ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



Remembrance Sunday

8 November, 2026

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 symbolising purity, grace, and, ultimately, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. White is also used for Feast Days, weddings and funerals.

Cover Image

Pro Humanitate, Hilda Rix Nicholas (1884-1961),
1917, oil on canvas
Australian War Memorial, Campbell, ACT.

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.

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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 as the procession enters the church

PRELUDE 'Berceuse' from *Vingt-quatre pièces en style libre*, Op. 31
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

THE INVOCATION

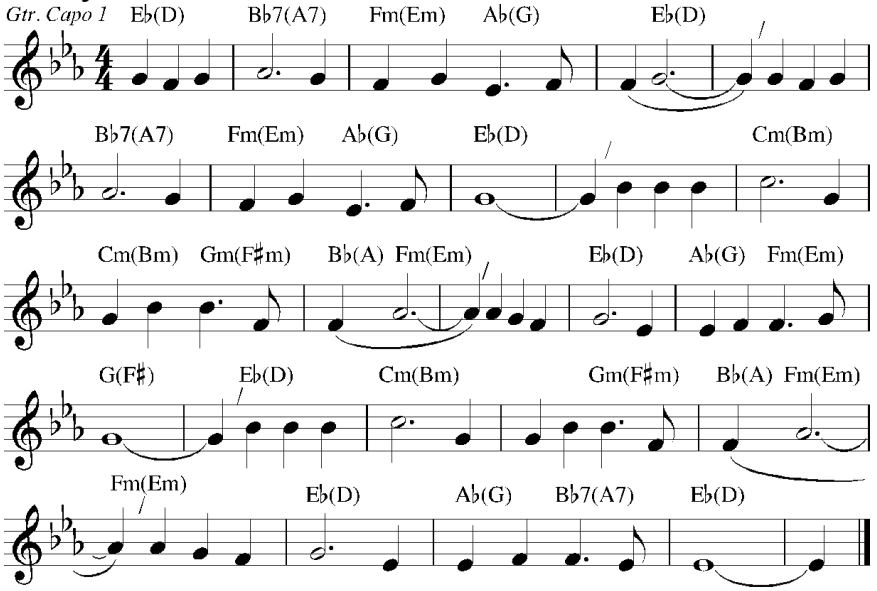
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

GREETING

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

We meet in the presence of God on this day of remembrance. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability or pain continue to suffer the consequences of war. We remember with great thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

HYMN 'Be still, my soul'



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore
the trust and hope that strengthened you before.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel 1697–?
tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick 1813–97 *alt.*
FINLANDIA (TiS 123)

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

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world: its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all people.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy. We remember those who in time of war faithfully serve their country. We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost. Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation and neither learn war any more. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE REMEMBRANCE

THE LAYING OF MEMORIAL WREATHES

The congregation continues to stand as the Organist plays 'The Dead March' *from 'Saul,' by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). Those with wreaths are invited to place them at the altar.*

Let us now remember with both sadness and gratitude all who, in the defence of our country and of freedom, and for the triumph of liberty, truth, and justice, have given up their lives. We pray especially for the grandparents and parents, siblings, spouses, and other relatives, comrades and friends, of the men and women of The Australian, New Zealand, British and American Defence Forces and those who fought alongside them. Hallowed in Christ is the memory of the brave who died in wars. They fell in the course of doing their duty.

THE ODE *Mike Fogarty, Toorak RSL Sub-branch*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them. *The League Ode, 1921*

THE 'LAST POST' *played by Hamish Beedell*

Silence is observed. After which Mike Fogarty says

Lest we forget: **Lest we forget.**

THE 'ROUSE' *played by Hamish Beedell*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA

Australians all, let us rejoice,
for we are one and free;
we've golden soil and wealth for toil,
our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
of beauty rich and rare;
in history's page, let every stage
advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing:
Advance, Australia fair!

