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The Holy Eucharist

Defence Anglicans

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
+ Defence Forces Sunday

Opening Hymn TIS 547 Be thou my vision

Acclamation
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Sentence
Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42, 44
Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15.13

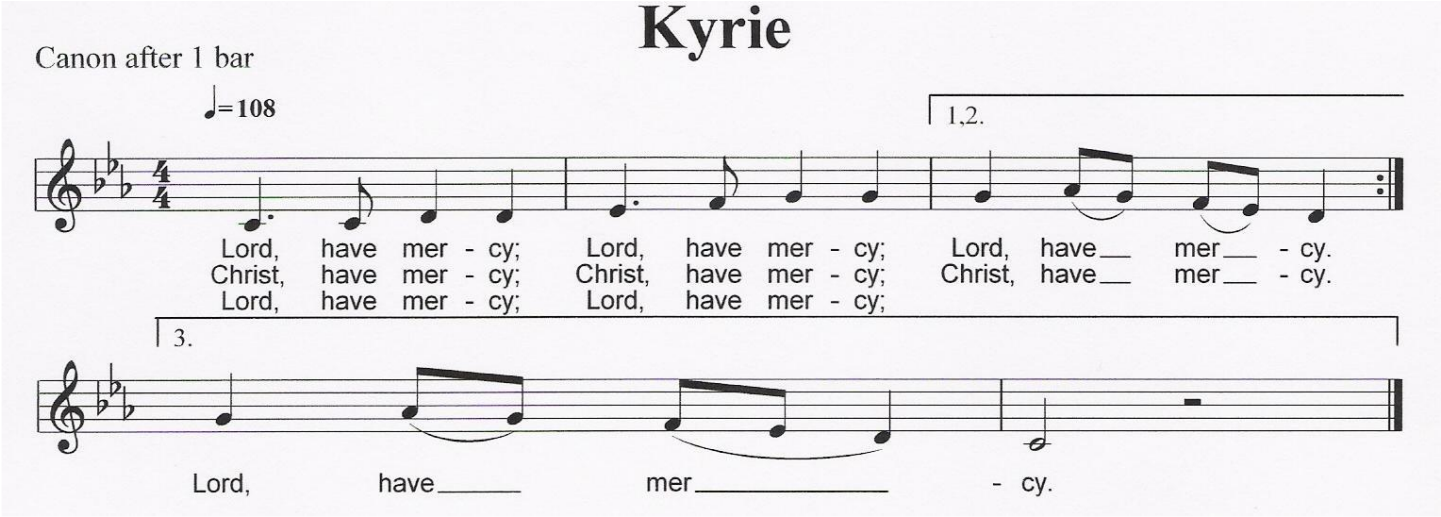
Acknowledgement:



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.'



