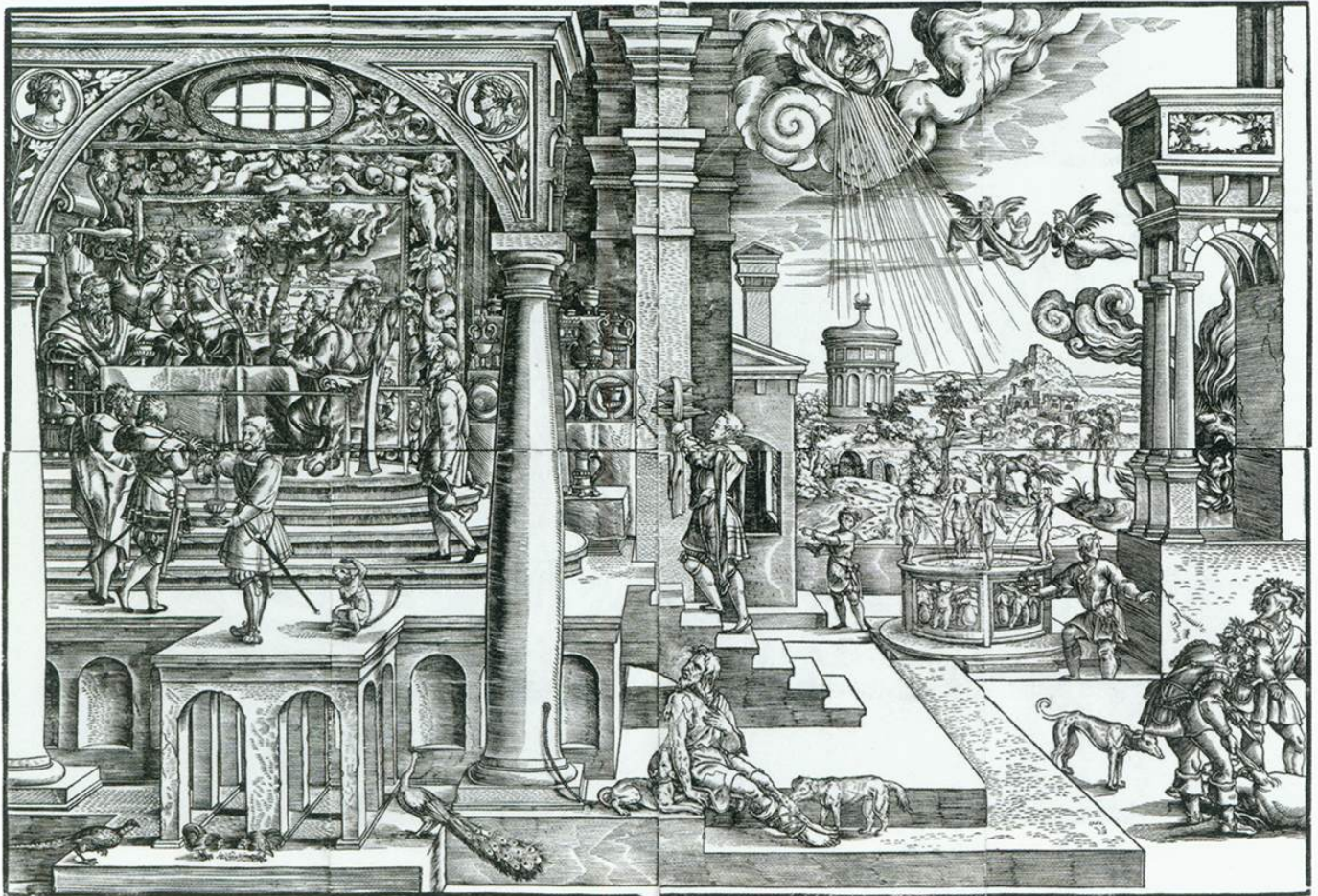




ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

25th of September, 2022

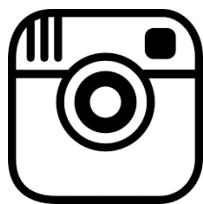
Welcome

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. 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 God, please speak with one of the clergy.

