



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*With the Rites of Baptism, Confirmation &
Reception into the Anglican Church*

19 October, 2025
10am

Welcome

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.

Worship

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

Mission

Our mission is to know and love Christ and neighbour. We actively follow Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. We 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.

Visitors

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.

The Church

The church is decorated in white today, the liturgical colour of Principal Services, especially those where the Holy Spirit is invoked, such as Baptism and Confirmation. White symbolises purity, light, glory, and joy.

Cover Image

The Sacrament of Confirmation, Jacques Dumont 'Le Romain' (1704-1781,
Oil on canvas, 18th Century
Private collection.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge we meet on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.



@stjohnstoorak



As you enter the church, please ensure your phone is switched off or on silent and use the time before the service for prayer or quiet reflection, allowing others to do the same

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Please stand when the procession enters the church

PRELUDE No. 3 from *Vesper Voluntaries*, Op 14, Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

THE INVOCATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

GREETING

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

HYMN 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'



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| 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is
your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration. | 3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is
in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come
now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him. |
| 2. Praise to the Lord, who when
darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do
triumph, our best hopes
confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding. | |

Joachim Neander 1650-80
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 & others
LOBE DEN HERREN (TIS 111)

We remain standing

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. We have come together to obey that command.

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 baptised and confirmed will be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the ministry and service to which God shall call them.

Christians who have been fully initiated in another tradition may be admitted to communicant membership of the Anglican Church through the rite of reception.

So we welcome you, Elise, Scarlett, Joel and John, 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 *sung together*

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O Lord, tireless guardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 31.27-34 *read by Scott Walker*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord : I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord ', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord ; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

THE PSALM Psalm 121 *sung by the choir*

I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.

The Lord will defend you from all evil:

it is he who will guard your life.

The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:

from this time forward for evermore.

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.

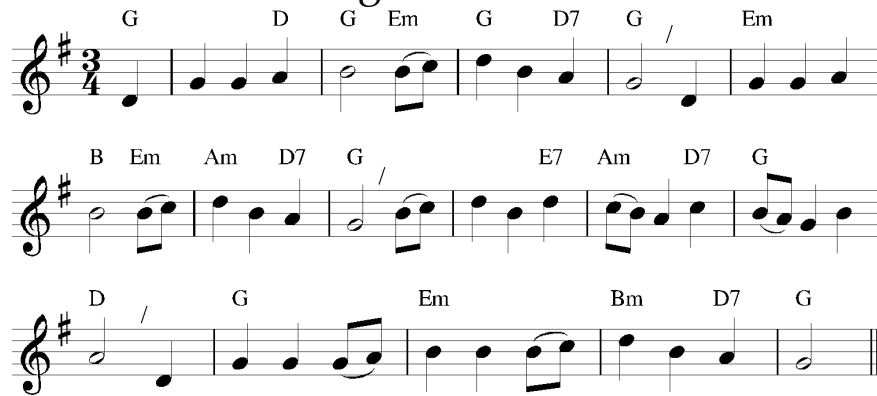
THE SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 *read by Anthony Mannering*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

THE GRADUAL HYMN 'In water we grow'



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| <p>1. In water we grow,
secure in the womb,
and speechlessly know
love's safety and room.
Baptizing and blessing
we publish for good
the freeing, caressing
safe keeping of God.</p> | <p>3. In water we dive,
and cannot draw breath,
then surface alive,
rebounding from death.
Our old self goes under,
in Christ dead and drowned.
We rise, washed in wonder,
by love clad and crowned.</p> |
| <p>2. In water we wash:
the dirt of each day,
its trouble and rush
are carried away.
In Christ re-created
by love's cleansing art,
self-will and self-hatred
dissolve and depart.</p> | <p>4. In water we dwell,
for by its deep flow
through bloodstream and cell,
we live, think, and grow.
Praise God, love outflowing,
whose well of new birth
baptizes our knowing,
and waters the earth.</p> |

