



St Philip's Anglican Church
Marningatha Episcopate
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne
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The Holy Eucharist



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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Season of Creation Week 2.

Opening Hymn TIS 84 Give to our God immortal praise vv 1,3,4,6.

Acclamation:

The earth is the Lord's, and every river, ocean and spring belongs to God.
God hears the cry of those who thirst and leads them into places of life.
Christ gathers us, calling us to be reconciled with one another and with the whole community of creation.
Come, let us worship the One whose Spirit renews the face of the Earth.

Sentence

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130.3-4

Acknowledgement:



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

Lord Jesus, you call us into communities of love, yet we have broken relationships with one another and with your creation. We confess that we have polluted your waters, destroyed wetlands, wasted precious resources, and forgotten those whose lives are threatened by climate change. We confess that we have ignored the cries of fishing communities, island nations, farmers, and those displaced by drought and rising seas. We confess that we have chosen comfort over justice, consumption over compassion, and indifference over reconciliation.

The Absolution

The God who led Israel into freedom and who reconciles all things in Christ forgives you, renews you, and make you faithful stewards of Living Water. **Amen.**

Gloria

1 Cantor =104 All:

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

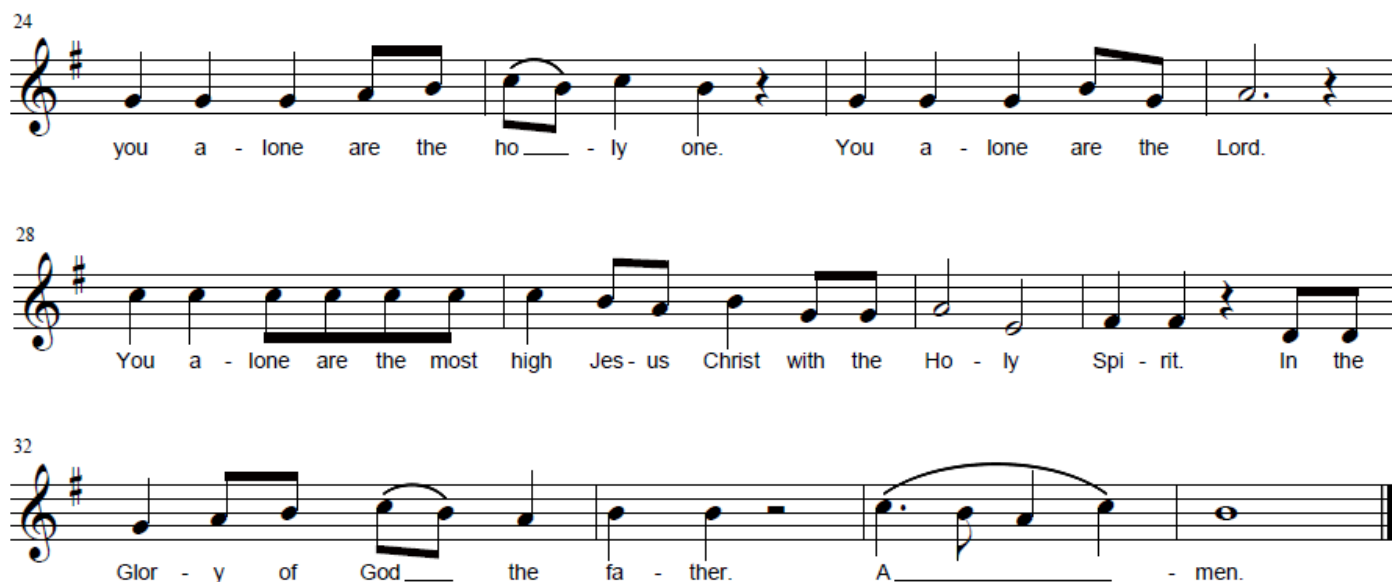
4 Lord God, hea - ven - ly king, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

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



The Collect

[Let us pray.]

Almighty God, you parted the sea and made a path to freedom, commanding wind and water to serve your purpose. Teach us to see your power in earth, sky, and sea. As we face rising waters and a changing climate, guide us with your light and grace. Deliver us from fear and lead us to action, that we may honour you by protecting your creation; through Jesus Christ our Liberator. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Exodus 14.19-31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114 - *read antiphonally.*

¹ When Israel came out of Egypt:

and the house of Jacob from among a people of an alien tongue,

² Judah became his sanctuary:

and Israel his dominion.

³ The sea saw that, and fled:

Jordan was driven back.

⁴ The mountains skipped like rams:

and the little hills like young sheep.

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:

O Jordan, that you were driven back?

⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams:

and you little hills like young sheep?

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸ Who turned the rock into a pool of water:

and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

Epistle Reading

Romans 14.1-14

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God. ¹³ Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn TIS 135 All Things Bright and beautiful vv. 1,3,4,5.

