



**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 23 February 2025
8am & 10am
(10am Presider: Revd Kathryn Bellhouse)**

Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b. 1954) TIS 757

*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and joining in the music.*

Prelude

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Today's readings are about enemies and how we should treat them. The Old Testament reading gives us a great example of what Jesus is speaking of in Luke's Gospel in the figure of Joseph who has good reason to hate his brothers for their treatment of him, yet who forgives and befriends them. He interprets his experience from God's perspective and recognises the purposes of God. These purposes will not end until enemies becomes friends in the resurrection of the dead, as St Paul reminds us. Let us worship God

THE PROCESSIONAL TIS 153

1. God is love, let heav'n adore him;
 God is love, let earth rejoice;
 let creation sing before him,
 and exalt him with one voice.
 God, who laid the earth's
 foundation,
 he who spread the heavens above,
 and who breathes through all
 creation,
 God is love, eternal Love.
2. God is love, and gently enfolding
 all the world in one embrace,
 with unfailing grasp is holding
 every child of every race.

- And when human hearts are
 breaking
 under sorrow's iron rod,
 then they find that selfsame aching
 deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with
 blindness
 sin afflicts our human hearts,
 God's eternal lovingkindness
 holding, guiding, grace imparts.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 o'er us final triumph gain;
 God is love, so love for ever
 o'er the universe must reign.

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GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

Kyrie 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, Lord, have_ mer - cy.

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CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA

Gloria 2

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for_ your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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 Fa - ther: 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,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the_ glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please be seated

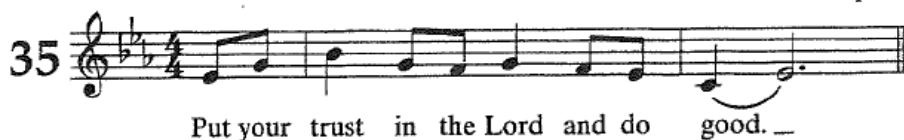
A reading from the Book of Genesis:

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve

life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him. (Genesis 45.3-11, 15)
 For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37/TP #35

Hal H. Hopson



1. Do not fret, should the wicked prosper; do not envy those who do wrong.
 They soon wither like the grass; they fade like the green of the field.
Response
2. Make the Lord your only Joy, and God will give your heart’s desire.
 Commit your life to the Lord; trust in God whose deed are always sure.
Response
3. Righteousness shall dawn as the light, justice like the noon day sun.
 In silence, be still before the Lord; in patience, wait for God’s own time.
Response
4. The wicked may prosper along their way, but do not be enraged; leave
 anger alone.
 The evil doers shall be destroyed, but the righteous shall possess the land.
Response
5. The wicked shall no longer own the Land: look for their homes; they will
 not be there.
 The poor shall inherit the earth; they shall know the fullness of peace and
 joy. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians:

But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

(1 Corinthians 15.35-50)

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three measures. The first measure contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The second measure contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The third measure contains the notes A4, B4, C5, and B4. The notes are connected by a slur across the first two measures and another slur across the last two notes of the third measure.

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

I say unto you, Love your enemies,
and do good to those who hate you.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said: ‘But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

(Luke 6.27-38)

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Please be seated

CREED

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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel

After each section:

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PEACE

Please stand

We are the body of Christ: **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 434

Response
Gr. Capo 1 Fm(Em) Bb7(A7) Eb(D) Cm(Bm) Eb(D)

Where there is cha - ri - ty and love, there_ the God of

Ab(G) Bb7(A7) 1st and last times
Eb(D) Before verses
Eb(D) *Verses*

love_ a - bides._____ - bides._____

1. The love of Christ has gathered us
as one:
rejoice in him with joy which he
imparts;
let us revere and love the living
God,
and love each other with unfeigning
hearts.
2. And so, when we are gathered here
as one,
let quarrels die, and envious rancour
cease;

be our resolve all bitterness to shun,
and in our midst be Christ, his love
and peace.

