

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



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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

[Opening Hymn](#) TIS 446 Glorious things of you are spoken

[Acclamation:](#)

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

[Sentence](#)

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' John 11.27

[Acknowledgement:](#)

Let us pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people whose land of Yálla-birr-ang (Collingwood) and Carran-carramulk (Abbotsford – along the Yarra River) we meet on today.



God of forgiveness and hope, who sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to break down the walls that divide us from each other: grant that all Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with later migrants from many countries, may work together to heal the wounds of injustice in our past, and to build a community of care and compassion for our future; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

[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.'

Kyrie

Canon after 1 bar

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Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy.

Seasonal Invitation

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept

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

A pause for reflection

Penitence

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.

The Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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Canon after 4 bars

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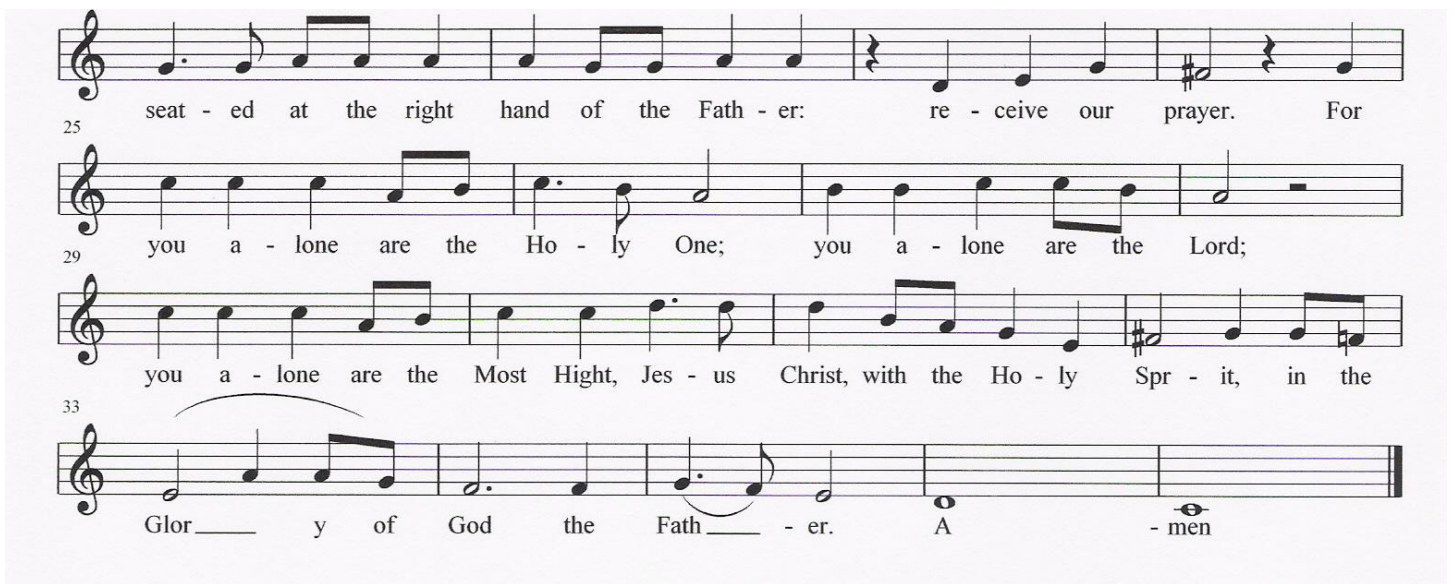
Glor - y to God in the High - est and peace to his peo - ple of earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Father - er, we

wor - ship you, we - give you thanks, we praise you for your glor - y. Lord

Jes - us Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are



The Collect

[Let us pray.]

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Exodus 1.8-2.10

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' ¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ The

daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

Psalm 124 - *read antiphonally.*

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:

**if the Lord had not been on our side,
when our enemies rose against us,**

² Then they would have swallowed us
alive:

**when their anger was kindled
against us.**

³ Then the waters would have
overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:

**the raging waters would have gone
clean over us.**

⁴ But praised be the Lord:
**who has not given us as a prey to
their teeth.**

⁵ We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler:

**the snare is broken, and we have
gone free.**

⁶ Our help is in the name of the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.

