Anglican Parish of the Parks
St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

16 August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Sung Eucharist

Wominjeka – Welcome

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are here for the first time or visiting from elsewhere. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service. This booklet contains the full order of service: you are invited to join in the parts printed in bold type.

Today's service will be livestreamed at: http://video.parishoftheparks.com.au

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Boonwurrung people, the original custodians of this land, and acknowledge the people and elders of the Eastern Kulin nation who have traditional connections with, and responsibility for, the land on which we meet.

WELCOME

to our worship today at the Parish of the Parks

This booklet contains the full order of service. You are invited to join in saying together the words printed in bold type, and to stand where indicated as you are able. Sometimes you may simply need to sit and be carried by the prayers of others – that too is part of our life as the church.

Children are always welcome to be fully part of our service. At the back on the left hand side of the church there is a children's activity area, but please also feel most welcome to sit near the front where children can more easily see what is happening. It's fine if they make a bit of noise, or if they want to roam around and explore this new place.

There is a bathroom and change table at the bottom of the stairs near the front door (opposite the lift).

When we come to share Holy Communion, everyone is welcome. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share the communion bread (and wine) at their parents' discretion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or if you need a gluten free wafer, please let the priest know when you come forward.

If you have any particular questions, needs, concerns, or prayer requests, you are welcome to speak with Rev'd Chris after the service or to be in touch using the contact details on the back page.

We would love to keep in touch with you! Each week the parish sends an email update looking ahead to the next Sunday. You are welcome to sign up on our website at www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe

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Prelude *Communion* (Alfred Hollins)

Gathering in God's Name

A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand

Hymn

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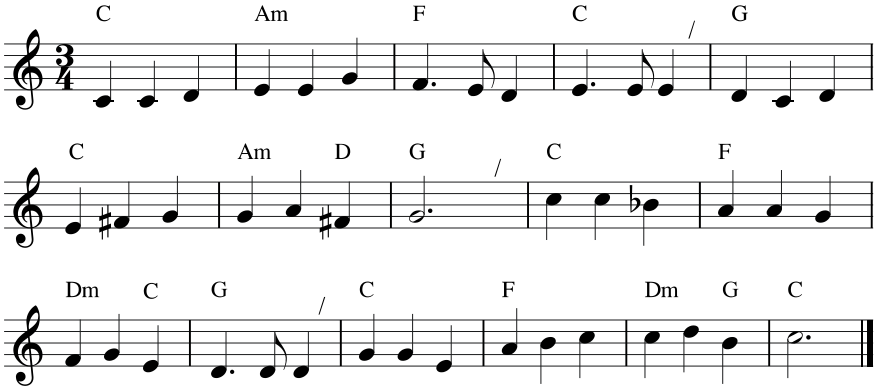

1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2. Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way best for you.