Brian Arthur Wren 1936-
PADERBORN (TiS 494)

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel, turning to face it as it is read

THE GOSPEL Luke 18.1-8

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.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this

widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.” ‘ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

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

THE SERMON The Rt Revd Dr Alison Taylor AM
Interim Assistant Bishop of Melbourne,
Marningatha Episcopate

THE ANTHEM ‘Thou knowest, Lord, the secret of our hearts’
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE PRESENTATION

All candidates are invited to come forward, with their sponsors

The priest makes the following invitation

We welcome Elise who comes to be baptised. I invite her sponsor to present her now.

Elise's sponsor says

I present Elise Robin Kennett to be baptised

The bishop makes the following invitation

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

Each sponsor in turn says

I present *Name* to be confirmed

The bishop makes the following invitation

We welcome John who comes to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church. I invite his sponsor to present him now.

The sponsor says

I present John Patrick Foley to be received into membership of the Anglican Church

THE DECISION

The priest says to the candidates to be baptised and confirmed

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.**

The priest says to the candidates and sponsors

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 priest says to the congregation

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

The priest 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.**

The priest says to the congregation

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. **Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that she who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The priest then says to 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 priest says to the whole congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

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

THE BAPTISM

Elise is brought to the water

Elise Robin Kennett, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

And Elise answers with their sponsors and the congregation

Amen.

With Holy Chrism, the priest makes a cross on the forehead of Elise, saying

Elise, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

The priest addresses the Elise

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. I anoint your eyes so you see God in everyone, your ears so you hear the cry of the poor, your hands so everything you touch is a sacrament, your feet so you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your life and your love, changes everything.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith. Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

Elise is given a baptismal candle with these words

God has brought you out of darkness into God's marvellous light.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into God's Church. **We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

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.

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, all pray

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 RECEPTION

The candidate is presented by the priest and their sponsor

John Patrick Foley has already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of the Roman Catholic Church. He now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seek our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

The bishop says to the candidate

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order?

I do.

Taking him by the hand the bishop welcomes John with these words

We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church. **We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.**

The bishop says

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

Let us pray. God of wisdom and love, source of all good, by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servant John Patrick Foley and guide him in your way of peace and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

John kneels and the bishop lays hands on his head saying

John may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom in the fellowship of his Church. God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless, preserve and keep you. **Amen.**

THE PARISH NOTICES

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

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

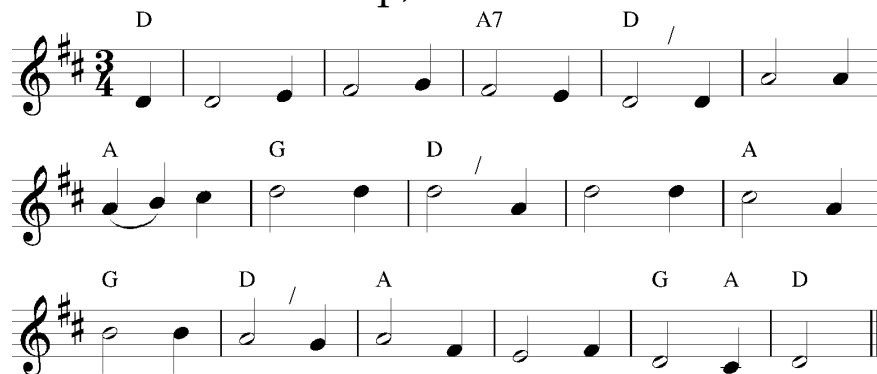
*All share with each other a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace
Feel free to come and share peace with those people joining us on Zoom*

OFFERTORY

As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, a monetary collection for the life of St. John's is taken. Please give by contributing to the collection plate, at the paypoint at the rear of the church or by scanning the QR code.



