



St Philip's Anglican Church
Marningatha Episcopate
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne
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Morning Prayer



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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day) - Season of Refugees

Opening Hymn

TIS 371 God is gone up on high vv 1,2,5,6.

Sentence

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise! Revelation 5.12

Open our lips, O Lord, and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Acclamation:

Christ is risen Alleluia

He is risen indeed Alleluia

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

Welcome

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building up of his Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

Prayer of Preparation

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. Daniel 9.9-10



[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.

Confession

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 Eleison

KYRIE
Canon after 1 bar Robert Dawlings

$\text{♩} = 108$ 1,2.

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

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Lord, have mer - cy.

Seasonal Invitation

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence may be kept

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

A pause for reflection

Penitence

God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour.

The Assurance of sins forgiven.

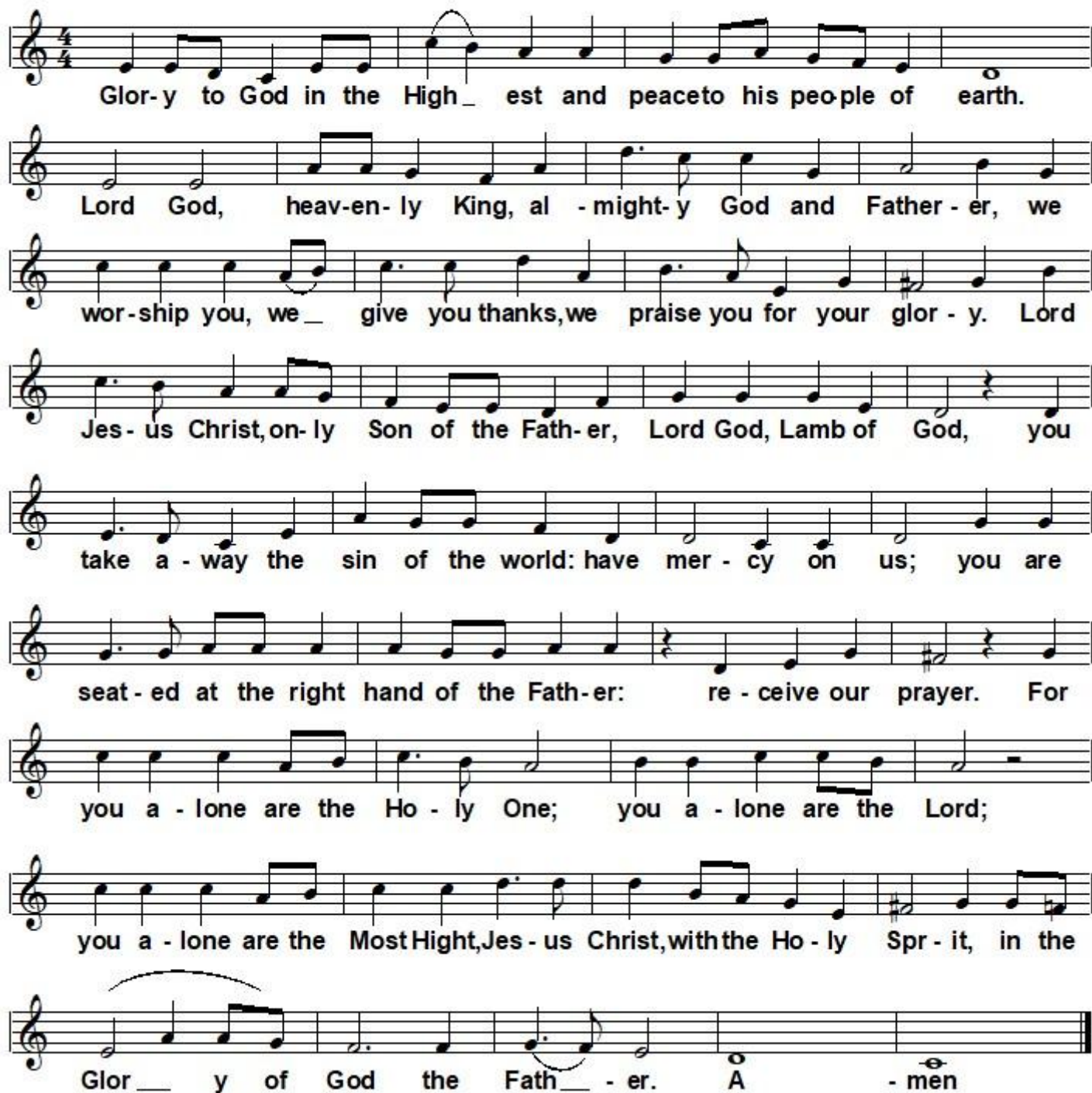
God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gloria

GLORIA

Canon after 4 bars

Robert Dawlings



Glor-y to God in the High- est and peace to his people 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
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath- er: re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One; you a - lone are the Lord;
you a - lone are the Most High, Jes - us Christ, with the Ho - ly Spr - it, in the
Glor__ y of God the Fath__ - er. A - men

Greeting of Peace -

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures for ever!

Grace and peace be with you

And also with you.



The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word, may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Acts 17.22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Psalm 66.7-19- *read antiphonally.*

⁷ O bless our God, you peoples:

and cause his praises to resound,

⁸ Who has held our souls in life:

who has not suffered our feet to slip.

⁹ For you have proved us, O God:

you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹⁰ You brought us into the net:

you laid sharp torment on our loins.