Seasonal Invitation

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

A pause for reflection

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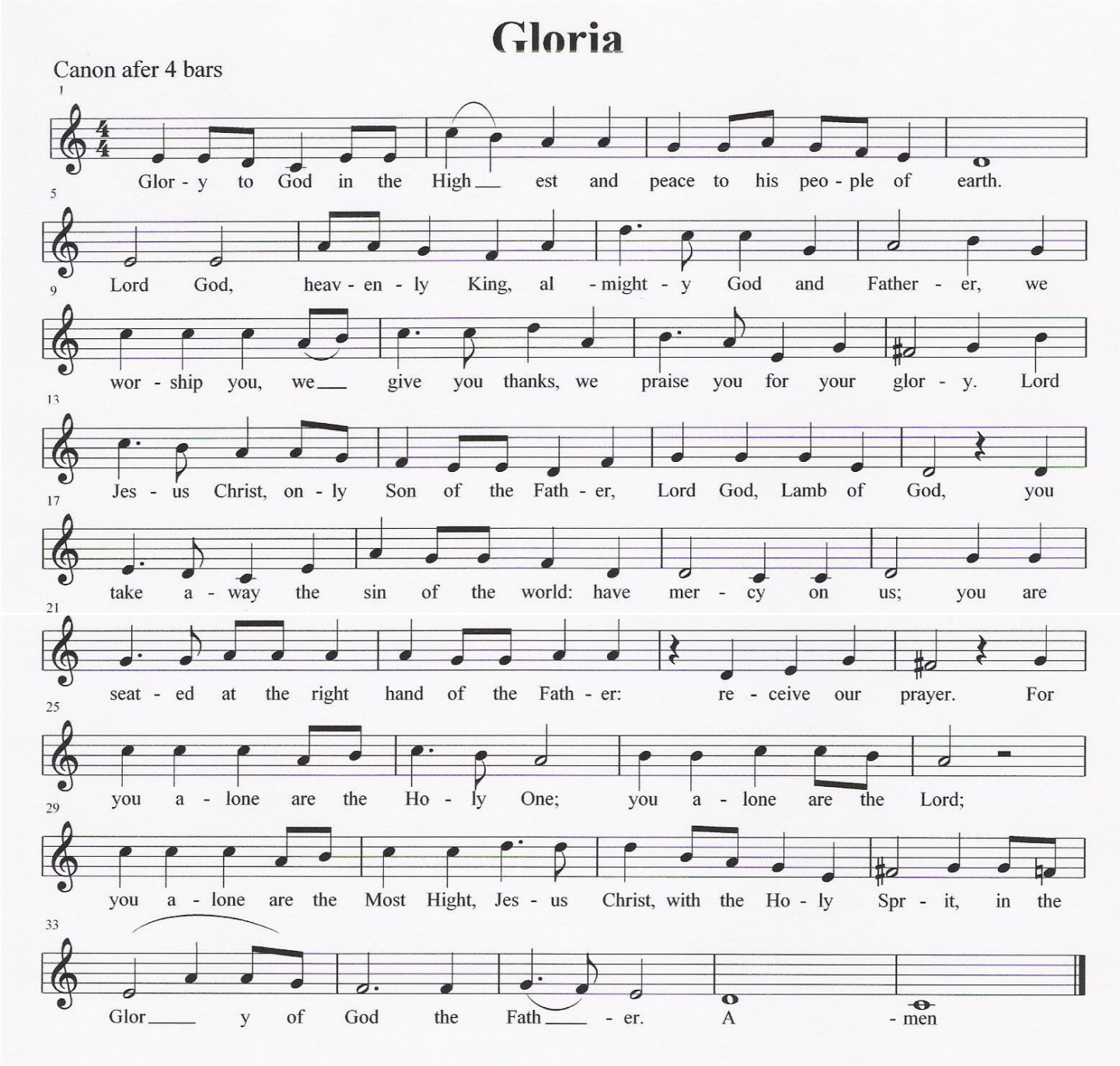
Penitence

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



Prayer for the Defence Forces of Australia

Eternal God, the only source of peace, we pray for all who serve in the defence and police forces of this land. Give them courage and comfort in danger, patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force. Help us to seek for all people the freedom to serve you and each other in compassion and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

[Let us pray.]

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Joshua 24.1-3a; 24.14-25

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the
heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.
2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD , the God of Israel: Long ago your
ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and
served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him
through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. 14 'Now therefore revere the
LORD , and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors
served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD . 15 Now if you are unwilling to
serve the LORD , choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors
served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are
living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD .' 16 Then the people
answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 for it
is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of
the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all
the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the
LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we
also will serve the LORD , for he is our God.' 19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot
serve the LORD , for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your
transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will
turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' 21 And the people
said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD !' 22 Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are
witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD , to serve him.' And they said,
'We are witnesses.' 23 He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and
incline your hearts to the LORD , the God of Israel.' 24 The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD
our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the
people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Psalm 78.1-7 *- read antiphonally.*

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former times.
3 What we have heard and known:
what our forebears have told us,
4 We will not hide from their children,
but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
his mighty and wonderful works.
5 He established a law in Jacob
and made a decree in Israel:
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
6 That future generations might know,
and those yet unborn:
that they in turn might teach it to their children;
7 So that they might put their confidence in God:
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write
to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed
you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved,
to do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work
with your hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may behave properly towards outsiders
and be dependent on no one. 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and
sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the
dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in
the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord
for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn TIS 265 O come, O come Immanuel

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 25 beginning at the 1st verse. **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 25.1-13

1 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went
to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish
took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then
all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give
us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, "No! there will
not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other
bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you,
I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon / Homily

Affirmation of Faith

Where possible please stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions

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

Gracious One, you have made us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Enliven us to be alert and responsive to your awakening word, that we may participate in your work of healing and reconciliation, as we pray: Awaken us, O God, **that we may always be alert for your presence.**

