labour of human hands and the abundance of your Earth, you provide bread for the hungry and wine to gladden the heart. As we prepare this table, receive also the offering of our lives. Transform our greed into generosity, our divisions into reconciliation, our wastefulness into stewardship, and our fear into faithful hope. May this meal strengthen us to protect the gift of living water, to seek justice for all peoples, and to care for the whole community of creation; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

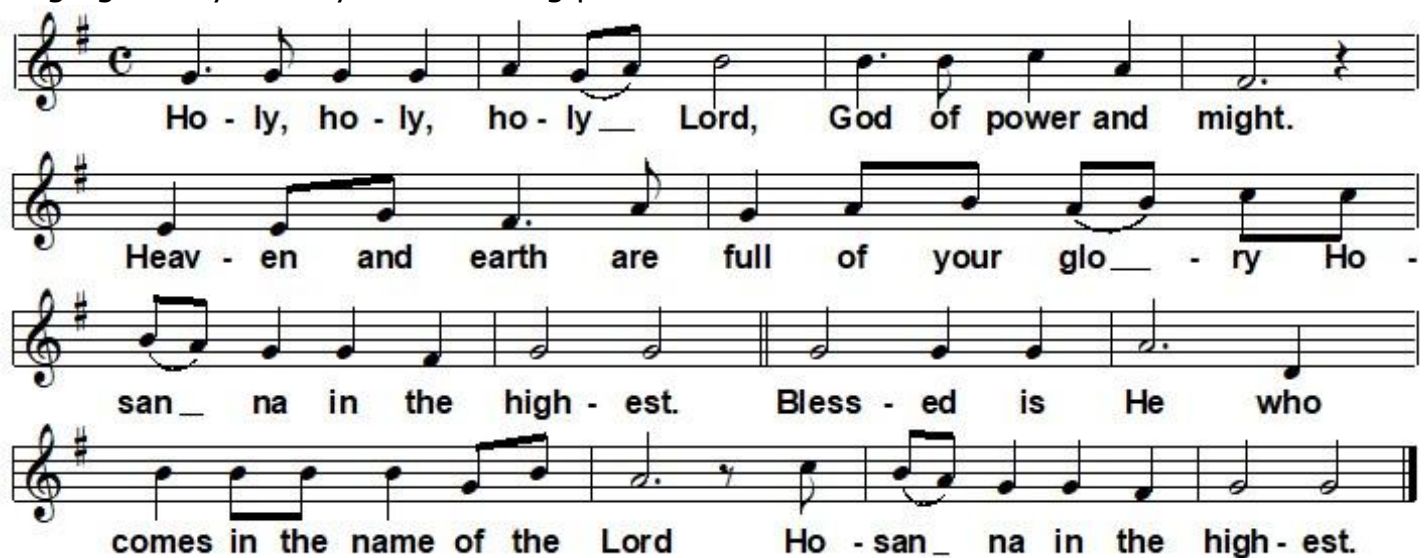
We glorify and enjoy you now and forever, gracious God,
because you created the universe as your work of art,
and set us in the midst of it.

When the canvas of your kindness was torn by our sin,
you crafted a work of even more depth and beauty
from the damage we had done.

When your Son's body was scarred and pierced,
you raised him to glorious life,

In your chosen people you drew out a song of thankfulness and praise,
and in your church you give us voices to shout and dance
and sculpt and inscribe the wonders of your love.

And so we rejoice to join with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.



We lift our hearts to you, Lord God,

because you draw your whole creation

into the celebration of your glory

Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now

that every part of every one of us

might become an instrument of your peace.

Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine

and make them be for us

the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ:

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying.

'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me" 🙏

After supper he took the cup,
 Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me 🕊

Great is the mystery of faith.



God of justice, make us a prophetic people,
 whose every work and every act
 is a proclamation of the new order found in you
 and worthy of your kingdom.

Holy God, make us a priestly people,
 whose lives are so transparent with your truth
 that we become a place of encounter between you
 and your beloved children.