¹¹ You let our enemies ride over our heads,
we went through fire and water:

but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

¹² I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:

and I will pay you my vows,

¹³ The vows that opened my lips:

that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.

¹⁴ I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,

with the sweet smoke of rams:

I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.

15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God:

and I will tell what he has done for me.

16 I called to him with my mouth:

and his praise was on my tongue.

17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:

the Lord would not have heard me.

18 But God has heard me:

he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

19 Praise be to God:

**who has not turned back my prayer,
or his steadfast love from me.**

**Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3.8-22

8 All of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

9 Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

10 For

'Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

11 let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.'

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you;

16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.

21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the

body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

TIS 386 By Your Kingly power, O risen Lord

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John, Chapter 14 beginning at the 6th verse.

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14.15-21

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon / Homily

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BRyAhMc4KE

Affirmation of Faith **The Song of the Church (Te Deum Laudamus)**

Where possible please stand

We praise you, O God:

We acclaim you as the Lord.

**All creation worships you:
the Father everlasting.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of
heaven:**

**the cherubim and seraphim, sing in
endless praise,**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might:**

**heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles
praise you:**

**The noble fellowship of prophets
praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs
praise you:**

**Throughout the world, the holy
Church acclaim you,**

**Father of majesty unbounded:
your true and only Son, worthy of all
praise,**

**and the Holy Spirit, advocate and
guide.**

**You, Lord Christ, are the King of
glory:**

the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you took our flesh to set us free:
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death:
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory:**

**We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood:
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

Intercessions

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

Gracious and Eternal God, reveal your Spirit of truth, the Advocate, whom you have sent to be with us forever, that we may keep Christ's commandment by loving you and our neighbour, as we pray: Bless our God, you people; **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Inspire your Church, O Holy One, that with gentleness and reverence we may give an accounting for the hope that is in us.

Bless our God, you people:

let the sound of praise be heard.

Look upon our nation and give your Spirit of truth to all in authority, that you may hold our souls in life and not allow our feet to slip.

Bless our God, you people:

let the sound of praise be heard.

Ruler of heaven and earth in whom all creation lives and moves and has our being, be not far from each living creature, that the earth may be healed and its people live in confidence.

Bless our God, you people:

let the sound of praise be heard.

Live in us and in our neighbours, and do not leave us orphaned. Come to us and abide with us, that your love may be revealed.

Bless our God, you people:

let the sound of praise be heard.

Hear us, O gracious One, as we offer our intercessions, praying especially for **Fr Bruce, Emil; Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Dylan; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Brittany, Greg, Evelyn; Eloise; John; Grant; Drickis; Heidi; Henry, Sam; Matt; Maj; Blessing; Marina, Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Gwendolyn; We pray for JLTC, and especially Con, Damien and Tony.**

The World: **India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka**

The Anglican Communion: **The Church of Pakistan (United)**

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Bishops' Visitation: **St John's Blackburn; Ascension Parish, Burwood East**

With gladness we offer you our praise and thanksgivings, especially for Mothers!
To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you
To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you
To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you
To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you
To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.
To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you
To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you
To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we sit with you
To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you
To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience
To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst
To those who have aborted children – we remember them and you on this day
To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be
To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths
To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you
To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you
To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart
And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –we anticipate with you
This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.
With the assurance given to us by the raising of Jesus from the dead, we remember those who have died, **especially mothers**, Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them** May they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory**. Fulfill your promise to love them and reveal yourself to them.
Bless our God, you people:
let the sound of praise be heard.

O God of love, you have taught us that your commandment is fulfilled in loving you and our neighbour: Let your Spirit abide with us, that we may live in you and you may live in us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

[Michah 6:8](#)

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

Lord's Prayer -

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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N Kedrov Sr

Our Fath - er, who art in heav-en,
halloved be thy Name. thy king - dom come,
thy will - be done earth as it is in heav-en.
and for - give us our tres - pass-es
as we forgive those who tres pass a - gainst us,
and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
as we forgive those who tres pass a - gainst us,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. A - men.

Offertory Hymn

TIS 509 Come now, everlasting Spirit

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The gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your benefit and for the fulfilment of your purposes.

Blessed be God for ever.

Sending Out Prayer

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Notices

We welcome the Following Preachers and Presiders in May/June to St. Philip's

Rev. Philip Gill on 17th

Rev. Kathleen Alleaume-Ross on 24th

Rev. Gordon Preece on 31st May.

Rev. Sophie Watkins on 7 June

Creation Care (Green) Notice

London's horse drawn bus era was in its prime from 1830 – 1910. The end of the era came quickly with the last such bus running in 1914 – after which many horses were required for WW1. Privately owned cars became popular with the model T Ford in 1908. The rise in the electric vehicle has started the decline of the petrol car. Will the US – Iran war expedite the its end?

Green Tip

The Athenians in our first reading were unwilling to leave their old god behind. Are we, as a society, unwilling to leave some of our old ways behind?

Thy Kingdom Come 14-24 May 2026



<https://www.facebook.com/ThyKingdomComeUK/videos/thy-kingdom-come-2026-returns-this-may-and-from-ascension-to-pentecost-more-than/1464460092539290/>

How do we walk together for justice and refugees?



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

We are God's offspring; in God we live and move and have our being.

Because Christ lives, we also will live, for Christ is in the Father and we are in Christ and Christ is in us.

The Advocate, the Spirit of truth abides with us and lives in us, that we may be alive in the Spirit.

And the blessing of our ever-present God, the holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, enlighten and guide us, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen

Final Hymn

TIS 494 In Water we grow

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea

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