3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
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John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811–75 *alt.*
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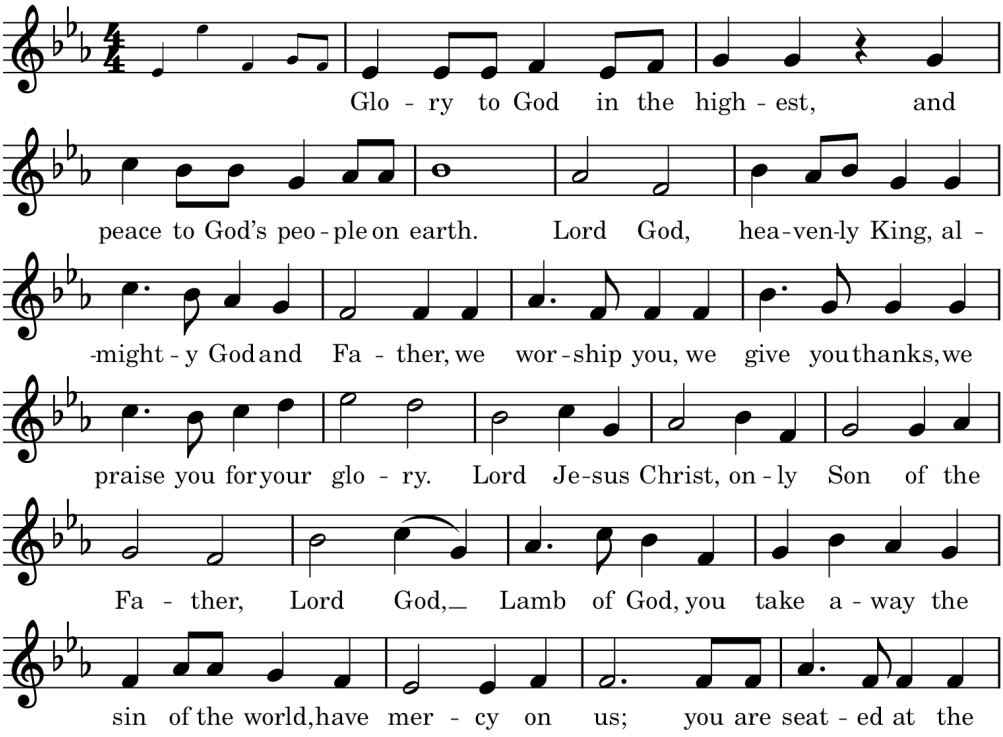
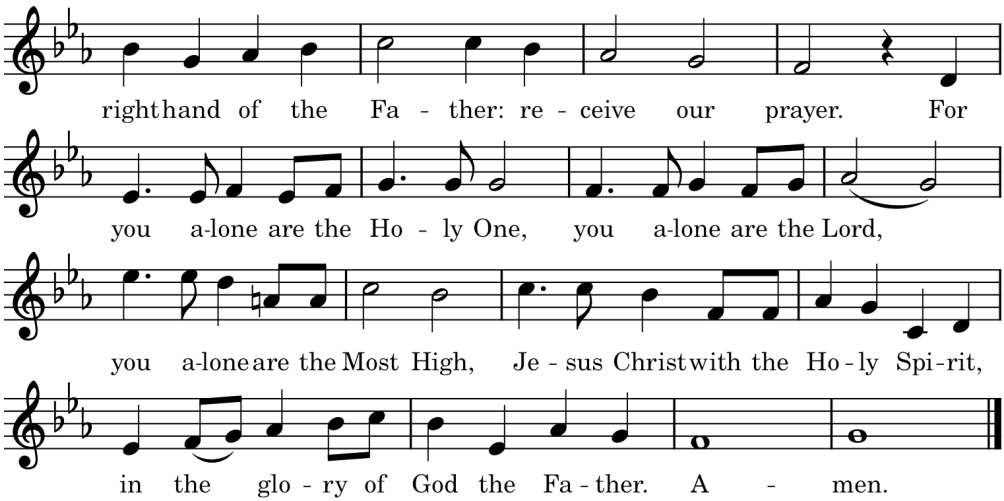
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
All **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.

Gloria





Prayer of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

God of freedom,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

First Reading

A reading from the book Genesis.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by
him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with
him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. **2** And he wept so loudly
that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. **3** 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.

4 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. **5** And
now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here;
for God sent me before you to preserve life. **6** For the famine has been in the
land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be
neither ploughing nor harvest. **7** God sent me before you to preserve for you
a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. **8** 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. **9** 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. **10** 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. **11** 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." **12** And now
your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that
speaks to you. **13** You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt,
and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' **14** Then he
fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his
neck. **15** And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his
brothers talked with him.