OFFERTORY HYMN 'O love how deep, how broad'



1. O love how deep, how broad, how high!
it fills the heart with ecstasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
3. For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions,
thus
still seeking not himself but us.
4. For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.
5. To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

Attrib. Thomas à Kempis 1379-1471 *tr.* Benjamin Webb 1819-85 *alt.* PENLAN (TiS 588)

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 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 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.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to 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.

Acclamation



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are yours for



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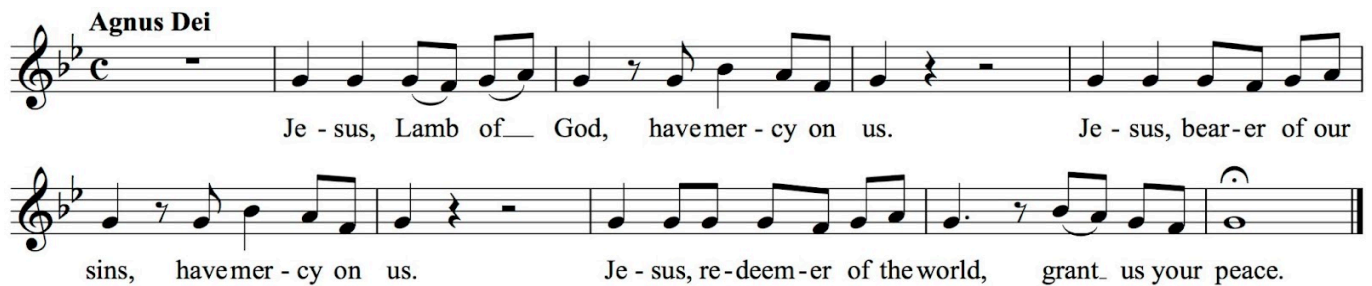
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 THE 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



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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the altar and those baptised are welcome to receive Communion. Holy Communion is distributed via a chalice from which to sip or a separate chalice into which the bread may be intincted (dipped). If you wish to receive the bread only that is perfectly appropriate. Gluten free wafers are available on request. A blessing only is also available, please simply ask one of the clergy at the altar rail.

COMMUNION ANTHEM 'God be in my head'

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand*

The prayer ends with the following

**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 'O God beyond all praising'



O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Michael A. Perry (1982)
THAXTED Hymns Ancient and Modern 743

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata and Fugue, Anon., Italian (18th century)*

As the postlude is played please remain seated or leave quietly



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*Congratulations to those who have been baptised, confirmed & received into
the Anglican Church today!*

Joel Alon, John Foley, Elise Kennett and Scarlett Pennell.

Many thanks to our Bishop, The Rt Revd Dr Alison Taylor AM.



Support St John's, Toorak

Your support of St John's is greatly appreciated!

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St. John's Anglican Church General Account, Westpac

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Wednesday Night Service

You are invited to join us each week, Wednesday at 7pm,
for Eucharist in the Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels.
The service is usually followed with supper and fellowship.
All are welcome. We hope to see you there!



CURRENT NOTICES

Thank you for your pledge!

Many thanks for those who took time to consider their financial contribution to St. John's during *Stewardship September* and returned a pledge form before, on or after *Gift Sunday*. Because of your commitment and generosity, we are able to budget for the coming year. For those who have not yet returned their pledge, it is not too late! We will continue to accept pledges in the coming weeks as we continue preparations for our Annual Meeting.

A St John's Soirée, Friday 24 October, at 7pm

Join us for a wonderful evening of music, theatrical entertainment, fellowship and light refreshments. Invite your family and friends. All are welcome. Tickets are \$30. Concession \$20. All proceeds to St. John's Church & Music Programme. Scan the QR code or go to events.humanitix.com/a-st-john-s-soiree to book your tickets!



All Souls Day Service, Thursday 30 October, at 7pm

Each All Souls' Day we remember the faithful departed in a service of remembrance, prayer, scripture and music. Please join us as we commend the departed to God and join with many other people who also both mourn and give thanks for loved family members and friends who have died. You are welcome to bring a framed photo on the evening to be displayed. If you would like your dearly departed's name to be read during the service please complete the form [here](#), in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office.