Please be seated
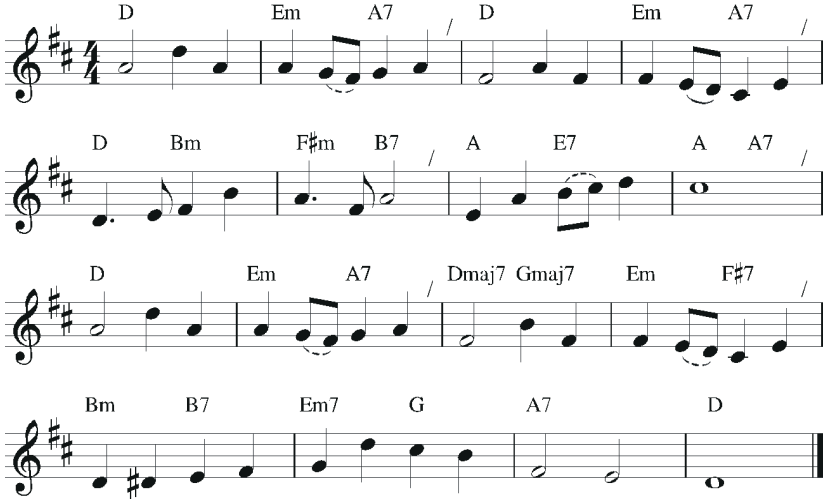
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1-4 *read by Craig McConaghy, Toorak RSL Sub-branch President*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 46 *sung together*



1. God is our strength and refuge,
   our present help in trouble;
   and we therefore will not fear,
   though the earth should change!
   Though mountains shake and tremble,
   though swirling floods are raging,
   God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

2. There is a flowing river,
   within God's holy city;
   God is in the midst of her -
   she shall not be moved!
   God's help is swiftly given,
   thrones vanish at his presence -
   God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

3. Come, see the works of our maker,
   learn of His deeds all powerful;
   wars will cease across the world
   when He shatters the spear!
   Be still and know your creator,
   uplift Him in the nations -
   God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
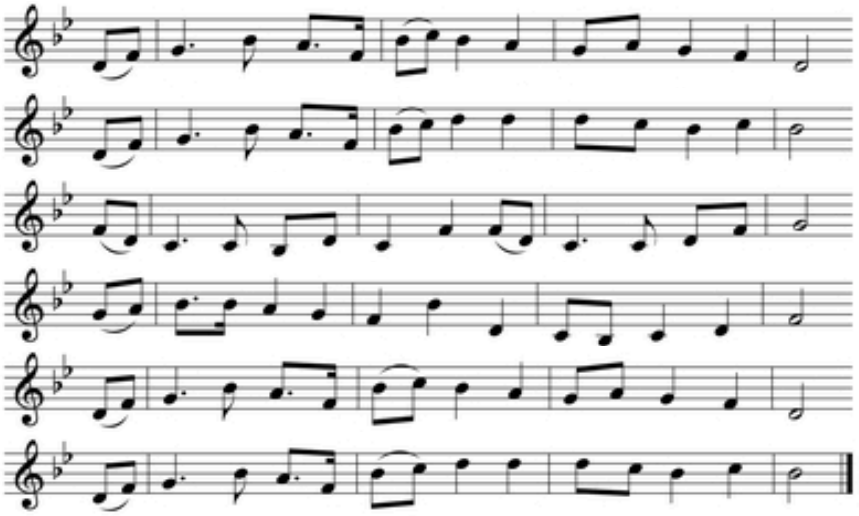
Richard Thomas Bewes (1934—)
Eric Coates (1886-1958)
DAMBUSTERS MARCH (TiS 28)

THE SECOND READING Romans 8.31-39 *read by John Lines AM, Toorak RSL Sub-branch*

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN ‘I vow to thee my country’



I vow to thee my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love;
the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test.
That lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her king,
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase
and her ways are ways of
gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice (1859—1918)
Gustav Holst (1874—1934) John Keble
1792–1866 (vv. 1, 3) and others THAXTED

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL John 14.1–6

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

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

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do

not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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

THE SERMON The Assistant Priest, The Revd Kathryn Watt

THE ANTHEM 'And I saw a new heaven' *Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)*

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 *led by students from St. Catherine's School, Toorak*