3. O lead us, Master, by your saving
grace,
to where the blessed glory in your
sight;
there let us see and love you, face to
face,
gathered once more in everlasting
light.

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PREPARATION OF 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 glory

And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

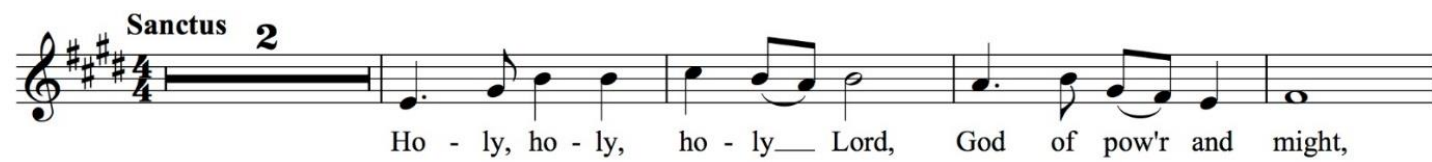
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right ...


... for every praising you and singing:

Sanctus 2



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Benedictus



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious God ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Acclamation

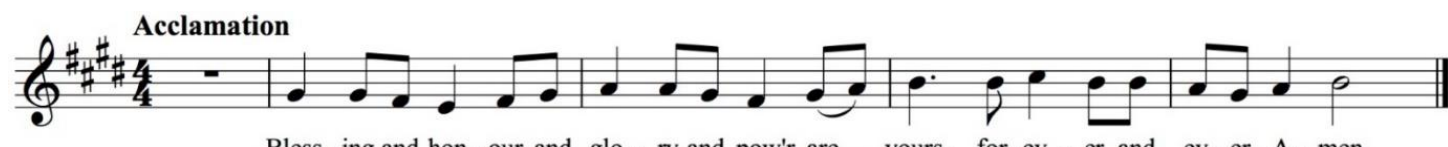


Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, in obedience to his command ...

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Acclamation



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are yours, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day 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.

BREAKING OF BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

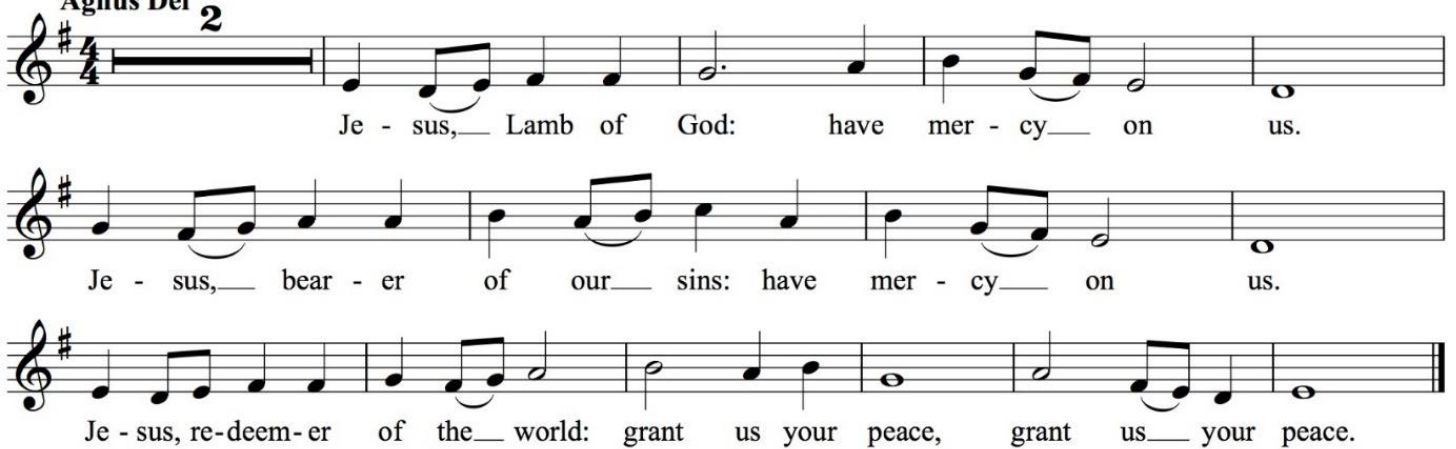
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:

for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei 2



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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COMMUNION

