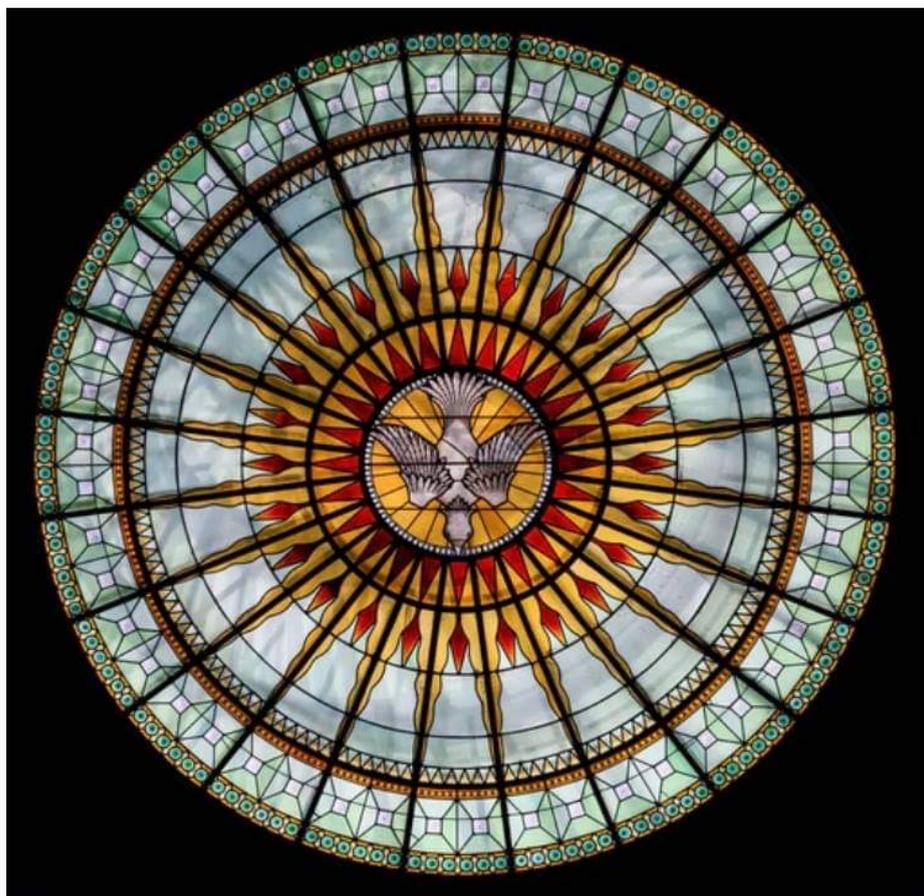




ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



A Service of Confirmation on
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1st of August, 2021

Welcome

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On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background.

This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859, and celebrating our 160th year! We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

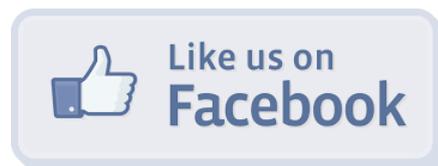
Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

This church actively follows Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. Our clergy and parishioners regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry. If we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to give of your time and talents in the service of others, please also contact the church and we will gladly welcome your contribution.

If you're visiting for the first time, please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.



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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Please stand to sing the Hymn

HYMN 'Sing praise and thanksgiving' at 8am, only verses 1 & 3 are sung

1. Sing praise and thanksgiving,
let all creatures living now
worship their maker with
gladness and song; all glory and
honour we come to him bringing:
O praise to the Almighty, sing
praise to our God!

2. Our lives of his making he
brings to their waking; in
darkness he held us in his
gracious care, now into the light
we are called from our sleeping:

O praise to the Almighty, sing
praise to our God!

3. Lord, frame our desiring to do
your requiring, that unto your
glory be all that we do; and where
we have faltered, give strength
and give healing:

O praise to the Almighty, sing
praise to our God!

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

There is one Body and one Spirit; **there is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, **one God and Father of all.**

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

In Confirmation those who have been previously baptised come to confirm their baptismal promises and join with the other candidates to receive the laying on of the bishop's hand with prayer. We pray that those who are confirmed will be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the ministry and service to which God shall call them.

So we welcome you who come to be confirmed, with your sponsors and families. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *said at 8am and sung with the choir at 10am*

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y 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.

From Parish Eucharist - Michael Dudman (1938-1994)

COLLECT FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, whose beloved Son for our sake willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross: give us courage and patience to take up our cross daily and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a *Read by Scott Kirkland*

11 ²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. 12 ¹and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it

grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' ⁷Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' ¹³David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.'
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 51.1-12 *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:

according to the fullness of your compassion
blot out my offences.

² Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:

and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my rebellion:

and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned

and done what is evil in your eyes:
so you will be just in your sentence
and blameless in your judging.

- ⁵ Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You that desire truth in the inward parts:
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Make me hear of joy and gladness:
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins:
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me out from your presence:
do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² O give me the gladness of your help again:
and support me with a willing spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING Ephesians 4.1-16 *Read by Michael Kirwan*

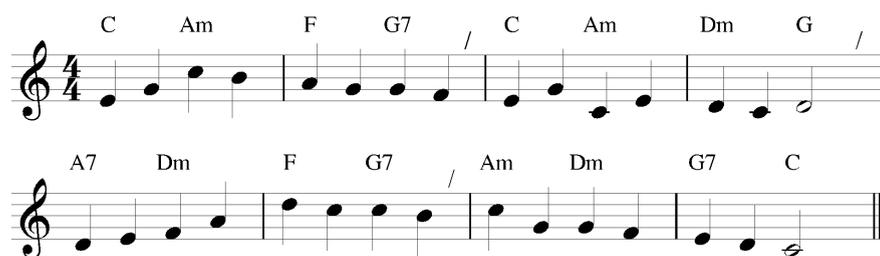
¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Please stand for the Gradual Hymn

GRADUAL HYMN (AT 10AM) 'Holy Spirit, come, confirm us'



1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes
known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your helping gifts alone.

2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.

3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live;
Holy through your loving
presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.

4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the Love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Brian Foley (1900-2000), Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

Please remain standing and turn to face the gospel as it is read

THE GOSPEL John 6.24-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 6, commencing at verse twenty four. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that

perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’
²⁸Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’
²⁹Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’
³⁰So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’
³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”
³²Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’
³⁴They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’
³⁵Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rt. Revd. Genieve Blackwell,
Bishop of Marmingatha Episcopate, The Diocese of Melbourne

ANTHEM (AT 10AM) ‘Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, Come’
Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

PRESENTATION FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop says

We welcome those who have come to be confirmed. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

Each sponsor in turn says

I present Charles Aponso, Jessica Hall, Elizabeth Ridsdale, Anna Shears, Harriet Venn and Winnie Mastores to be confirmed.

THE DECISION

The Bishop says to the candidates

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?
I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil? **I renounce all that is evil.**

Almighty God, deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end? **I will, with God's help.**

The Bishop says to the congregation

You have heard these our sisters and brother respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling? **We will.**

The Assistant Curate leads the prayers

Let us pray. Grant, merciful God, that these persons may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to their sponsors and their families the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

*All the candidates for confirmation come to the chancel step and face the Bishop.
The Bishop addresses all the candidates*

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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 Bishop says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

The congregation responds

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE CONFIRMATION

The Bishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord **who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord **now, and for ever. Amen.**

The Bishop continues

Almighty and everliving God, you have given your servants new birth by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them their sins. Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace. Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of discernment and inner strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those who are to be confirmed kneel in turn before the bishop, who lays a hand upon each of them saying

Strengthen, Lord, your servant, (Name) with your Holy Spirit.

Empower and sustain her/him for your service. Amen.

When all the candidates have received the laying on of hands, the congregation joins with the bishop in saying this prayer

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The Bishop prays

Almighty and everliving God, watch over these your servants upon whom we have now laid our hands. Let your Holy Spirit always be with them and lead them to know and obey your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those who have been confirmed are greeted by the congregation

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. His Spirit is with us.

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

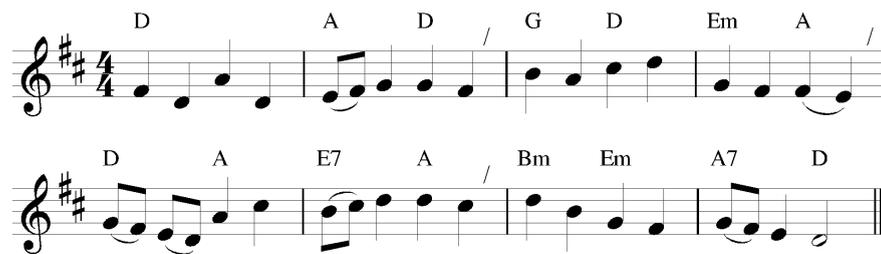
All share with each other a CovidSafe sign of peace, saying, 'Peace be with you' (Please, do not shake hands).

PARISH NOTICES *given by The Vicar*

OFFERTORY

A monetary collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is taken here. You may give by contributing to the brass collection plate or paypoint at the rear of the church, or by prior arrangement with the parish office.