Remembrance Day Service, Sunday 9 November, at 10am

On Sunday 9 November we will be joined by members of the Toorak RSL Sub-branch for our annual Remembrance Day Service. This year is particularly significant as we mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII.

Annual Archbishop's Dinner, Wednesday 19 November, 6pm

In support of Trinity College Theological School's *Building Our Future Appeal*, join us for auctions, entertainment and a three-course dinner hosted by Bishop Administrator Genieve Blackwell. Evensong at 6pm in Trinity College Chapel, followed by Dinner at 6.45pm in the A C C Farran Hall, Trinity College. RSVP by Wednesday 12 November, 2025. To book tickets, make a donation, place a silent auction bid or purchase raffle tickets trybooking.com/DETAO Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au (03) 8341 0216

REGULAR NOTICES

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

St. John's is committed to safeguarding all people and protecting their wellbeing, including young and vulnerable people, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and children with diverse needs. All relevant staff and volunteers are trained in child safety and have appropriate clearance for service or ministry. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of children in this parish, contact Kooyoora on 1800 135 246 or www.kooyoora.org.au. If you have concerns about your wellbeing or that of another churchgoer, please contact the clergy.

Pastoral Care

Clergy and members of the Pastoral Care Team offer pastoral care on a regular basis to parishioners as well as to those who specifically request it. This may include Home Communion. They also visit local hospitals at the request of patients, family, friends or staff with the consent of the recipient. Clergy and Lay Pastoral Carers visit a number of local Aged Care facilities on a regular, usually monthly, basis. Parishioners and others are welcome to phone the church office to arrange a home visit by the clergy or a lay pastoral carer. Those who are no longer able to attend usual services at the church are visited on a regular basis.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA) and Prayer Diary

The latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to the October Prayer Diary is [here](#).

Contribute to Worship Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our wonderful volunteers. The rosters for this month are available [here](#). And you will note that volunteering for morning tea has now been added to the list of duties. If you can help fill any of the gaps please contact the parish office. Thanks in advance.

Parish Council

Parish council meets monthly, and minutes are available on request.

Communion Instructions

All are welcome at the altar and those baptised are welcome to receive Communion. Holy Communion is distributed via a chalice from which to sip or, a separate chalice into which the bread may be intincted (dipped). If you wish to simply receive the bread only that is perfectly appropriate. Gluten free wafers are available on request. A blessing only is also available.

Zoom Link

Our 10am Sunday service is streamed here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86212089431?pwd=ZEN2M2xWRHRhMVhxTWWhwcmVwTzFEEdz09> Meeting ID: 862 1208 9431 | Passcode: 541347

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 Wendy usually 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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers for Victims of War: Give comfort, O Lord, to all who are torn away from their homes and their loved ones, by war, by famine, or by cruelty; give the world your peace and turn the hearts of those who will to war; grant that we who dwell secure in this insecure world may be generous in caring for our displaced brothers and sisters, of all faiths and none. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: St Peter's Melbourne (Michael Bowie, Cara Greenham Hancock); The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod, Sophie Relf-Christopher, Clergy & People); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); The Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Kaziimba); Mt Eliza Anglican Church – Anniversary service (Bp Paul Barker); St Stephen's Richmond – Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd);

For the Anglican Church: The Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, The Most Revd Geoffrey Smith; Archbishop-elect of the Diocese of Melbourne, The Rt Revd Dr Richard (Ric) Thorpe; Diocesan Administrator The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell; and Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Marningatha Episcopate, The Rt Revd Alison Taylor.

For those who lead us in Government: His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General Sam Mostyn AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Member for Kooyong, Dr. Monique Ryan; Premier of Victoria, Jacinta Allan; and, Member for Prahran, Rachel Westaway.

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 our Neighbours: Our partner churches in the Toorak Ecumenical Movement, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church; and our friends at the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation.