(45.1-15; NRSVA)

Reader Hear the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Ps 133

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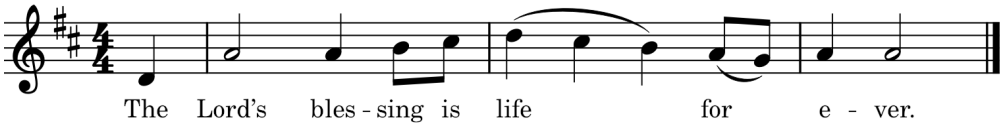


Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity. *Response*

It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,

Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing. *Response*

It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore. *Response*

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to
the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry 14 in order to make my own people jealous,
and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the
world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! 16 If the part of the
dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root
is holy, then the branches also are holy.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot,
were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, 18 do not vaunt
yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is
not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. 19 You will say,
'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' 20 That is true. They

were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. 22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. 23 And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

25 So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'
27 'And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.'

28 As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

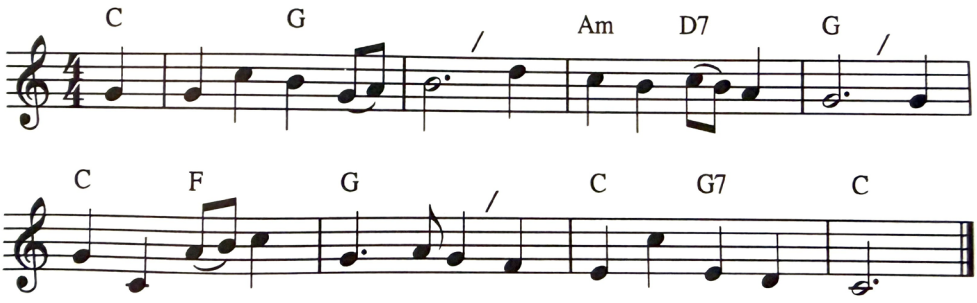
33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

34 'For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?'
35 'Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?'

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

(11.13-36; NRSVA)

Reader Hear the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**



1. Have faith in God, my heart,
trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
each promise he has made.

2. Have faith in God, my mind,
though oft your light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
than you can fully know.

3. Have faith in God, my soul,
his cross for ever stands;
and neither life nor death can pluck
his children from his hands.

4. Lord Jesus, make me whole;
grant me no resting place
until I rest, heart, mind and soul,
the captive of your grace.

Bryn Austin Rees 1911–83 *alt.*
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Please remain standing for:

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. **22** Just
then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,
'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a
demon.' **23** But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged
him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' **24** He answered, 'I
was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' **25** But she came and knelt
before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' **26** He answered, 'It is not fair to take the
children's food and throw it to the dogs.' **27** She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the
dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' **28** Then Jesus answered
her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her
daughter was healed instantly.

(15.21-28; NRSVA)

For the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

Server Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church:

All **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 and Penitence

The Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray for all people,
and for the church throughout the world.

After each petition: **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:
Presider Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
All **Grant that what we have asked in faith**
we may by your grace receive
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Server '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.'

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
confident in God's forgiveness.

All **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.