Arouse your church with such mindfulness and hope, that we will be ready and prepared to welcome you when you visit us with your call of healing and reconciliation, peace and justice.
Awaken us, O God, **that we may always be alert for your presence.**

Visit our leaders and all who have authority in the nations and in the world, that they may put their trust in you and not forget your deeds, but keep your commandments.
Awaken us, O God, **that we may always be alert for your presence.**

Come to our aid to bring out all who live in the house of oppression; protect us along our way and lead everyone into safe communities of peace and prosperity.
Awaken us, O God, **that we may always be alert for your presence.**

Let your love be manifest in this community to fill us with hope and sustain us in constant wisdom, so that when Christ comes again with power and great glory, we all may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom.
Awaken us, O God, **that we may always be alert for your presence.**

We put our trust in you; hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially for ___.
Hear our prayers of thanksgiving and praise, especially for ___.
We do not grieve as others do who have no hope, for we believe that Jesus died and rose again. May God bring to Jesus all who have died, where they will be with the Lord forever.

We remember especially ___. rest eternal grant unto them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them** may they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory**.
Awaken us, O God, **that we may always be alert for your presence.**

This Defence Sunday and upcoming Remembrance Day we remember the cost of war, the love of those who were prepared to lay down their lives for us, and the hope for a future without war. We remember with thanks the sacrifice of those who served, suffered and died for us and their families; to commit to helping those wounded in body, mind and spirit; and, to pray for those who still serve in our name.
You are invited to lay rosemary or light a candle at this time.
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Let your church offer to you our sincere worship and prayer, O God, that we may be wise and responsible stewards of your earth and inheritors of the glorious kingdom you have promised through Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit we worship, one God, forever and ever **Amen.**

Parishioners:
Marina & Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Robert & Gwendolyn, Ella
Friends: **Denise, Judi and Graeme; Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Rob; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Eloise; Grant, Drickis; Heidi; Henry and Sam; Vladimir, Jo**
Extended Parishioners: **Matt; Maj; Blessing and Maurice**
Judy Lazarus Transition Centre:
Community: **Helen Haines** and **Family, Brendan Nugent** and **Family**
Those who have died, or anniversary's fall currently:
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: **Oceania**
The Anglican Communion: **Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo**
The Anglican Church of Australia: **Diocese of Bunbury: St Bartholomew's Cathedral, Episcopal Area of Dandenong - Bishop Paul Barker; Archdeaconry of Berwick; Casey & Cardinia Deanery: St John's Cranbourne/Tooradin, Christ Church Berwick, Holy Trinity Hampton Park, Proclaim Clyde North AAC, Casey Dinka, St Matthew's Endeavour Hills, St James Pakenham, St Mark's Emerald, St Luke's Cockatoo, St John's Upper Beaconsfield**
Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Geelong Grammar School**
Bishops' Visitation: **-**

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?