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 21st verse. **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 18.21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

For the Gospel of the Lord
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon / Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Where possible please stand

**We believe in God,
Creator of rivers, oceans, rain
and every living thing.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who crossed the waters,
welcomed the stranger,
reconciled the divided,
and came that all may have abundant
life.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**whose living water renews the Earth,
inspires the Church,
and sends us to seek justice for all
creation.**

**We believe that God calls us
to love our neighbours,
protect creation,
share Earth's gifts wisely,
and work for the healing
of our common home. Amen.**

Intercessions

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

Our gracious and loving God, you are generous and merciful to forgive our sins and to lead us into freedom: Accept our prayers for all your creation and let your Holy Spirit direct and rule our hearts as we say: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Loving One, look upon your church with patience and grant us your divine forbearance, that we may forgive and be forgiven within the abundance of your grace.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Enlighten this nation and our leaders, O Holy One, that we may be a generous people, extending your justice and becoming instruments of your reconciliation.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Visit the earth with your pity and love to relieve all who live with illness, violence, poverty, extreme weather, injustice or oppression, that they may be delivered from their distress.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Inspire this community with your generosity of Spirit, that we may forgive the debts of others even as we have been forgiven.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Hear our prayer for those whom we bring to your steadfast love, especially ____.

Let every tongue praise you for your goodness, especially for ____.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. We remember those who are the Lord's possession through death, especially on the anniversary of 9/11

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

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Loving and Embracing God, You are the God of the universe and all Creation.

You create and give life and see that your Creation is good. We praise you for your gift of Creation.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

We thank you the great Oceans flowing into one another and around the continents and islands. We thank you for the life-giving of the Oceans, for the oxygen, food and resources they continually provide.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

We thank you that the Ocean is the home for most species, small and great. The waves breaking on the reef thunder with the message of your constancy and your love and care for Creation.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

May we hear the voices of sea creatures endangered by the selfish greed of humanity. May there be a deep listening to the voice of waters rising to engulf land. May ears be open to the groaning caused by refusal to honour Creation. May eyes be open to the suffering caused by power which destroys.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

We affirm our guardianship of the precious gift of Creation. We have a vision. We have courage. We have your guidance. We have the presence of the Risen One whose power to love is greater than all the powers of destruction.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, **at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

God of Infinite Love, you liberate us from all bondage and you call us to generosity and grace: Bring your merciful forgiveness into our lives and free us from division and pride, that we may become your instruments of pardon and peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and that together we may bring peace to our Planet Earth, to its many creatures

and its many people. We pray in the name of our God – Creator, Redeemer and Life-giving Spirit. **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) 9/11

Within the wider Anglican Community, we pray today for:

The World: **Ghana, Nigeria**

The Anglican Communion: **The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

The Anglican Church of Australia: **Ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island People of Australia; Aboriginal Council for the Anglican Province of Victoria: Aboriginal Clergy, lay ministers and people: Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of Croydon: St John the Divine Croydon, Church of the New Guinea Martyrs Croydon South, St John's Healesville with St Paul's Yarra Glen, St Stephen's Warrandyte, St James and St Peter Kilsyth-Montrose, St John the Baptist Lilydale, Parish of Mullum-Mullum Ringwood, City on a Hill Melbourne Foothills**

Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School**

Bishops' Visitation: **Plentylife Anglican Church, Mernda and Doreen, All Saints' Mitcham; Holy Trinity Hampton Park**

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 168 For the fruits of all creation

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.

This is God's table. Here there is enough for all. Here strangers become neighbours. Here divided people become one family. Here we receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, so that we may become living water for a thirsty world. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