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

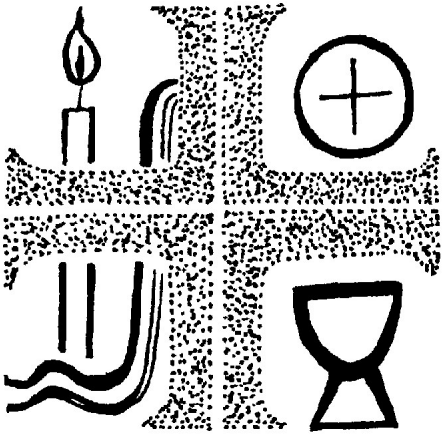
Celebrating at the Lord's table

The Greeting of Peace

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

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

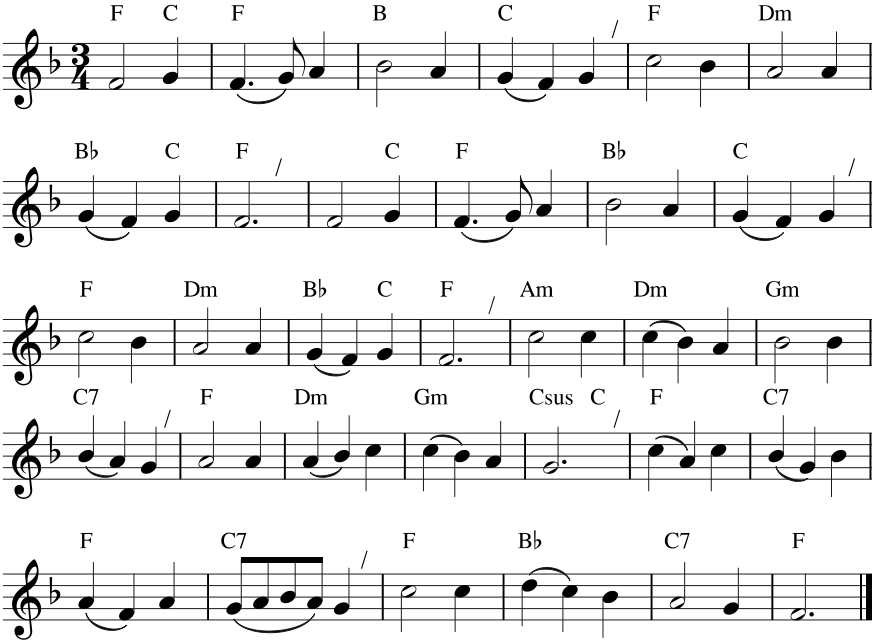
We share the peace in a way you are comfortable with.
This may include giving a sign from afar, shaking hands,
or similar acknowledgement.



At the conclusion of the following hymn our gifts are brought forward.
These contributions to the ministry of the parish can be made:

- *in the collection plate near the back of the church*
- *in the basket near the back of the church, for food items to be distributed through the Sunday Suppers program*
- *by online donation (please see page 23 for details)*

Thank you *for all these gifts to sustain the life and ministry of our parish.*



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without
ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*

Prayer over the gifts

Presider Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,**
and of your own do we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

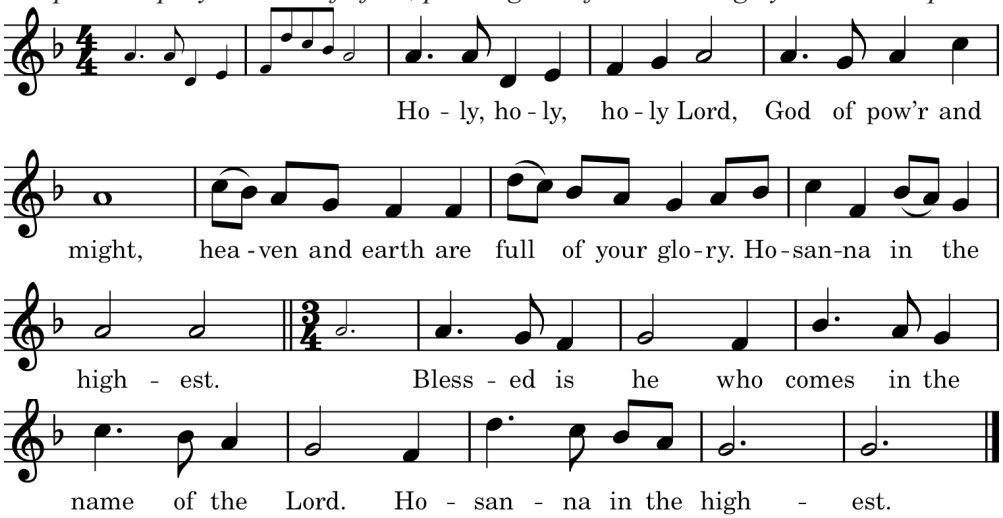
Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

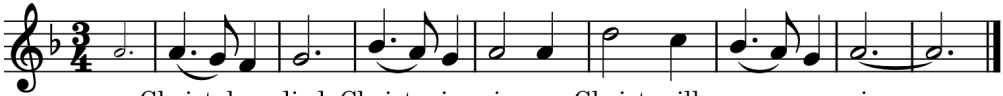
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