Ellyse Buckley, Year 9

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

Coco Williams, Year 9

For service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

Alexandra Pitt, Year 9
For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

Serena Ma, Year 9
For all members of the defence forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

Charlotte Morris, Year 9
For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

Camilla Thomas, Year 9
For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace. **God give peace.**

Olivia Bingham, Year 9
For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace. **God give peace**

Olive Breakwell-Smith, Year 9
O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PARISH NOTICES

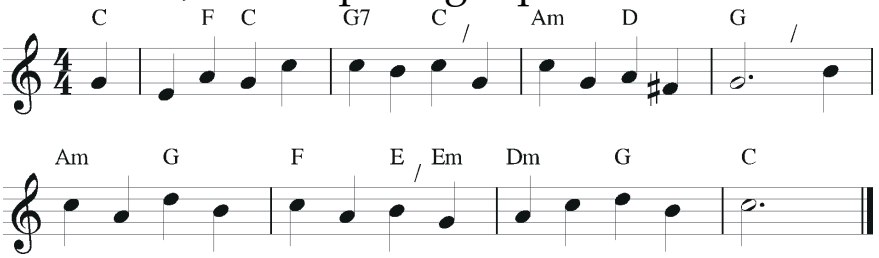
THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*
We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

All share with each other a 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 God, our help in ages past'



1. Our God, our help in ages past,
   our hope for years to come,
   our shelter from the stormy blast,
   and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of your throne
   your saints have dwelt secure:
   sufficient is your arm alone,
   and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
   or earth received its frame,
   from everlasting you are God,
   to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
   are like an evening gone:
   short as the watch that ends the night
   before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
   bears all of us away;
   we fly forgotten, as a dream
   dies at the opening day.

6. Our God, our help in ages past,
   our hope for years to come,
   remain our guard while troubles last,
   and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 *alt.*
ST ANNE (TiS 47)

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.**

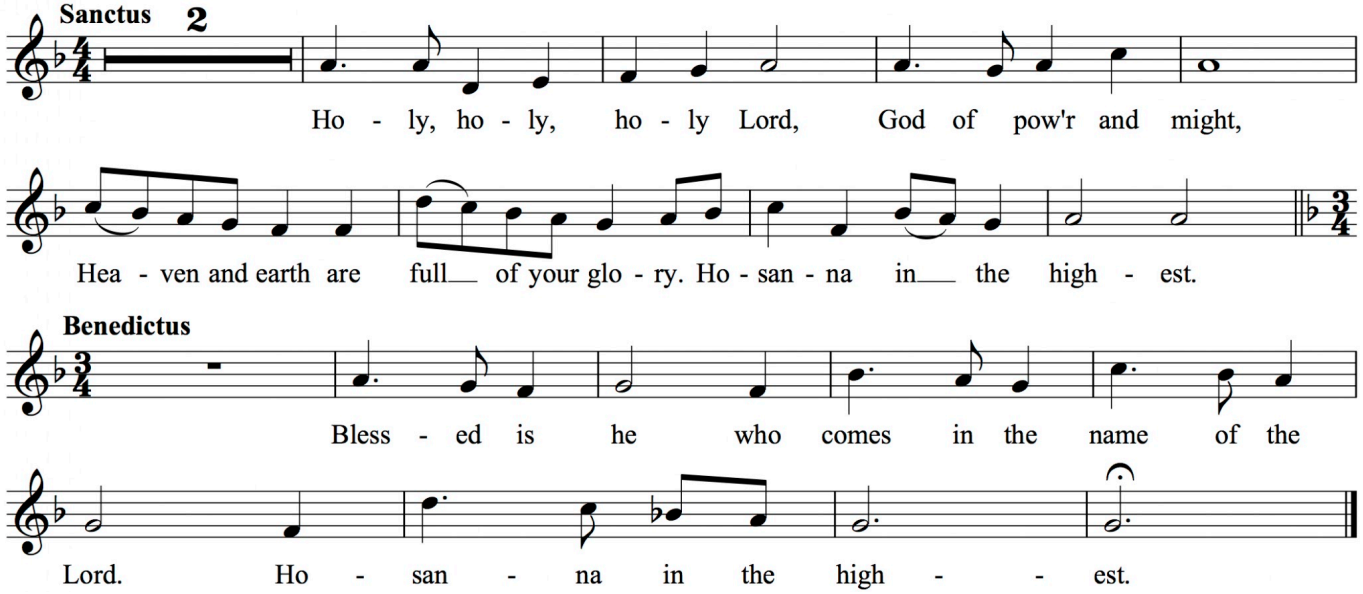
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.
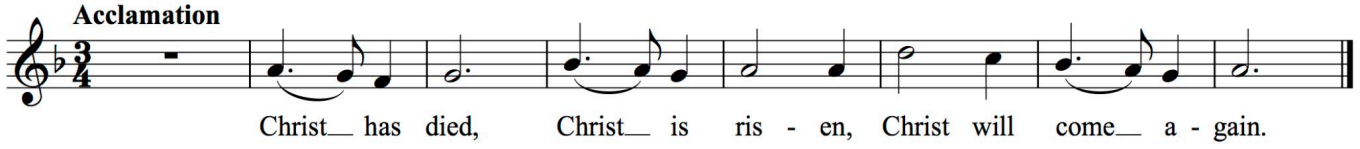
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