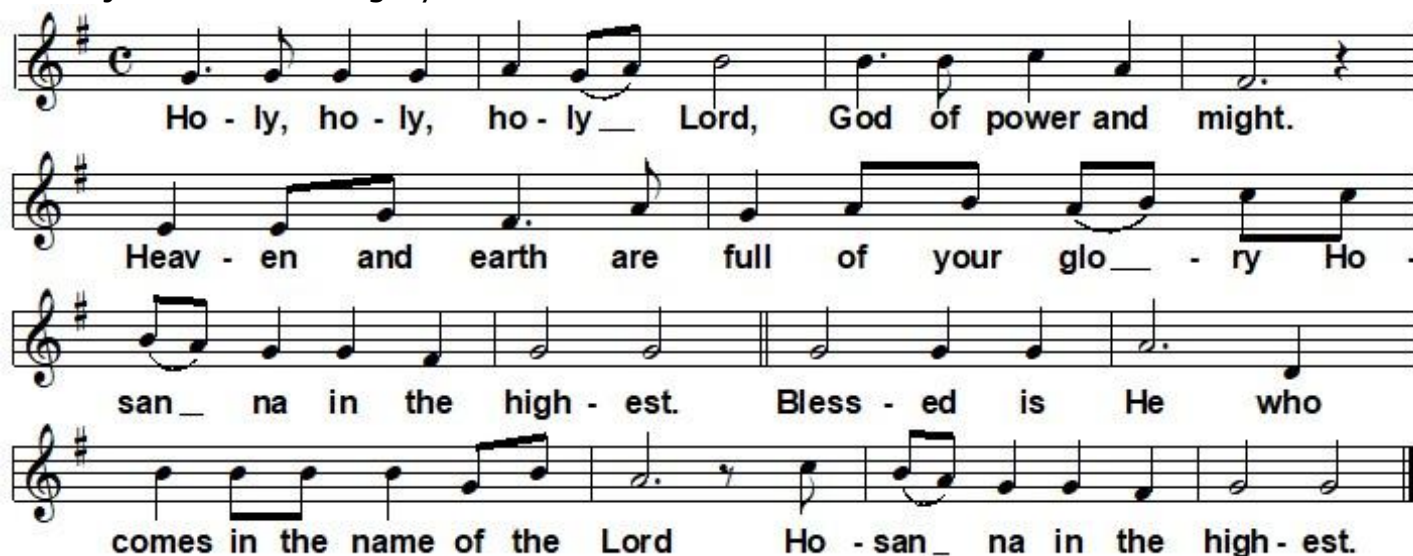
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is good and joyful to sing your praise,
God of Moses and Miriam, for you are majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendour, and glorious in power.
You rejoice in all you have made,
and you have created all things to ring out your joy.
When your children were shackled as Pharaoh's slaves,
you heard their cries, divided the waters of the sea,
and opened a path to lead them to freedom on dry ground.
When your people were captive to the bondage of sin,
you sent your Son, full of your forgiving mercies,
to release us and to send us to share with others
the grace we have ourselves received.
And so, we give you thanks and extol your holy name,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
as we join the unending hymn



Delivering God, through your Son's dying and rising.
you have released us from the debt of sin
into the company of the forgiven
Sanctify us, who share this meal, to be a sign of jubilee hope
in your freeing, redeeming, life-giving promise.
Send your Spirit upon this bread and this cup of blessing
to be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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 us 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 mercy, shape your church

to embody the forgiveness you make possible in Christ.

Have compassion upon your sons and daughters

who suffer the isolation of shame or disgrace.

Give courage and conviction to any who find it difficult to forgive

a brother or sister from the heart,

and console your children whose pleas for clemency are unheeded.

Bring your kingdom near in every place

where financial debt weighs down nation or household.

Draw us into your eternal life,

that heralding your emancipation and proclaiming your liberation

together with your people of every age,

we may be bound to you forever in one perfect freedom,

everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



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

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Where there is care and love, there also is God.

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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

Last week's tip was to write to the federal energy minister, Chris Bowen, urging him to remove the obstacles in the way of making plug-and-play solar panels available to renters and apartment dwellers with balconies. (<https://reneweconomy.com.au/australia-wrote-the-worlds-best-rooftop-pv-rules-we-must-do-the-same-for-plug-in-solar-and-fast/>). On Friday the federal and state energy ministers agreed to "explore pathways to support the safe deployment of plug-in consumer energy resource devices". Letters and petitions do make a difference!

Green Tip

Send a letter to Minister Bowen thanking him for the progress and urging that the "exploration" be completed quickly. (<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6975553/urge-minister-bowen-to-take-action-on-plug-in-solar>)

Stewardship:

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New Episcopal Areas

"To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
(Ephesians 4:12)

On Saturday 19 September, Megan Curlis-Gibson, Nigel Pope and Ben Wong will be consecrated as bishops in St Paul's Cathedral. Please pray for them and their families.

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

As we welcome new bishops, we also give thanks for Bishop Kate Prowd. In October she will become Director of the Holy Name Spirituality Centre. I am deeply grateful for her service to this Diocese as a priest and bishop, particularly in discernment and formation, and for the wisdom and warmth she has offered since I arrived. I am delighted that her gifts will continue to enrich the wider Church through a place of prayer, hospitality and spiritual renewal.

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

Forgive one another as you have been forgiven by our infinitely merciful God.

Welcome those of different opinions, honouring your own conscience and theirs.

Live with generous joy, for whether you live or whether you die, you are God's beloved possession.

Go now, remembering the God who led slaves into freedom.

Go as disciples who seek reconciliation before division.

Go to care for rivers, oceans, wetlands and every living creature.

Go to protect the gift of Living Water, sharing Earth's abundance with gratitude, justice and joy.

May God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at creation, guide your steps.

May Christ, the Living Water, refresh your soul and reconcile your relationships.

May the Holy Spirit flow through you like a life-giving river, bringing healing to people, communities, and the whole creation.

And may the blessing of our merciful God, 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 152 Joyful, Joyful we adore you.

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea.

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