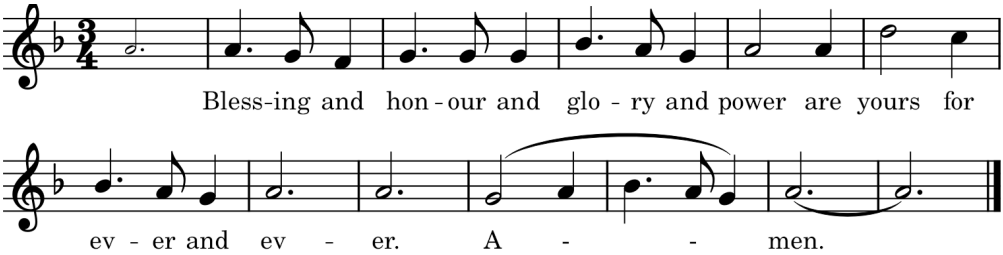
The presider prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:



The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:



The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:



The Lord's Prayer

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

All **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 for ever. Amen.

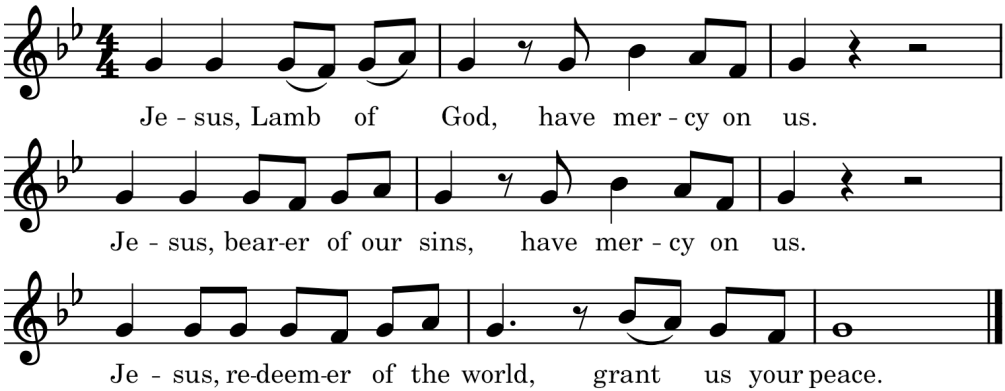
The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The priest breaks the bread and says

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

All **so may your Church be gathered**
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

All sing



The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Draw near with faith,
to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to come forward and share communion.
The wine is received either from a common cup (on the left side of the altar steps), or by the priest dipping the bread into the wine (on the right side).
Please tell the priest if you require a gluten free wafer,
or if you would prefer to receive a blessing.

Communion music Break now the bread of life

Going into the world

Post-communion prayer

Presider 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.

All **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.

Notices

Hymn

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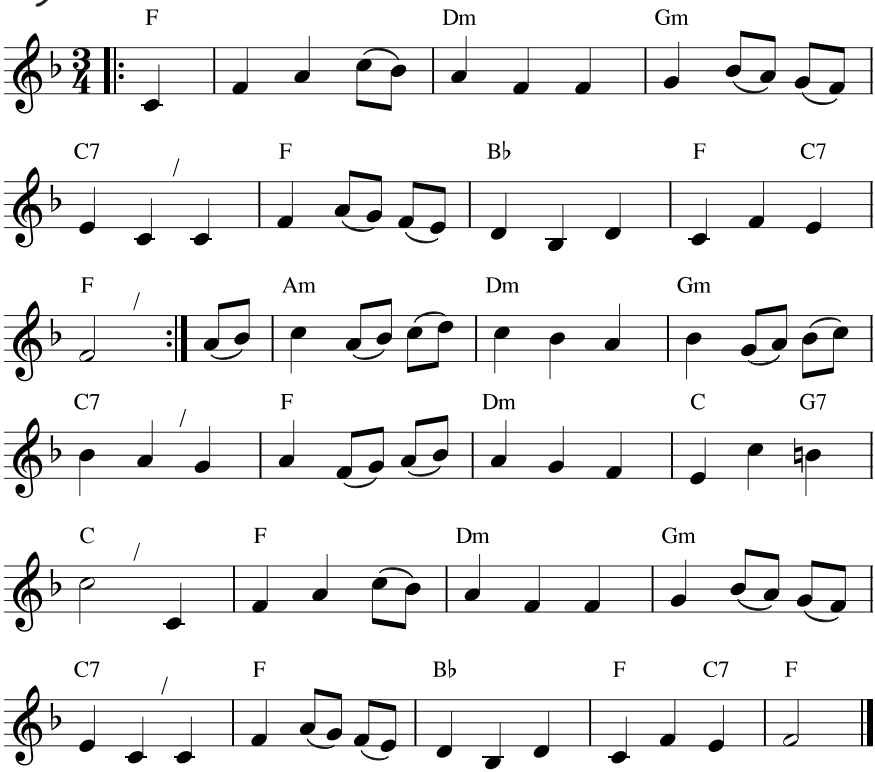