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:



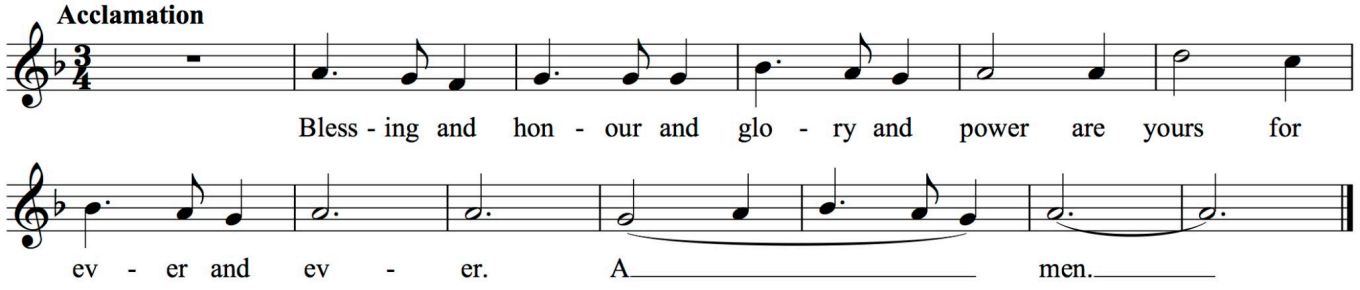
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

…Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following

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



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

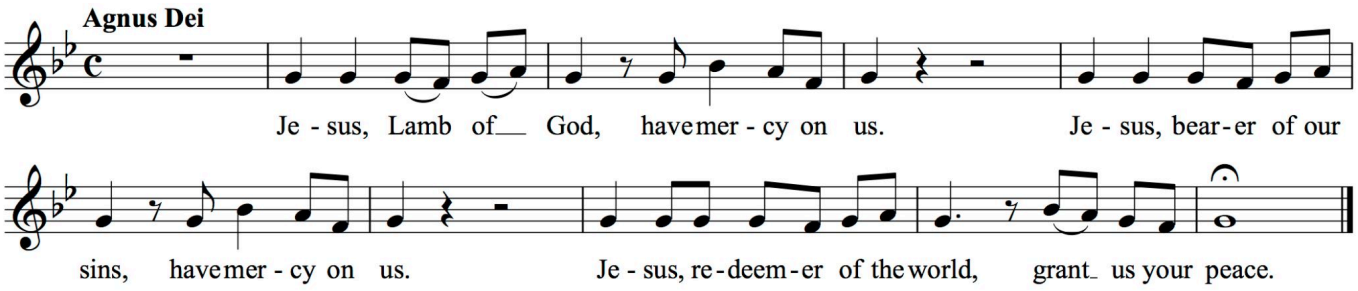
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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