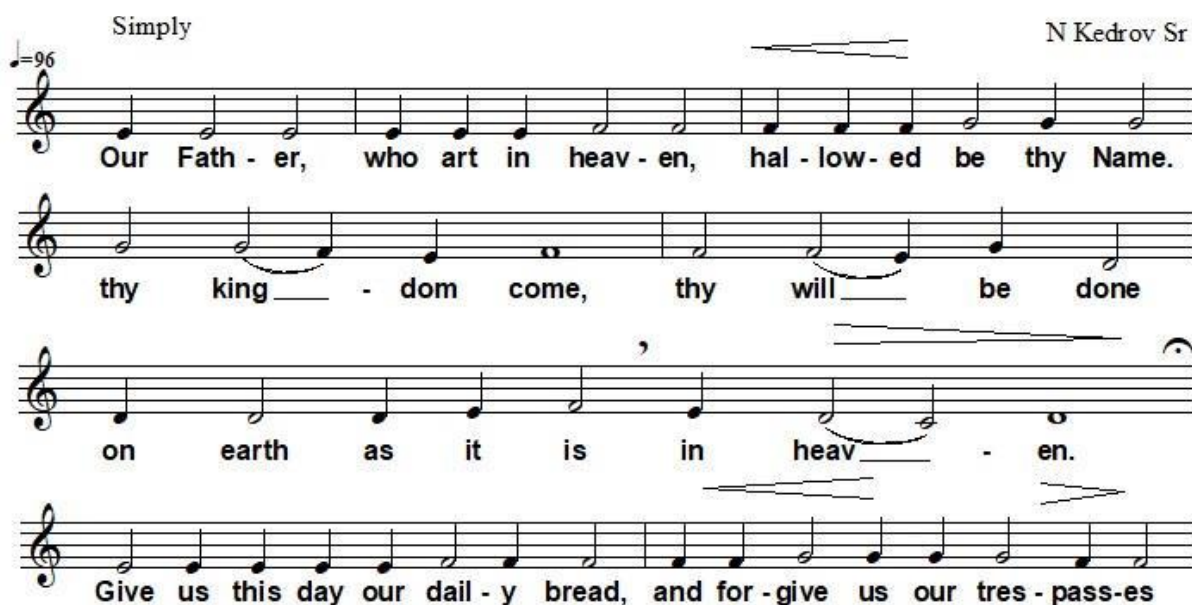
Reigning God, make us a kingly people,
 whose hearts are filled with worship and wonder,
 and who seek to bring every one of your gifts to fruition
 in the power of your Spirit.

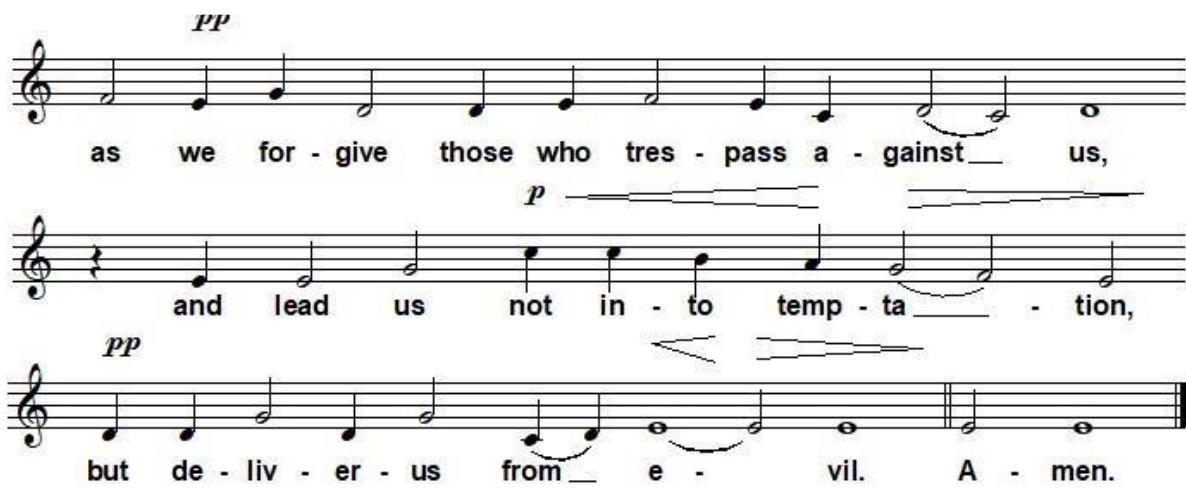
We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, God of glory,