Greeting of Peace –
We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



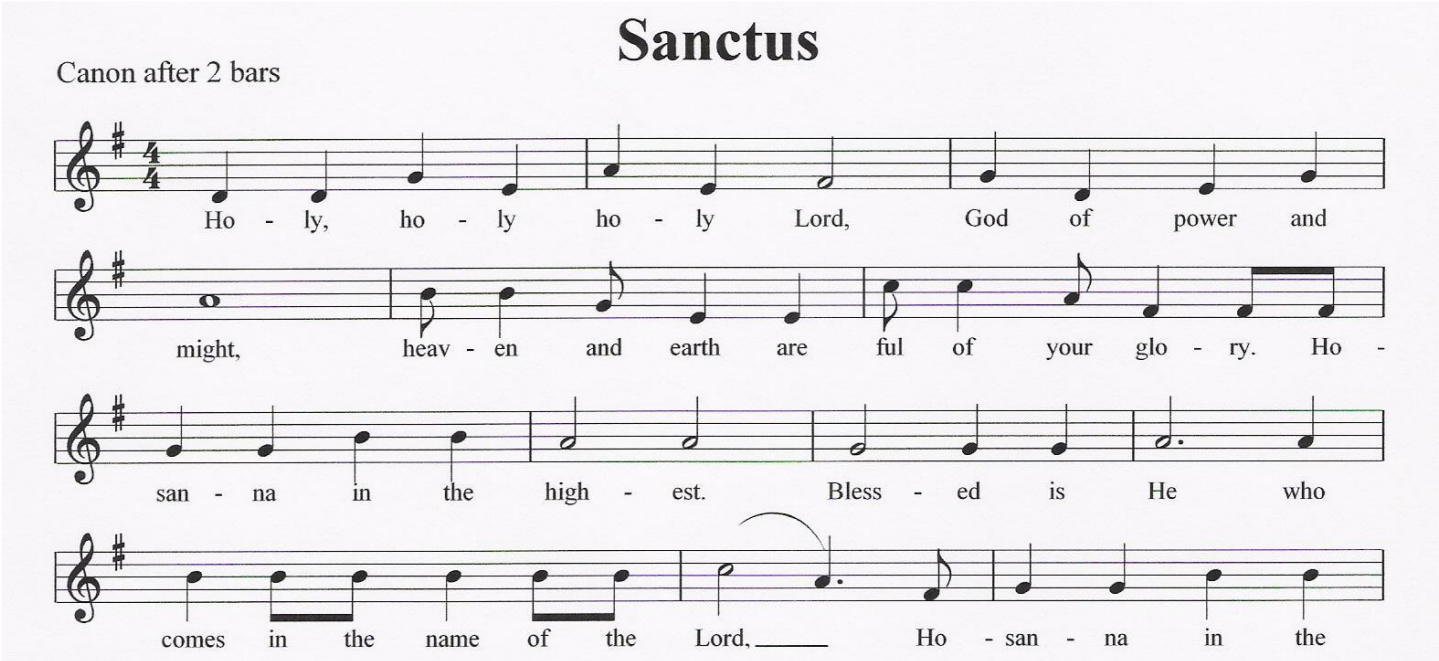
During the offertory hymn a collection may be taken
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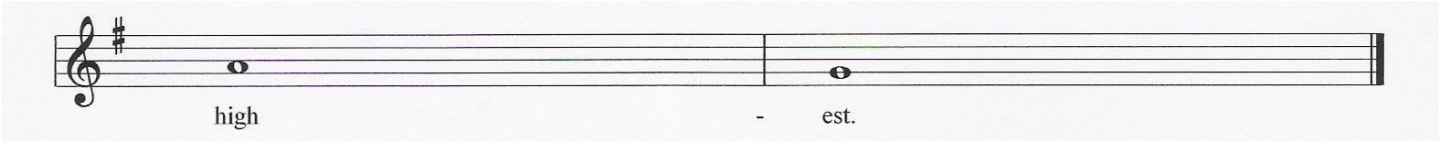
Offertory Hymn TIS 569 Guide me, O, thou great Redeemer

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 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.

God of time and eternity, you set out the glory of your heavens
and show us reflections of that glory
in the tiniest details of the atoms of life.
When we find a thousand ways
to pervert and turn away from your grace,
you transform our rejection into your providence.
You dwelt among your people
in the cloud and pillar of fire, in the tabernacle and temple;
and finally you dwelt among us in your Son Jesus.
In his death you defeat death,
and in his resurrection you offer us life with you forever,
where we shall dwell with you,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