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his table take leave.
The supper is ended: may now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Omer Westendorf 1916– *alt.*
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Blessing and sending out

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Server Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude *Solemn Melody* (Walford Davies)

Organist: Hume McGrath

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From your Vicar...

Dear friends,

Today we hear one of the more puzzling, even confronting, episodes recorded in the gospels. What are we to make of this conversation between Jesus and an unnamed Canaanite woman, as she pleads for his intervention to assist her daughter?

The first thing to notice is the location: the district of Tyre and Sidon is well outside the lands of Israel. And the woman who comes to Jesus there is not just a Gentile, but a Canaanite: the Canaanites were the original inhabitants of the lands of Israel, invaded and displaced when the Israelites arrived in what they understood as their promised land. Down the centuries, that experience of alienation had continued, together with a mutual contempt between Israelites and Canaanites.

So already, we see that various boundaries are being crossed. Jesus crosses from Jewish to Gentile lands. The Canaanite woman reaches out across generational ethnic divisions, because she so passionately longs for her daughter to be well.

Yet Jesus' initial reply echoes his instructions to the disciples a few chapters earlier: "Go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." And when the woman repeats her plea, he responds, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." That historical, mutual contempt between peoples is not denied, even when it is voiced by Jesus himself.

Remarkably, she picks up the same image that Jesus has used, of the children and the household dogs, and argues her case back to him. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the table."

So this woman of faith *places her hope in what others have discarded*. She says: that's enough to make all the difference for my daughter and for me. Who might place their hope in what we discard? Are there even gifts of the life of faith, of being a child of God, that we let fall to the floor without noticing, in a world where people are so hungry for relationship and belonging and purpose?

So Jesus says, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Notwithstanding the historic hostility towards Canaanites, notwithstanding Jesus' single-minded prioritising of the people of Israel, there is a glimpse here of God's larger future: where Jesus, the Messiah of Israel, brings life and hope for all people, and where his followers will be sent to all nations to live and share that new reality.

Blessings, Chris

ANAM concerts

This afternoon at 2:30pm:

Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, and chamber works by Strauss and Previn

Sunday 13 September at 2:30pm

Bach and Shostakovich, featuring viola and string quartet

For more information and tickets, visit the concerts page on our website.

An afternoon with Archbishop Ric

Also this afternoon: for anyone from across the Diocese who would like to meet Archbishop Ric, hear something of his story and reflections, ask questions and share what is on their mind.

2:30-3:30pm this Sunday 16 August, at St Paul's Cathedral (refreshments to follow, prior to 4pm Evensong). See bit.ly/afternoonarchbishop

In this season

A new regular newsletter sharing stories, reflections, prayer and encouragement from across the Diocese of Melbourne. Stay connected to what God is doing across Melbourne and Geelong, and join in prayer for our life together. Sign up at bit.ly/inthisseasonnewsletter

Book exchange

Feel free to browse the books laid out on the bench behind the kitchen: you're welcome to take one, or two, to borrow, keep, or share with others. Different books are added regularly. If you have any spare books you may add these to the collection for others to enjoy.