Epistle Reading

Romans 12.1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn TIS 352 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head (Tune 35)

Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you:

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, Chapter 16 beginning at the 13th verse. **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 16.13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon / Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

Where possible please stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Intercessions

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

Holy and Blessed One, you have revealed yourself through your Son Jesus Christ as a God of compassion and love: Inspire the church to live in your Spirit as witnesses to your goodness, as we pray: Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Infinite One, you have founded your church upon strong rock and given to us the keys to the kingdom of heaven: Inspire the gifts of your prophets, ministers, teachers, exhorters, givers, leaders, and servers, that we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, which is our spiritual worship.

Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Merciful One, you hear the cries of the oppressed and seek the protection of all your children: Confront our leaders and all in authority throughout the world with the power of your compassion, that their service may not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of their minds in your love.

Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Ever-present One, you see all injustice and hear the cries of those who suffer: Bind the hands of the oppressors and loose the victims of harsh taskmasters, that all who are misused in their labor and in their lives may be free to experience everything that is good and acceptable and perfect.

Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Gracious One, be present in this community to inspire us to serve one another with the gifts you have given us and to live together with generous humility.

Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Gentle One, you unite us as many members into one body in Christ: Empower our gifts and reconcile our differences that we may witness to Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

Today we pray for Maurice (and Blessing) for his doctors exam.

For Ramona and her semester of study

Receive our prayers for those for whom we intercede, especially ____.

Hear our thanksgiving for all the blessings we enjoy, especially ____.

Embrace in heaven those who have died, especially Remembering Chirstine's mum and Ken.

Grant eternal rest to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them** May they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory.**

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Triune One, your love fills the whole creation and prevails against the gates of death: Fill us with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may be faithful ministers of your truth and generous servants of your compassion, through Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

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**

Within the wider Anglican Community, we pray today for:

The World: **Liberia, Sierra Leone**

The Anglican Communion: **The Church of the Province of West Africa; Archbishop Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith**

The Anglican Church of Australia: **Diocese of The Murray; St John the Baptist Cathedral; Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Williamstown, Deanery of Williamstown (1): Holy Trinity Bacchus Marsh, Anglican Church of Caroline Springs, Footscray Anglican Parish, Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing, Christ Church Melton, Christ Church Newport**

Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Trinity Grammar School**

Bishops' Visitation: – **St Paul's Caulfield North, Holy Trinity Upwey; Berwick Anglican Church**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Greeting of Peace –

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



During the offertory hymn a collection may be taken

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Offertory Hymn TIS 342 When I survey the wondrous cross

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.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Fruit of the earth and work of human hands, they will become for us the body and blood of Christ. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