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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is available as consecrated bread, which is given to each person, and wine which may be drunk from the chalice. A separate chalice for intinction (dipped) is also provided. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate this by keeping your arms behind your back. Gluten free wafers are available on request.
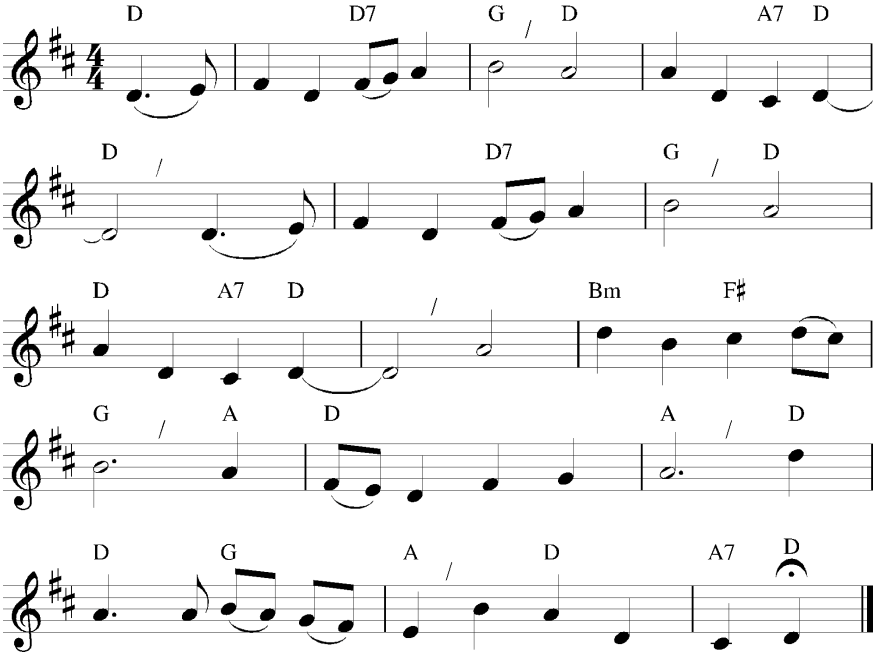
COMMUNION ANTHEM 'Thou knowest, Lord, the secret of our hearts'
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We pray for ourselves in the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

FINAL HYMN ‘Who would true valour see’



1. Who would true valour see,
let them come hither;
those here will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There’s no discouragement
shall make them once relent
each from a vowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2. Those who beset them round
with dismal stories
cannot the brave confound:
their strength the more is.
No lion can them fright,
they’ll with a giant fight,
but each will have a right
to be a pilgrim.

3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt their spirit:
they know they at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away;
they’ll scorn what people say,
and each work night and day
to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan 1628–88 *alt.*
MONKSGATE (TiS 561)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE ‘Nimrod' from *Enigma Variations* *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

As the postlude is played please remain seated or leave quietly

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WITH THANKS TO OUR USHERS

Zoe Katsambanis, Sunny Xu, Chloe Deane Freeman,
Pippa Miller, Anna Roosenburg, & Issy Byrne



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!



Support St John's, Toorak

Your support of St John's is greatly appreciated!
Donations can be made directly to:
Account Name: St John's Anglican Church | BSB: 033 086 | Account: 871931.
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CURRENT NOTICES

Electoral Roll Review Now until November 8
In preparation for our upcoming Annual Meeting, the St. John's Electoral Roll is currently being revised in accordance with Diocesan requirements. All parishioners are encouraged to check that their details are up to date. You can review the current Electoral Roll and check eligibility guidelines in the Narthex today, or contact the Parish Office enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org

Meet Amelia Hamer, Sunday 15 November
On Sunday 15 November, member of St. John's Amelia Hamer (Liberal candidate for Malvern) will be available to speak with parishioners at morning tea.

Annual Archbishop's Dinner, Wednesday 18 November
Join the Most Revd Dr Ric Thorpe, Archbishop of Melbourne, and his wife, Louie, for their inaugural year hosting Trinity College Theological School's flagship fundraising event. This special evening marks the launch of *The Next 150*, a new fund established to celebrate the Theological School's upcoming 150th anniversary in 2027. Enjoy a three-course dinner, live and silent auctions, and entertainment. Evensong: 6pm, Trinity College Chapel | Dinner: 6:45pm, A C C Farran Hall |Dress Code: Lounge suit | Tickets: $120 per person|Bookings: trybooking.com/au/event/1628440 RSVP: Wednesday 11 November | Enquiries: events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au Please notify the parish office of your attendance for potential car-pooling opportunities.