Anthem: *'A new commandment'* by W Mundy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life, we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

FINAL HYMN TIS 648

(♩ = 88-96)

F Am Dm Gm C7
F Dm Am Dm7 Em A D7
Gm C7 F Gm A7 Dm
Bb Am Gm C7 F

1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all — not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practise your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

Postlude

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Isaiah, Fr Frank Moloney, Denise & Graeme, Chips and Nelson.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Linda Guy, Nettie Barnes, Richard Davidson, Dr Margaret Fanny Bowman OAM, Dawn Hoy, Stan Archer and Minnie Irene Uren.

If there is a name to be included, please email office@stmarys.org.au
(Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified)

Morning Prayer held on Mond/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below
<https://bit.ly/49910N4> Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706
Weekday Eucharist on every Thursday at 12pm.

Prayer for a New Incumbent:

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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St Mary's Parish Notices

- Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday will be served next Sun 2 March.
- Lent begins on Sun 9 March and our Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wed 5 March, 7pm.
- 2025 AVE Easter Edition: submissions by Sun 30 March to either David or office@stmarys.org.au To be published on the 2nd week of April (week before Palm Sunday). Easter theme welcome, for other ideas visit previous publications on <https://www.stmarys.org.au/> (bottom LH corner of homepage).
- Harvest Festival Celebration: Sun 4 May after 10am service (stalls, fun, games and morning tea). Contact Marion if you'd like to join the working bees and help with making preserves, chutneys, jams and other gifts. Jar/bottle labels available from the Church porch.
- St Mary's Choir meets on Tues evenings, new members welcome. Please contact office@stmarys.org.au or the Director of Music or a chorister.
- The next MtE Quarterly Conversations: Minority Report, The New Shape of Australian Politics, George Megalogenis will be held on Fri 4 April, 11am in the library at the Center for Theology and Ministry. Please register <https://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/quarterly-conversations/>
- 'Governance Briefing for Appointees to Boards and Councils' postponed until August 2025. For info www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1335154
- Events at St Mary's (printed posters/flyers available around the Church):
 - HANA by Atsushi Takenouchi & Hiroko Komiya (currently booked out): Tues 25 Feb, 7.30pm. To be on the waiting list email hello@impermanenceproductions.com
 - Organ & Harp Recital – A Celebration of Women Composers with Beverley and Laura: Sun 9 March, 2.30pm. Tickets \$30/\$25, please book via <https://www.trybooking.com/CYXFF>
 - Polyphonic Voices presents Polychoral Splendour: Sun 23 March, 2.30pm. Tickets \$40/\$30/\$20/free under 15. Please book via www.polyphonicvoices.com/2025
 - Handel's Messiah Part II: The Lamb of God by VOX Choir Ballarat: Sun 6 April, 3pm. Tickets \$40/\$35/\$15/free for primary age children, bookings via www.trybooking.com/CYZYE

- Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.
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<i>St Mary's Roster</i>		
	Sunday 23 Feb 2025 7 th Sunday Ord time	Sunday 2 March 2025 Transfiguration
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead	Rhondda Fahey
10:00am Readers	Calvin Lee Robert Gribben	John Blanch Ivana Csar
Serving Team	Alice Christofi (C) Peter O'Donoghue	Alice Christofi (C) Peter O'Donoghue
Welcome	Anne Sunderland	Adam Wing
Introduction & Intercession	Geoff Jenkins	Sam Miller (C)
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Geoff Jenkins
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins/ Rosie Moloney	Harriet Jenkins/ Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Libby Brookes Lewis Gurr Stephen	Michael Noble Margaret Noble

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