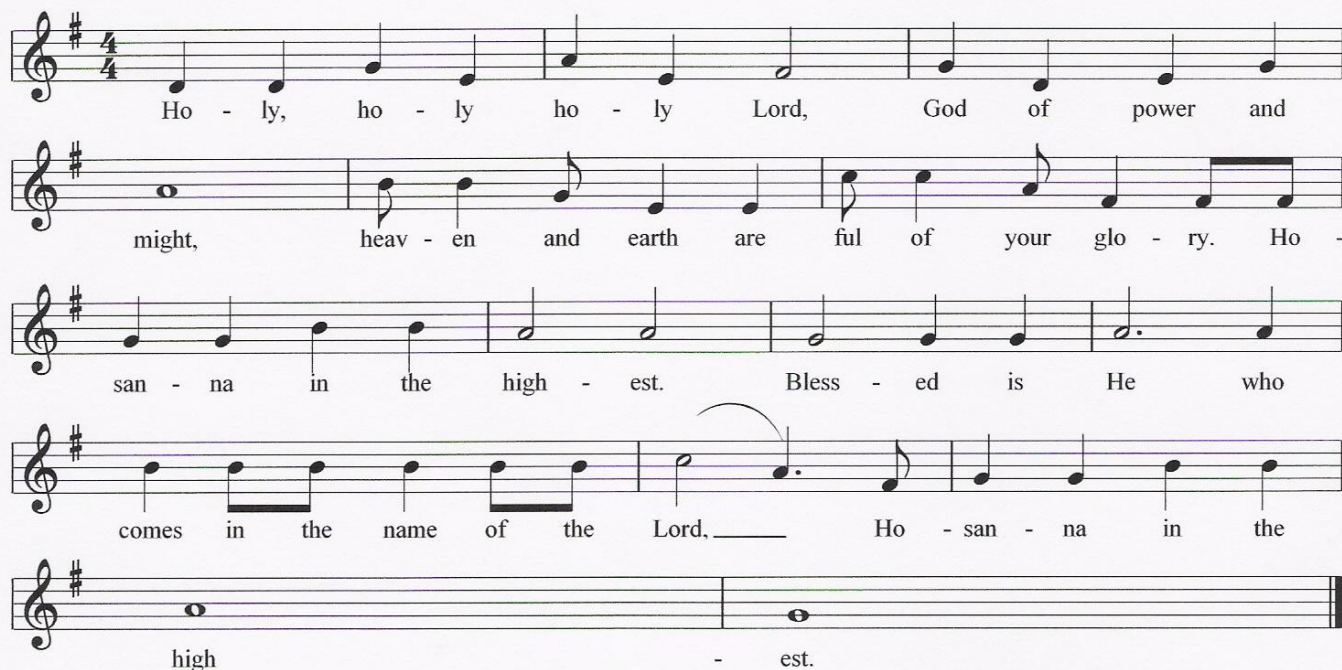
We lift our hearts and give our thanks and praise to you,
God of our mothers and fathers,
because you brought order out of chaos,
you called a people to be your own,
and in Moses you saw the misery of your people
and heard their cries.

In Elijah and the prophets, you pleaded with your people
to be true to their identity as your chosen ones,

and finally in Jesus you came down to deliver us
from sin and death and oppression
through the obedience of the cross and the glory of the resurrection.
And so, we gladly thank you,
joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven
to sing the hymn of your unending praise.

Sanctus

Canon after 2 bars



We thank and praise you, Lord God,
because in the power of your Holy Spirit
you give us everything we need to follow you-
gifts of prophecy, ministry, exhortation,
generosity, leadership, and compassion.
Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now,
that we may be not conformed to your world
but transformed by your renewing grace.
Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine
and make them 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 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.

Acclamation 1

Canon after 1 bar



God of deliverance, you open up the gift of your scripture
to reveal who you are and who we are.
Through the gift of your holy communion,
bring your whole creation into the form of your likeness.
Have mercy on those who are oppressed,
be close to all who live under hostile regimes,
and hear the cries of all whose children are in constant danger.
Make us a subversive people who incubate your exodus
and practice divine disobedience,
until the day comes when all the world praises your name
and is filled with your justice and peace.
We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit,
God of glory,