HYMN 'Firmly I believe'



1. Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One; and
I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

2. And I trust and hope most fully
in that Manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed
unruly
do to death, as he has died.

3. Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,

and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

4. And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings are his own.

5. Adoration aye be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

John Henry Newman 1801-1890

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING THE OFFERTORY

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. **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All remain standing

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. In baptism you have united us to him and brought us out of darkness into light. You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus 2

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

Benedictus

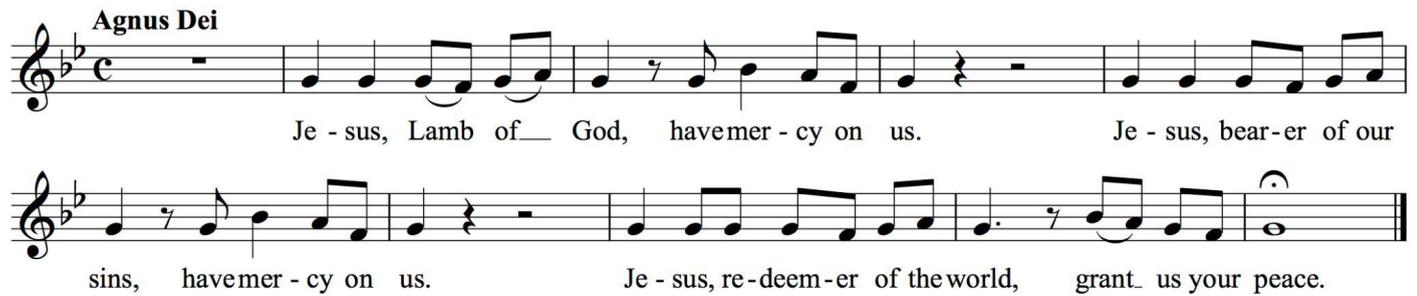
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

From *Parish Eucharist* - Michael Dudman (1938-1994)

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei



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.

From *Parish Eucharist* - Michael Dudman (1938-1994)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *kneeling or standing*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you do not wish to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back. Communion will be in one kind, that is, bread only.

COMMUNION ANTHEM 'Confirma hoc, Deus'

William Byrd (c1540-1623)

Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us. For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem: so shall kings bring presents unto thee. Alleluia. Psalm 68:28b

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Gracious God, in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and his blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

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.

FINAL HYMN 'To God be the glory'

Gr. Capo 1 Ab(G) Db(C) Ab(G) Eb(D) Ab(G) Db(C)

Ab(G) Bb7(A7) Eb(D) Ab(G) Db(C) Ab(G)

Eb(D) Ab(G) Db(C) Ab(G) Eb7(D7) Ab(G)

Refrain Ab(G)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his

Eb(D) Eb7(D7) Ab(G) Eb7(D7)

voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re -

Ab(G) Db(C) Ab(G) Eb(D)

- joice! O come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the

Ab(G) Db(C) Ab(G) Eb7(D7) Ab(G)

Son, and give him the glo - ry! great things he has done!

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory! great things he has done.

2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
And every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Frances J. van Alstyne 1820–1915 *alt*
William Howard Doune 1832-1916

The Bishop says

All who have been confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly. We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. I invite all of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

We will gladly do so, in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING *The Bishop*

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL *The Vicar*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE Concerto in D: Fugue [BWV 596] J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all who have been confirmed today: Charles Aponso, Jessica Hall, Elizabeth Ridsdale, Anna Shears, Harriet Venn and Winnie Mastores.

PARISH NOTICES

Morning Tea after 10am Service Today

Morning tea after the service this morning will be served in Buxton Hall, with thanks to Gail and Andrew Ankers, and Maureen List.

Wednesday Night at 7pm Service

Each Wednesday at 7pm everyone is welcome to this quiet service of eucharist in the Angel Chapel, with a light supper to follow. Please do come along and experience this hidden gem in the middle of a week, especially if you're unable to attend church on Sunday or need some prayer and community during a busy week. **Be part of our**

Sunday Services

All our ministries are supported by volunteers. The Rosters for July and August are now available. If you are able to assist with any gaps please contact the parish office.

Prayers for Christian Unity

On Thursday 26 August, at 10.00am, at Toorak Uniting Church. All are welcome.

Children's Ministry

Children's Corner in church

At the back of the church, there is a comfortable space for young children, including books and activities. For older children, there is a wonderful book called *My Illustrated Prayer Book*, which encourages children who can read to follow the service in an age-appropriate way. Please feel free to use them with your children and leave them in the box provided at the end of the service.

