

St Mary's



**Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday
9 August 2020**



**Sunday Matins
(Morning Prayer)**

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: Master Tallis's Testament (1940) Herbert Howells

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead.

1 Peter 1:3

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.

Hymn 569



**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;**

**hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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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.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

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. Amen.

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.**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to

separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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 Ministry of the Word

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 10:4-15

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart

that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
 tell among the peoples what things he has done.

2 Sing to him, O sing praises:
 and be telling of all his marvellous works.

3 Exult in his holy name:
 and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength:

O seek his face continually.

5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:

his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his
mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant:

O children of Jacob his chosen one.

16 Then he called down a famine on the land:

and destroyed the bread that was their stay.

17 But he had sent a man ahead of them:

Joseph who was sold into slavery,

18 Whose feet they fastened with fetters:

and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.

19 Till the time that his words proved true:

he was tested by the Lord's command.

20 Then the king sent and loosed him:

The ruler of nations set him free;

21 He made him master of his household:

and ruler over all his possessions,

22 To rebuke his officers at will:

and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-36

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people

of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation:**

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Sermon Fr Mark Lindsay

The Apostles' Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church.

**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.**

The Ministry Of Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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 sin 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 for ever. Amen.**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.
Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.
Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.
Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and
thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let your requests be made known unto God.

In everything give thanks.

Intercessions are led for the world and the church, to which response to each petition may be:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude with:

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three gather in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

The sending out of God's People

Anthem: Thou Wast, O God. Thomas Tallis. Arr. Arlen Clarke. Viola: Marcus Allport.

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.

We conclude this time of prayer together with the words of the Grace:

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all. Amen.**

Postlude: Master Tallis's Testament (1940) Herbert Howells.

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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.

God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

- *To grow substantially in faith and numbers*
- *To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups - children and adults - equally*
- *To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community*
- *To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term*
- *To become more open to change as we learn to grow*