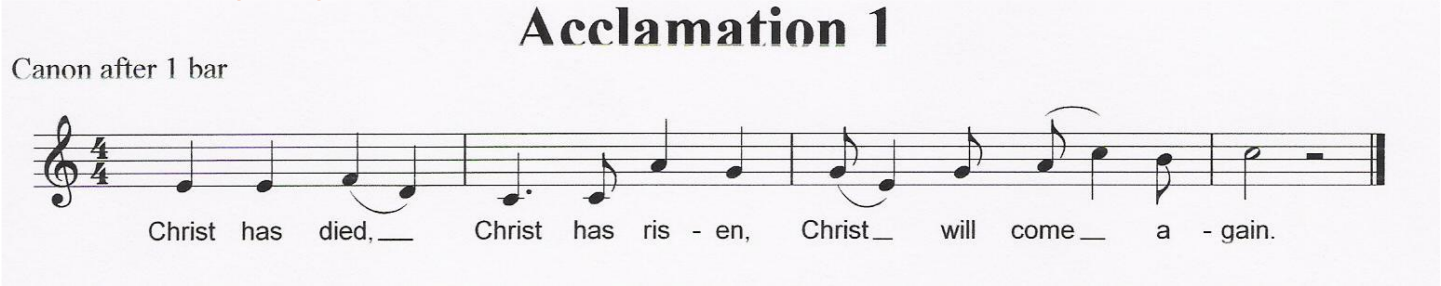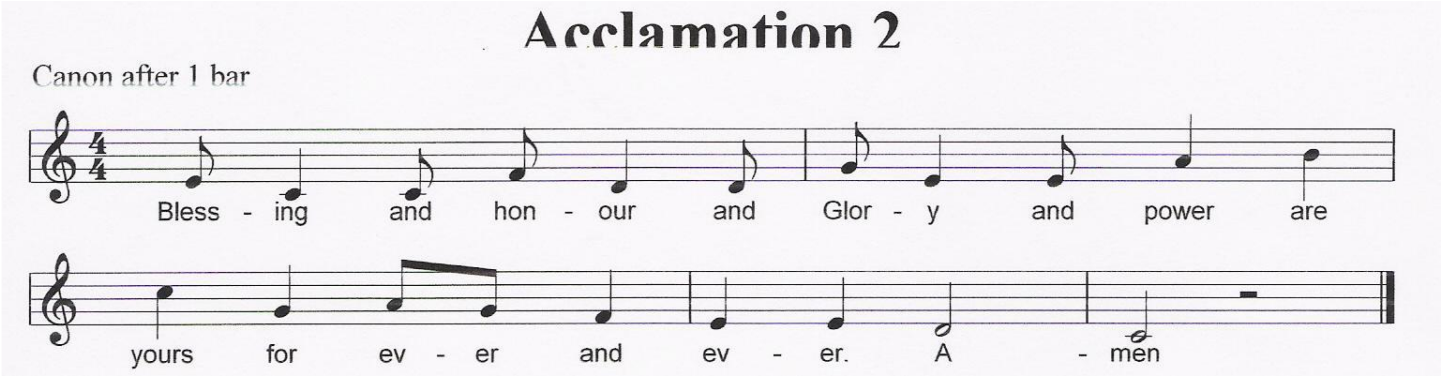




God of deliverance, in the cross of Jesus
we see what it costs you to dwell among us,
and in this broken bread and poured wine
we see your costly love among us today.
Send down your Holy Spirit,
that your people may be sanctified by your grace,
and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
the body 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 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 everlasting fidelity
you have promised us that in marriage
we may glimpse the relationship of your Son and your church.
Renew the love and ministry of those who are married
that they may witness to your bond with us,
until the day comes when the new Jerusalem descends
as a bride prepared for her husband
and all creation meets its fulfillment
in the marriage of heaven and earth,
where every tear is dried and all the oppressed are vindicated,
all prisons are opened, and the fear of death is no more,
and we see you face to face and dwell in your presence,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
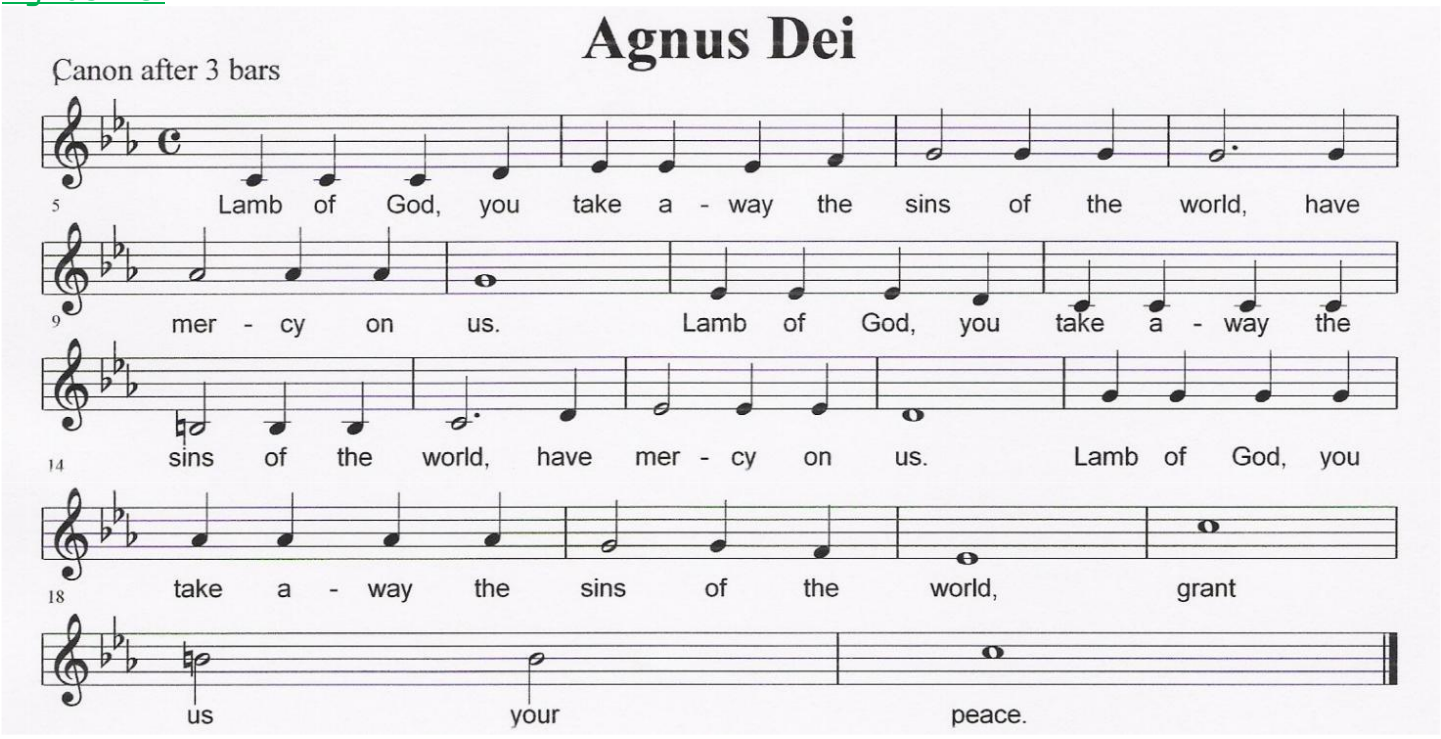