Communion Rite -

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:





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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, **grant us your peace.**

Communion - Please form a circle around the altar.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he gave himself for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to share with us in communion with Jesus who told us to break bread and share wine in remembering him and celebrating the reality of his presence.

Administration of Communion.

The body of Christ [the bread of heaven] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ [the cup of salvation] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Communion Chant



Prayer of Virtual Communion

Jesus, we believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. Our friends online desire to receive You. Since they cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into their hearts. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Creator of all, in the death and resurrection of Jesus you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. May this bread and wine open our eyes to your love and justice woven through all of creation. We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word.

Prayer of self-offering

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.**

Please return to your seat.

Notices

Nepal charity:

AHF (Australian Himalayan Foundation) NGO. The appeal is working with one of our established local partners, one heart worldwide, which focuses on health services and specifically maternal and child. They're already on the ground in the affected areas but will also be involved in recovery and rebuild efforts. Funds channelled through AHF are tax deductible and were government accredited (so lots of monitoring and accountability).

2026 Nepal Floods — Australian Himalayan Foundation

AOA's partner, International Nepal Fellowship, [INF Australia - INF Australia](#) will deliver emergency shelter, food relief, safe drinking water, and early recovery to those who need it most.

Creation Care Notice

The Season of Creation is upon us. How can we help creation and also help the disadvantaged in our society? Europe has one answer: plug and play solar panels. These have a payback period of about three years and are suitable for placement in back yards and on verandas. In Australia renters and apartment dwellers are effectively excluded from solar power. There are obstacles (technical and red-tape) that need to be overcome (<https://reneweconomy.com.au/australia-wrote-the-worlds-best-rooftop-pv-rules-we-must-do-the-same-for-plug-in-solar-and-fast/>). All but two European countries have met this challenge. It's time for Australian governments to do the same and to put this high on their agendas.

Green Tip

Send a submission to Minister Bowen requesting plug and play solar be made legal and the obstacles overcome (<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6975553/urge-minister-bowen-to-take-action-on-plug-in-solar>)

Stewardship:

Thank you to everyone who has been giving to the parish using Direct Debit, it is helping us to balance the books by the end of September.

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<https://www.westwelcomewagon.org.au/donate/>

New Episcopal Areas

From 19th September: The Diocese will move from three geographical episcopal areas to four: Geelong, Dandenong, Merri and Nunawading.



Prayer for Growth

God of the unfolding Mission, you are the quiet breath that makes all things bloom. Let your Spirit sweep through our dreams, giving light to our plans and fire to our footsteps. May we grow like a deep-rooted forest — expanding in number, deepening in devotion, and reaching out as a shelter for our neighbours. Through Jesus, our living hope. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go now as people of the Exodus, walking from bondage into freedom.

Go as disciples of Christ, seeking reconciliation wherever relationships are broken.

Go as guardians of God's living waters, protecting rivers, wetlands, oceans, forests and every living creature.

Share water with the thirsty, welcome the stranger, stand with the vulnerable, and work for justice until all creation flourishes.

May the God of Creation warm your heart like the campfires of old, bring wisdom and peace as shown to the First Peoples of this land, shake off the dust from the desert plains by the refreshing rains, Followed by the glow and warmth of the sun.

Let the light of God show us the right path and stand tall like the big, River gums drawing life from the ever-flowing waters.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator who gives living water, the Son who reconciles all things, and the Holy Spirit who renews the face of the Earth, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Creator
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn TIS 187 Let all creation dance

Please join us after the service for Lunch

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