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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Cover Image

Jörg Breu the Younger *The Rich Man and Lazarus* 1534-47
Woodcut from eight woodblocks, 678 x 982 mm
Kupferstichkabinett, Gotha

The Church

The church is decorated in green today,
the liturgical colour of the Sundays following Pentecost.

As you enter the church, please ensure your phone is silent. Please also use the time before the service for prayer and quiet reflection and allow others to do the same. We stand as the clergy enter.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

THE INVOCATION

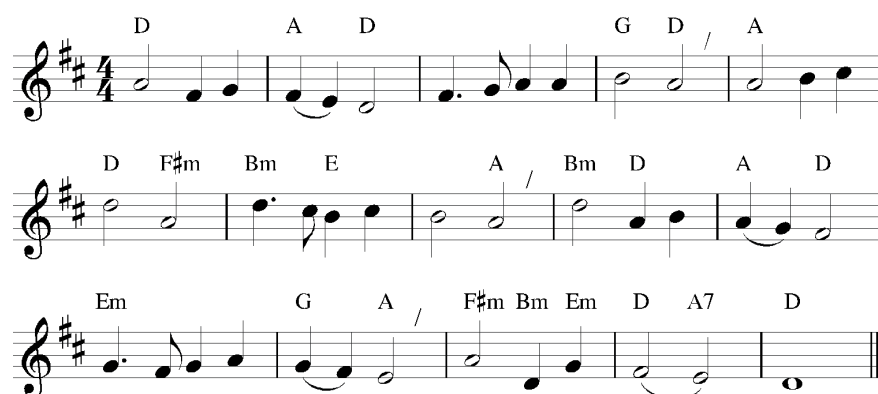
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

THE GREETING

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

HYMN 'Father of mercy' at 8am, verses 1 and 4



1. Father of mercy, God of consolation,
look on your people, gathered here to praise you:
pity our weakness, come in power to aid us,
source of all blessing.
2. Son of the Father, Lord of all creation,
come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners:
grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit,
heal us and save us.
3. Joy-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness,

come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens:
give us true courage, breathe your peace around us,
stay with us always.

4. God in three persons, Father, Son and Spirit,
come to renew us, fill your church with glory:
grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection,
foretaste of heaven.

James Quinn 1919-2010

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

CONFESSION

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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 IN EXCELSIS *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

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.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you: grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that in your light we may see light, and in your narrow path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S ADDRESS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL *At 10am, any children present are invited to the chancel step*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 32.6-15 *at 8am read by Lindsay Hosking; at 10am by James Griffith*

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord : I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; ⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord , and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord . ⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an

earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

THE PSALM Psalm 91.1-6, 91.14-16 *said together at 8am and sung by the choir at 10am*

¹ Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:

who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

² They will say to the Lord

‘You are my refuge and my stronghold:

my God in whom I trust.’

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter:

and from the destroying curse.

⁴ He will cover you with his wings,

and you will be safe under his feathers:

his faithfulness will be your shield and defence.

⁵ You shall not be afraid of any terror by night:

or of the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ Of the pestilence that walks about in darkness:

or the plague that destroys at noonday.

¹⁴ ‘You have set your love upon me,’ says the Lord,

‘and therefore I will deliver you:

I will lift you out of danger,

because you have known my name.

¹⁵ ‘When you call upon me I will answer you:

I will be with you in trouble,

I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

¹⁶ ‘With long life I will satisfy you:

and fill you with my salvation.’

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 1 Timothy 6.6-19 *at 8am read by Sam Hartley; at 10am by Barbara Brown*

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of

it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But

those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and

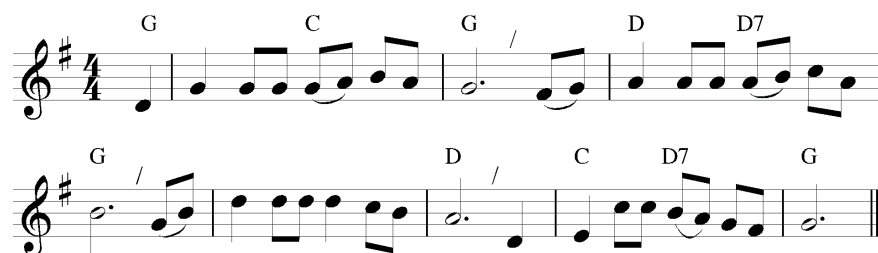
destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in

their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Please stand, if you are able, for the hymn and/or the Gospel reading

GOSPEL HYMN 'This, this is the God we adore' *sung at the 10am service only*



1. This, this is the God we adore;
our faithful, unchangeable friend;
whose love is as great as his
power,
and neither knows measure nor
end.

home;
we'll praise him for all that is
past,
and trust him for all that's to
come.