Email updates

Each week the parish sends an email update looking ahead to the next Sunday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you are welcome to sign up on our website at www.parishoftheparks.com.au/subscribe

Looking ahead

19 September	Consecration of assistant bishops
4 October	Centenary service and celebratory lunch (with Archbishop Ric Thorpe)
18 October	Lay Deanery Evensong (with Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson)
24 October	Sunday Suppers community celebration and fundraiser

For our prayers

The world and nation:
For the people of Iran; for victims, survivors and relief workers following this week's earthquake in Colombia.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
The Church in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Anglican Communion:
The Church in Wales

Anglican Church in Australia:
Diocese of Newcastle (Bishop Peter Stuart)

Diocese of Melbourne:
Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Alison Taylor, Bp-elect Megan Curlis-Gibson; Deanery of Whitehorse (St John's Blackburn, St Alfred's Blackburn North, Emmanuel Anglican Iranian Congregation, Anglican Parish of Box Hill, St George's East Ivanhoe, St James' Ivanhoe, Holy Trinity Doncaster, St David's East Doncaster, St Philip's Deep Creek, TIMA Anglican Parish)

Our parish and community:
For people living with mental illness, and for those who care for them.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:
Owen, Tim R, Judy D, Dianne
Continuing prayers for: Diane, Joan, Hailey, Angie

The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently:
Chris Ralph

Year's mind:

Susan Ryan	16 August 2025
Dorothy Morrison	17 August 1970
Charles Leesing	17 August 2013
Canon Augustine Rowed (Vicar 1909-1940)	18 August 1940
Clyde Simpson	18 August 2012
Anna Mepham	19 August 2006

To add a name to the prayer list, for those needing prayers now (with their consent) or to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact Rev'd Chris.

Holy Spirit, enable us to bring peace into
places of opposition, and to make visible
by our lives a reflection of God's compassion.
Yes, enable us to love
and to express it by our lives.

(Brother Roger of Taizé)

Readings for next week (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost):
Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Giving to the parish

Financial giving, each of us as we are able, is part of our belonging to the church. Our members' regular giving supports the ministry of the parish and enables us to make our contribution to the diocese and wider church. There are several options for making your offering:

- Placing money in the offertory plate on Sundays
- Electronic Funds Transfer to the parish bank account
  Account name: Anglican Parish of the Parks
  BSB: 703 122 Account: 05009157
- Online at https://www.parishoftheparks.com.au/donationsbequests.html
  (You can give to either General Offertory, Sunday Suppers or the Music Program. Donations over $2 to Sunday Suppers and the Music Program are tax deductible, and you will be sent a receipt.)

Thank you – all our giving is part of sustaining the life of the parish.

Rosters	16 August	23 August
Welcomer	Michael	Geoff
Servers	Geoff, Cristian, Sharon	Scott, Gemma, Marcia
Readers	Pearl Jo D	Anna Geoff
Intercessions	Anna	Catherine
Offertory	Russell Pearl	Hume Geoff
Chalice	Jo D Geoff	Michael Scott
Morning tea	Jo D, Sharon	Marcia, Geoff
Flowers	Sharon	Hume
Video livestream	Marcia	Michael
Side person	Michael	Geoff
Emerald Hill pick-up	Jo D	Catherine
Sunday Suppers	TL Cecilia, Catherine, Mario, Rick	TL Karina, Catherine, Toy, Yvonne, Jobe

This week in our parish:

Sunday 16th August
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am Sung Eucharist
4:30pm Sunday Suppers

Monday 17th
9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 18th
9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 19th
8.30am Morning Prayer
11am Eucharist

Thursday 20th
9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 22nd
9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am Sung Eucharist
4:30pm Sunday Suppers

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