Sunday School in the Whitney King Room

Sunday School in the Whitney King Room is up and running and is held during the 10am service. Our Sunday School supervisors, Shierly Patterson, Sanae Homberger and Clive Wright have required safety checks and working with children cards, and the Whitney King Room is a welcoming, safe space for children to be together. The next Sunday School sessions are 15 and 29 August.

Cinema Group

If any parishioners and their friends are interested in joining us for a film at the elegant Palace Cinemas Como, South Yarra on a Sunday afternoon please leave your contact details with the parish office or contact Celia Langford 0418 552 335 to be put on the mailing list. Generally we gather on a Sunday afternoon, every six weeks or so, arriving early for refreshments and a chat beforehand. Any suggestions for a particular film are always welcome. How wonderful it is to be able to venture to the cinema once again!

In the Church Foyer

The following pamphlets and newsletters are currently in the foyer: *Abundance* The Magazine of Anglican Overseas Aid Winter edition.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to this week's Newstand is [here](#). The link to the August Prayer Diary and prayer resources is [here](#).

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org. The clergy check emails for prayer requests daily, and pray in solidarity with anyone who would like prayers said for them.

Clergy Days Off

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Vicar Peter has Friday and our Assistant Curate Keiron Monday. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, visiting the Vicarage, or emailing them on these days. Thank you.

COVID SAFE DIRECTIONS

- Everyone MUST sign in digitally. If you do not have a smartphone, ask a welcomer, a fellow parishioner, or Covid-safe officer to use their phone to record your name and contact details
- Please do not come to church if you are unwell
- Use hand sanitiser, found at each of the doors
- Wear masks as required
- Maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5m from another person unless you are sitting in a family group
- A 4sqm rule applies to ensure social distancing
- Please do not shake hands or hug other people
- The church is cleaned regularly.

Holy Communion remains Bread Only

Until government restrictions ease, Communion will be celebrated as usual but only administered in 'one kind,' that is, by people receiving the consecrated bread only. This is, and always has been, considered as communion in full and in no way diminished. Please note the clergy use hand sanitiser immediately before the Great Thanksgiving prayer and before administering Communion and giving blessings.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia; Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Archdeaconry of Kew (Greg Allinson); St Peter's Bundoora (Jobby John); St Andrews Somerville – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St Mary's Sunbury – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd).

For all those who lead us in the Anglican Church, especially: Our Primate The Most Revd Geoffrey Smith, Our Archbishop The Most Revd Philip Freier, and our Bishop, The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell.

For those who lead us in Government: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; Governor General David Hurley AC; Prime Minister Scott Morrison; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Katie Allen; Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews; Member for Malvern and Leader of the Opposition, Michael O'Brien.

For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: For Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

For The Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Our partner churches, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

For The Anglican Board of Mission, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, and Anglicare.

For those celebrating birthdays: Marcia Larsson on Thursday.

For those who have died, and the families who mourn them: Barbi Room, Ivan Mayes, Betty Dackas.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

For the sick and all in need: Rosemary Griffith; Maggie Perkins; Rosie Creswell; Gwen; Audrey Leeton; Jean James; Lachie Sullivan; Mary; Delta; Sue; Adrian Hall; Debra Moore; Samantha; Patricia Williams.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Teri Lawrence; Beverley Joyce; Val Hurst; Marcia Larsson; Gordon Kennett; Anne Myers; Billee Edwards; Elizabeth Johnson.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Garry Krauss, Sarah-Jane Thornton, Victoria Cook, Mary Goddard, Doris Divers.

THIS SUNDAY

8am Service

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a, read by Scott Kirkland
Second reading: Ephesians 4.1-16, read by Sam Shepherd
Gospel Reading: John 6.24-35
Intercessor: Volunteer required

Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French
Preacher: The Revd Keiron Jones

10am Service

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a, read by Scott Kirkland
Second reading: Ephesians 4.1-16, read by Michael Kirwan
Gospel Reading: John 6.24-35
Intercessor: Clergy

Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French/The Revd Keiron Jones
Preacher: The Rt. Revd. Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of Marningatha, Episcopate, The Diocese of Melbourne

NEXT SUNDAY, 8th August

8am Service

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 14, 31-33, Volunteer reader required
Second reading: Ephesians 4.25-5.2, read by Brenda Mourtiz
Gospel Reading: John 6.35, 41-51
Intercessor: Scott Kirkland

Celebrant: The Revd Keiron Jones
Preacher: The Revd Dr. Peter French

10am Service

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 14, 31-33, read by Judy Richardson
Second reading: Ephesians 4.25-5.2, Volunteer reader required
Gospel Reading: John 6.35, 41-51
Intercessor: Scott Kirkland

Celebrant: The Revd Keiron Jones
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