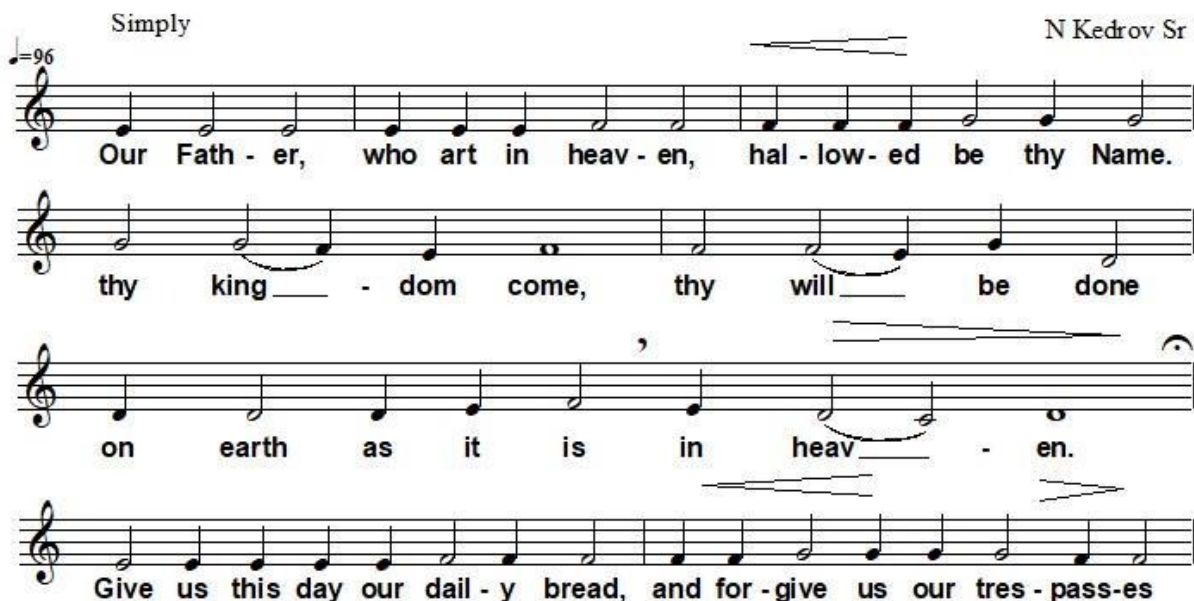
Acclamation 2

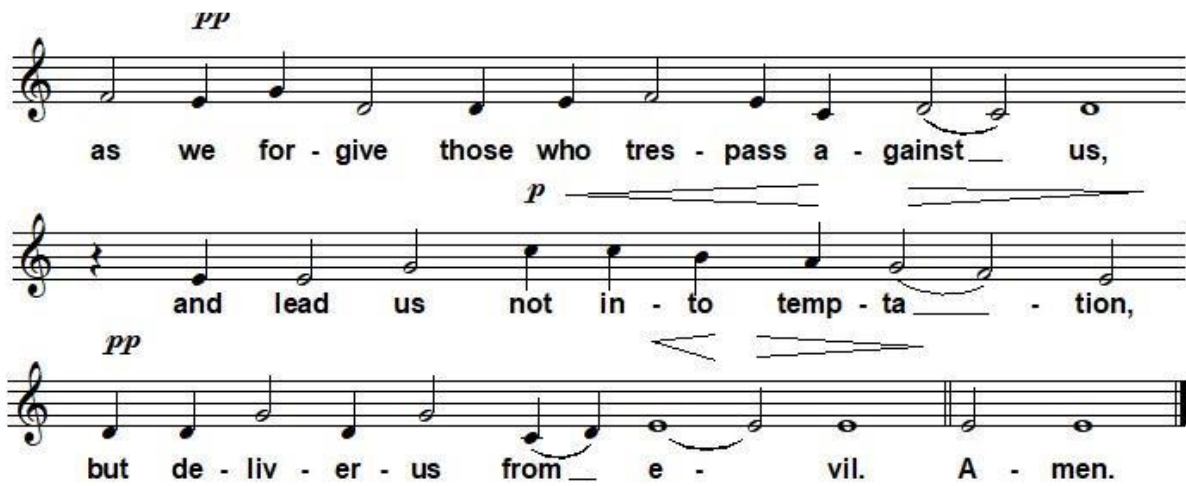
Canon after 1 bar



Communion Rite -

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





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

Canon after 3 bars

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins 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

FATHER WE ADORE YOU



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

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this sacrament of your Son's body and blood worship you in all we do, proclaim your word to all the world, and live in the power of your Spirit.

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

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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Refugee Donations

Please bring non-perishable food, drink, clothing or bedding which we will donate to:
<https://www.westwelcomewagon.org.au/donate/>

Bishop Jacob Deng

Following the visit of Bishop Jacob Deng, we are keen to support his mission to South Sudan. Please note any donations as Bp Deng.

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Parishioner Loan

We have a parishioner who had a significant short fall of funds. With thanks to the generosity of some parishioners and their family, they have pulled together the required funds in time. Thank you to those who have loaned or donated. Should you still be able to assist with donations, to help them payback the loans please see Fr Bruce, or make a payment to the Church Account as Parishioner Gift.

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Invitations from the AB

[In-This-Season-Invitation.pdf](#) The New Newsletter of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/An-Afternoon-with-Archbishop-Ric-Invitation.pdf> - Sunday 16th August 2.30pm St Paul's Cathedral.