Joseph Hart 1712–68 *alt.*

2. 'Tis Jesus the first and the last
whose Spirit shall guide us safe

THE GOSPEL Luke 16.19-31

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

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

THE SERMON The Assistant Priest, The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

AT 10AM, THE ANTHEM *O be joyful* [Jubilate, Collegium Regale]
Herbert Howells (1892 – 1983)

THE NICENE CREED *said together, standing*

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *at 8am led by the clergy; at 10am, led by Keith Beecher*

The Prayers end with the following

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.

PARISH NOTICES

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

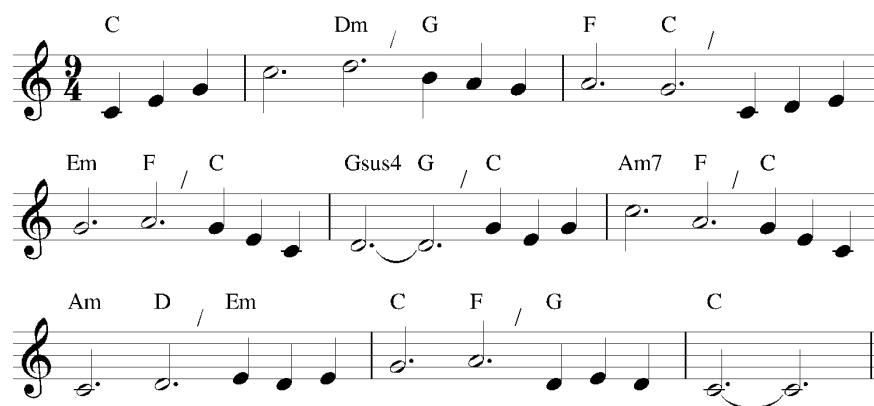
We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

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

All share with each other a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace

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, at the paypoint at the rear of the church, or by prior arrangement with the parish office.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 'This day God gives me'



1. This day God gives me
strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining,
flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning,
wind in its swiftness,
deeps of the ocean,
firmness of earth.

2. This day God sends me
strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me,
wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful,
your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking,
friend at my side.

3. God's way is my way,
God's shield is round me,

God's host defends me,
saving from ill.
Angels of heaven,
drive from me always
all that would harm me,
stand by me still.

4. Rising, I thank you,
mighty and strong One,
king of creation,
giver of rest,
firmly confessing
threeness of persons,
oneness of Godhead,
trinity blest.

James Quinn 1919- alt. adapted from 'St
Patrick's Breastplate'

PRAYERS 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING *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.


The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying/singing:

Sanctus 2

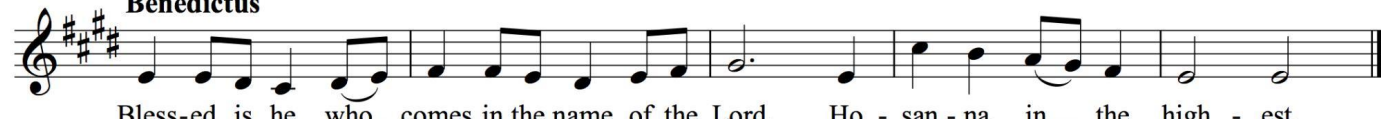


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues until the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Acclamation




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

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following

... songs of never ending praise. or ... now and for ever.

Acclamation



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

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us**

from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

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.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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

Baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is given in both kinds, consecrated bread and wine. The wine is served for intinction (for dipping of the wafer) only. If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back. If you wish for communion to be given to you in your pew, please advise an usher or another member of the congregation who will alert the clergy.