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

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Nicole Ginnane; St Catherine's School, Principal Natalie Charles; and Toorak Primary School Principal Suada Dzaferovic.

For the sick and all in need: Nichole, Joanna, Ivan, Anthea, Joan, James, Karen, Trisha, Emma, Thomas, Rod, Robyn, Stephen, Stella, Louis, Nina, Bissie, Jane, Naomi, Rosie, John, Alina & Maria.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Angela, Elizabeth, Russ, Sue & Nancy.

For those who have died and their families who mourn them: Beverley Joyce & Ross Van Prooyen.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Mollie Connolly (1997); Ken Ritson (2013); Fred Spittel (2023); James Crow (2015); Janet Gilfillan (2019); Constance Blomfield (1988) & Geoffrey Brewer (1999).

MUSIC COMMENTARY

PRELUDE: No. 3 from *Vesper Voluntaries*, Op 14. - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The *Vesper Voluntaries* set consists of eight numbered pieces with an Introduction and Coda to begin and end, plus an Intermezzo between Nos. 4 and 5. Whilst they can be played separately, Elgar evidently had it in mind that they could also be played as a group, as it appears that he planned a coherent sequence of keys. The pieces are written on two staves, and whilst pedals are indicated they are understood to be optional.

ART COMMENTARY

The art on today's pewsheet is by French artist, *Jacques Dumont*, also known as 'Le Romain'. Dumont was often called 'le Romain' because of his youthful residence at Rome and to distinguish him from other artists named Dumont, notably his fellow-academician Jean-Joseph Dumont. His father, Pierre, was a court sculptor to the Duke of Lorraine and his elder brother, François, was also a sculptor.

Dumont specialized in religious painting. This particular painting was commissioned by the local church to commemorate the confirmation of a youth group from the parish. The painting was an immediate success and became one of Dumont's most famous works.

Dumont's artistic style is clearly visible in the painting, with his use of the *chiaroscuro* technique to create a dramatic and realistic effect. The composition is impressive, with the group of young people preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation in the center of the painting, surrounded by the bishops and priests who guide them on their spiritual journey. The use of color is also notable in the painting, with a palette of warm, rich tones creating an atmosphere of solemnity and spirituality. The light coming through the window behind the youth creates a heavenly lighting effect that highlights the importance of the sacrament they are about to receive.



This Week

SUNDAY, 19 October 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Said Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

with the Rites of Baptism, Confirmation &
Reception into the Anglican Church

MONDAY, 20 October 2025

10am Memorial Service for Beverley Joyce

WEDNESDAY, 22 October 2025

7pm Eucharist, in the Angel Chapel

FRIDAY, 24 October 2025

12pm Funeral Service for Ross Van Prooyen

7pm St. John's Soirée, in Buxton Hall



Next Sunday, 26 October

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist

First Reading: *Joel 2:23-32*, Brenda Mouritz

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*, Ted Mouritz

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*

Intercessor: Brenda Mouritz

Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

10am Eucharist

First Reading: *Joel 2:23-32*, Richard Uglow

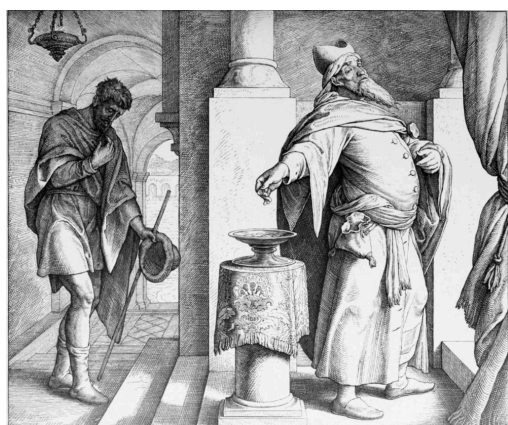
Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*, Suzanne Cooper

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:9-14*

Intercessor: Richard Uglow

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Morning Tea: Kari Gleeson, Amanda &
Christopher Bagot



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