[ADOM Conference Playlist 2026 - playlist by Bree Mills | Spotify](#)

Let's learn some new hymns

There has been discussion in the recent past about the formation of a singing group at St Philip's to help with the introduction of new hymns. Are you interested in joining this?

The structure and time commitment is open for discussion. My initial thought is that

- A new hymn that I am comfortable playing is introduced roughly every four weeks
- We would aim to have a practice one evening (or on the Saturday) in the week before it is sung in a service. The day of the practice would depend on who is interested in the group and which day is best that month.

It may be that you are interested in being in the group but can't get to a practice. Don't despair of being able to participate – it may be possible to record the new hymn and let you learn it at home. I'm open to all suggestions (but learning over zoom is problematic)

If you are interested in being part of this group, would you

- Let me know asap
- Also let me know if you expect to be at the service on 30 August (as Elaine has a new hymn she would like to include).

Many thanks

Robert

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Creation Care (Green) Notice

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth

Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical, said, "We have come to see ourselves as... (Earth's) lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will." Australian palaeontologist and conservationist, Tim Flannery, said recently at a Climate Council Webinar, that we know the climate problems, we know the solutions and now, we have the technology to truly start countering the damage. Like Pope Francis, however, he sees the big obstacle as the view of those still committed to plundering Earth. The quickest, most economical way to curb the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere, he says, is to stop pollution. Australia has made many environmental advances but is among the worst nations at plundering Earth for fossil fuels that cause pollution. No meekness here!

Green Tip

You might enjoy reading Flannery's latest book, *A Brief History of Climate Folly*, apparently a humorous view of humanity's attempts to control weather. (You can read a preview here:

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/a-brief-history-of-climate-folly-tim-flannery/ebook/9781923059801.html>)

(Thanks to Catholic Earthcare, Ivanhoe)

Coming Soon:

Contemplative service Next Sunday – 30th Aug

Seasons of Creation September 6 to October 4.

https://www.youtube.com/live/fnho_aeqI2w

Make Living Water Flow

Every act of care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope.

The Centre for Spirituality

8th Roy Bradley Oration 2026 Sunday 30th Aug 2026, 3pm via Zoom:

Saara Sabbagh OAM

See Flyer:

New Episcopal Areas

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

Each is a First Nations place name already embedded within the geography and community life of the area it represents. The names reflect an important Anglican conviction: the Church belongs somewhere and is called to sustained presence and mission among particular people and places. They also recognise the deeper histories of the lands on which our churches, schools, agencies and ministries stand, and the continuing significance of First Nations peoples and Country.

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

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God.

Be the one body in Christ Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of the Living God -- members of one another, for we who are many are one.

Exercise your gifts in the power of the Spirit, to bind and to loose with justice and compassion, presenting yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

And the blessing of our transforming God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and abide with you now and always. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn TIS 483 Lord in the strength of grace

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea

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The 8th Roy Bradley Oration 2026

TO BE DELIVERED BY

Saara Sabbagh OAM



Mercy in a Fractured World: An Islamic Perspective of Care and Community

Exploring an Islamic ethic of mercy as a moral framework for responding to social fragmentation through care, community, and human flourishing.

Sunday, 30 August 2026 – 3 pm AEST via Zoom

RSVP by 26 August to secretary@csc.org.au or call 0408 586 297

A zoom link will be emailed Friday 28 August
Please join from 2.50 pm for a 3.00 pm start
Event will take place over 1.5 hours

This is a free event but donations are **greatly appreciated** <https://csc.org.au/support/>

Saara Sabbagh is an Australian Muslim community leader, interfaith advocate, and international speaker with over 30 years experience advancing social cohesion, faith-based leadership, and community wellbeing. Founder and Chair of Benevolence Australia, with decades of Islamic education, community leadership, and studies in counselling and psychotherapy Saara brings a distinct perspective integrating spiritual wisdom with practical approaches to human flourishing. She is passionate about exploring how faith, compassion, and shared values can strengthen communities and contribute to a more peaceful and interconnected world.

This annual lecture on contemporary issues in the spirituality of care and community is hosted by the Centre for Spirituality of Care and Community
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