AT 10AM, COMMUNION ANTHEM *O salutaris hostia*

Herbert Howells (1892 – 1983)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *which ends with*

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 'Your hand O God has guided' at 8am verses 1 and 4

Gtr. Capo 2 D(C) Bm(Am) E7(D7) A(G)

1 Your hand, O God, has guid - ed your
 2 Your he - ralds brought glad ti - dings to
 3 Through many a day of dark - ness, through
 4 Your mer - cy will fail us, nor

D(C) A7(G7) D(C) Bm(Am)

1 flock from age to age; the won - drous tale is
 2 great - est, as to least; they bade them rise, and
 3 many a scene of strife, the faith - ful few fought
 4 leave your work un - done; with your right hand to

E7(D7) A(G) D(C) A7(G7) D(C)

1 writ - ten, full clear, on e - very page; your
 2 has - ten to share the great King's feast; and
 3 brave - ly to guard the na - tion's life. Their
 4 help us, the vic - tory shall be won; and

F#m(Em) Bm(Am) C#7(B7) F#m(Em) C#7(B7)

1 peo - ple owned your good - ness, and we their deeds re -
 2 this was all their teach - ing, in e - very deed and
 3 gos - pel of re - demp - tion, sin par - doned, earth re -
 4 then by all cre - a - tion, your name shall be a -

F#m(Em) A(G) D(C) G(F) A(G)

1 - cord; and both of this bear wit - ness: one
 2 word, to all a - like pro - claim - ing one
 3 - stored, was all in this en - fold - ed: one
 4 - dored, and this shall be our an - them: one

D(C) A(G) Bm(Am) G(F) D(C) A7(G7) D(C)

church, one faith, one Lord.

1. Your hand, O God, has guided
 your flock from age to age;
 the wondrous tale is written,
 full clear, on every page;
 your people owned your
 goodness,
 and we their deeds record;
 and both of this bear witness:
 one church, one faith, one Lord.

2. Your heralds brought glad
 tidings
 to greatest, as to least;
 they bade them rise, and hasten
 to share the great King's feast;
 and this was all their teaching,
 in every deed and word,
 to all alike proclaiming
 one church, one faith, one Lord.

3. Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-91 *alt.*

4. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les Mixtures [Suite Breve]

Jean Langlais (1907 – 1991)

As the postlude is played, please remain seated or leave quietly



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NOTICES

September is Stewardship Month at St. John's

September is Stewardship Month at St. John's where we each prayerfully and generously make our pledges of financial support to our parish. We do this now so the Vicar, Wardens and Parish Council can, with the Treasurer, prepare the church budget for the coming year, which is passed at our Annual Meeting, held this year on November 20, at 11.30am.

Our budget funds everything we do as a church: our worship, our care of the sick and the poor, the upkeep of this marvellous church, the hall and vicarage, the provision of stipends to our clergy and payment of our staff Sally and Christopher, and our provision of education and social events, alongside our commitment to the community. *Absolutely essential* to the creation of the budget, and the ability to pay for these things, is knowing how much financial support the church can expect in the coming year.

And key to that is **pledging**, that is, how much money each of us pledge to give the church over the course of the year. So this September, *please do commit to pledging to St. John's* by completing a pledge form (found in the foyer) and help the church continue its ministry and mission. The more you pledge, the more we can do! If you are new to St. John's please do make a pledge: it is fundamental to our life together and your pledge, big or small, is an essential part of being a member of this parish and, more broadly, your commitment as a Christian. If you already pledge, please make sure that your pledge continues to be made by checking your bank statement. Please also increase your regular pledge in line with inflation. Just as everyone's costs have increased, so too has the church's.

You can give on a regular basis using the Anglican Development Fund, details of which can also be found in the foyer. 95% of parishioners use this method. Any queries may be directed to our Recorder, Anne Bottomley at annebottomley@bigpond.com

Morning Tea after the 10am Service Today

Everyone is welcome to morning tea in the Church Hall following the 10am Service, A donation is appreciated to support its cost.

Covid Safety Measures, Zoom Link and Communion Instructions

It is strongly recommended that we continue to wear masks, to physically distance and to avoid physical contact with each other. Our regular 10am Sunday service is now also being streamed by Zoom. The link is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82272920751?pwd=dzVJM1g4WmdadXA2YWtzMElUazloQT09>

Meeting ID: 822 7292 0751 Passcode: 020732

Communion will still be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) *but the wine for intinction only*. Please ensure that you dip only the wafer into the consecrated wine (and not your fingers!) Those who do not wish to receive the wine may simply not do so. Those requesting a blessing should ask the clergy at the communion rail.