Communion Rite -

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

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



Communion - *Please form a circle around the alter.*

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 Stay with me.

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
Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

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

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

Today's Quote
Kids wear masks at Halloween. Afterwards they go home and take off those masks. We adults keep wearing them.
Jon@ Wayside Chapel in Sydney:

Trinity' Bible College
A note from Trinity' Bible College Advancement team about their call for items for the Silent Auction in the lead up to and on the night of the Archbishop's Dinner, Wed 18th November. Advancement wants the auction to go live a week or so prior to the dinner so items might ideally be delivered to Trinity by the end of October. Please let Bruce know if you have any items to contribute.

Creation Care Notice
COP31 starts on Monday in Turkiye with Minister Chris Bowen being the President of Negotiations. "Negotiations on issues such as adapting to climate impacts, reducing greenhouse gas pollution, climate finance for developing countries, and a just transition for workers and communities will take place". There will also be "a big emphasis on the Climate Action Agenda: a separate, yet complementary track at COP31, which brings together businesses, cities, states and civil society to find and share solutions to climate issues including climate impacts on health and food, electrifying everything from buildings

to cars, reducing waste and making cities more resilient to climate change." [https://unfccc.int/cop31/about]

Green Tip
Join people of different faiths and spiritual traditions, in prayer and meditation in a spirit of peace, hope, reflection, and shared responsibility for our precious Earth and future generations on the zoom link https://tinyurl.com/COP31PrayersMeditations at 11 am daily, 9 – 20 November. Further information:
https://www.arrcc.org.au/prayers_and_meditations_for_cop31

Defence Sunday
With Them, Wherever They Are

Prayer of the Harvest,
O Lord of the Harvest, whose Church is bought by Christ and whose Spirit gives life: Give us great confidence in the work of your Son and Spirit. Send workers into the harvest. Grow us as disciples. Raise up leaders to shepherd your people. Renew your Church in faith, hope and love. We ask this so that every disciple, leader and church will take faithful steps of ministry and mission, for the glory of your Name and for the benefit of this world, which you love and which we serve. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal
Encourage one another to be wise, alert and prepared daily for the coming of God into our lives.

Welcome with joy your invitation to the wedding banquet of Christ our bridegroom, for Jesus has died and is risen.

Be awake for the Spirit's call, that you may respond willingly whenever the door of possibility opens for you.

And the blessing of our surprising God, the holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity bless you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn TIS 687 God gives us a future

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea

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