Annual Meeting, Sunday 29 November at 11.30am
All members of the parish are invited to the Annual Meeting, to be held in the church. Those on the Electoral Roll may vote but all are invited. This is an important event in the life and affairs of the parish so all are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Hampers for the Homeless
Anglicare Victoria's Homeless Support Services is once again collecting donations to create festive hampers for people experiencing homelessness. Requested Items:

- **Christmas Treats:** Small Christmas puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread, chocolates, lollies, biscuits, and crackers.
- **Pantry Goods:** Ring-pull tins of ham (not Spam), turkey, or chicken; sachets of liquid gravy; long-life custard; jams/spreads; and UHT milk (6-packs).
- **Beverage Supplies:** Cans of soft drink, tea bags (small packets), sugar sachets, and small jars/packets of instant coffee or hot chocolate.
- **Toiletries:** Basic travel/hotel-sized toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, safety razors).

Please drop off donations at St Mark's Fitzroy by **Friday, 4 December** (earlier is greatly appreciated). Note: Please call ahead prior to delivery so volunteers are ready to receive items. Thank you for helping bring joy to those in need this festive season!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

A Prayer 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: Archbishop in Council and diocesan governance; for wisdom, integrity, faithful stewardship and decisions that serve the Church's mission across Melbourne and Geelong.

For the Anglican Church: Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Sarah Mullally; Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, The Rt Revd Dr Mark Short; Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Revd Dr Ric Thorpe; and, Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Nunawading Episcopate, The Rt Revd Ben Wong.

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, Ben Carroll; and, Member for Malvern, 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 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 those celebrating birthdays: Zachary Hamilton-Russell.

For the sick and all in need: Nichole, Joanna, James, Karen, Trisha, Daphne, Thomas, Rod, Stephen, Stella, Louis, Nina, Bissie, Jane, Rosie, Alina, Maria, Diana, Briody & Hazel.

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

For those who have died and their families who mourn them: Fiona Baillieu & Susan Moorshead.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Erica Gregory (2024); Matthew Higgs (2022); John Lancaster (2021); Richard Humphries (2017); Claire Rouse (2021); John Poland (2020); Gloria Reidy (2024); Judy Gronow (2020); Malcolm Shepherd (2016); Pat Holdenson (2024); Ross Herron (2017); Betty Lamerton (2016); Gwynneth Brett (2017); Joyce Pettigrew (2018) & Nancy Pearson (2025).

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.

Prayer Diary
The link to the December 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:
us06web.zoom.us/j/86212089431?pwd=ZEN2M2xWRHRhMVhxTWhwcmVwTzFEdz09
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. Our Assistant Priest Kathryn works Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Our Curate Victoria works Sunday, Monday and Wednesdays. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, emailing them, or visiting the Vicarage, on these days. Thank you.