Sunday School

If you are between the ages of 3-12, come join the fun learning at Sunday School during the 10am service each Sunday during school term. We encourage parents to bring their children to the 10am service, who will then gather in the Whitney King Room in the Church Hall, for the middle part of the service. The trained and child-safety certified Sunday School teachers will lead exciting activities, songs, crafts, games and stories. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 9826 1434, or at enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org

Toorak Op Shop Needs Volunteers!

Our Op Shop needs volunteers to staff the shop during weekdays. Please contact the Office if you are able to give of your time in supporting the many emergency and homeless services our Op Shop supports. Please speak with current Op Shop volunteers Amanda Bagot, Julie Osbourne, Jane Anderson or Eissa Kartalae, or the clergy, for more details.

Be part of our Sunday Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our volunteers. If you would like to assist with any duties please contact the parish office or fill in the roster form by scanning the QR code to the left or visit <https://forms.gle/QBKp1WUiq1E8rFze8>

The rosters for September and October are now available [here](#)



The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to the September 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 Assistant Curate Lydia has Monday and Vicar Peter has Friday. Wendy works Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday only. 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.

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Parish Office Closed September 22 - 27

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 27 September.

Vicar Away

Our Vicar Peter is away on annual leave until October 3.

Visit of Archbishop of Canterbury, October 9, at 6.30pm, St. Paul's Cathedral

Three tickets for this service will be given to each parish, alongside those given to the clergy. Further details to come.

Blessing of the Pets, October 16, 4 - 6pm

The Annual Blessing of the Pets Service will take place on the South Lawn on October 16 from 4 until 6pm. Everyone is invited to bring along their pets to be

blessed. Drinks will be served and information and an opportunity to support the work of Save-a-Dog Malvern will also be included.

Annual Meeting, Sunday November 20

The Annual Meeting of parishioners will be held this year on Sunday November 20 at the conclusion of the 10am service that day, commencing at approximately 11.30am in the church.

Advent Quiet Morning, December 3, 10am-1pm

Entering the Advent Space, St. John's Church and Garden. More details to come. This quiet day is part of our Spiritual Growth Program.

Support St. John's

Your support of St. John's is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly to: St. John's Anglican Church General Account, Westpac, 509 Toorak Road, Toorak, Victoria, 3142, Australia. Account Name is St. John's Anglican Church. BSB is 033 086. Account No. is 871931. For international transfers please include SWIFT code WPACAU2S.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi (Bp Sixbert Macumi); The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); St Stephen's Gardenvale (Paul Carr, Elsa Carr); City on a Hill Geelong (Andrew Grills, Lynette Pearson, Peter Taylor, Luke Nelson); St Matthew's Ashburton – 75th anniversary (Abp Philip Freier); St George's East Ivanhoe – Choral Evensong Celebration 50th anniversary of ordination of Noel Whale (Abp Philip Freier); St Peter's Craigieburn – Pastoral Service, Building Anniversary (Bp Kate Prowd); St Michael's & St Luke's North Dandenong – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Christ Church Berwick – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker).

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: His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General David Hurley AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah; Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews.

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: Jane Anderson and Peter French on Saturday.

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: Rosie Creswell; Gwen; Jean James; Lachie Sullivan; Mary; Sue; Samantha; Matthew; Mike; Tracey; Sam; Stella Jongebreur; Bruce Fordham; James; Sam.

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

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: James Menoudakis; Betty Steele; Anne Isaacson; Patricia Jamieson; William Stokes; Jennifer Mitchell .

For those who have died and their families who mourn them: Sally Reed, Rowena Weir, Stuart Ritson, John Gidney Pennell.

This Week at St. John's

WEDNESDAY, 28 September
7pm Eucharist, Angel Chapel

Next Sunday, 2 October FESTIVAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

8am Said Eucharist

First Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14, Dougal Colhoun
Second Reading: Revelation 12.7-12a, Fiona McLeay
Gospel Reading: John 1.45-51
Intercessor: Volunteer required
Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

10am Sung Eucharist

First Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14, James Griffith
Second Reading: Revelation 12.7-12a, Volunteer required
Gospel Reading: John 1.45-51
Intercessor: Jenny Smith
Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch
Morning Tea: tbc



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