MUSIC COMMENTARY

PRELUDE 'Berceuse' from *Vingt-quatre pièces en style libre*, Op. 31

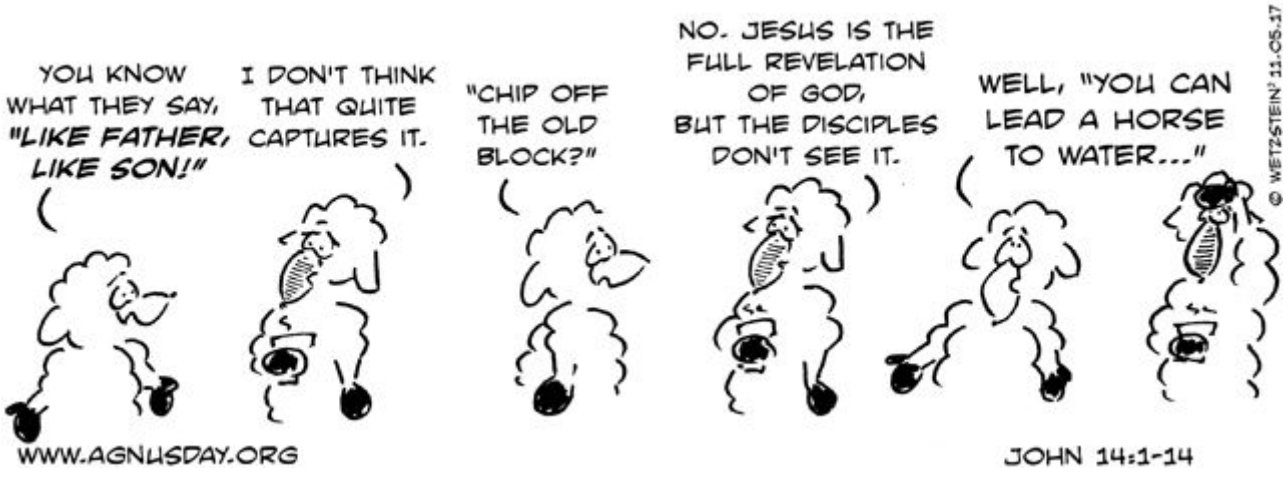
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Vierne was a French organist, composer, and teacher of the late 19th and early 20th Century. He was organist of Notre-Dame de Paris from 1900 until his death in 1937, and as a composer focused on composing music for organ, including six organ symphonies and a *Messe solennelle* for choir and two organs. He toured Europe and the United States as a concert organist, and as a teacher is well known for teaching Nadia Boulanger and Maurice Duruflé.

ART COMMENTARY

Today's pewsheet features *Pro Humanitate*, by Ballarat born, Australian artist, Hilda Rix Nicholas. Rix Nicholas studied under a leading Australian Impressionist, Frederick McCubbin, at the National Gallery of Victoria Art School and was an early member of the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors. After the death of her father, Hilda left Australia for Europe with her mother and older sister Elsie. By the outbreak of the First World War, she was living and working as an artist in France. The family was evacuated to England after the declaration of war, crammed aboard one of the last ships to leave France. In late 1916, she met and married Major George Matson Nicholas DSO but their happiness was short-lived. Matson returned to the front just three days after they were married and was killed in action six months later.

The image on today's pewsheet is the central panel of a triptych completed by Rix Nicholas in the years directly following the death of her husband. Sadly, the original painting was destroyed by fire in 1930 but this copy of the central panel remains. The left-hand panel depicted an outdoor scene with a happy couple standing on top of a hill contemplating their future together. The central panel depicts a soldier husband giving his life for the cause of humanity with arms outstretched in a crucifixion pose. The right-hand panel of the triptych portrays the heartbroken wife grieving and is watched over by the shadowy figure of her lost hero.



This Week

SUNDAY, 8 November 2026
Remembrance Sunday
8am Said Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

TUESDAY, 10 November 2026
7pm Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 11 November 2026
7pm Eucharist, in the Angel Chapel

THURSDAY, 12 November 2026
4pm Toorak Eumenical Council Meeting,
at The Swedish Church

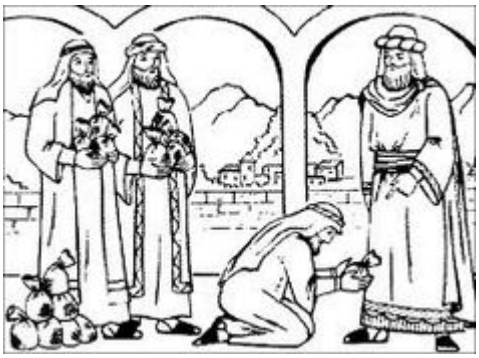
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Next Sunday, 15 November
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

8am Eucharist
First Reading: *Judges 4:1-10*, Brenda Mouritz
Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11,* Ted Mouritz
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30*
Intercessor: Brenda Mouritz
Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French

10am Eucharist
First Reading: *Judges 4:1-10*, Linda Gay
Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11,* Andrew Ankers
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30*
Intercessor: John Horan
Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French

Morning Tea: Amanda & Christopher Bagot



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