

"Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope"

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. Revelation 5.12.

Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Please take Communion, whatever your denomination. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service. Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Entrance Hymn: TiS 228 "Crown Him with many crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save: his glories now we sing, who died and rose on high who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me; Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 alt

Acclamation for Christ the King

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

"Know that the Lord is God. It is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture."

"Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing."

> "For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever: and his faithfulness throughout all generations.".

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation:

Let us pray. 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.

The Two Great Commandments:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Confession:

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not from this world". Let us confess our need for Christ's reign in our lives, turning to Christ for his mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Christ, the kingdom is yours. But we turn away from your just rule. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy

The power is yours.

But we trust in our own power and strength.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours. But we fall short of the glory of God. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Absolution:

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day:

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray together:

God of Hope

You call on us to be your witness in this uncertain world; By your Spirit awaken in us

a true vision of your kingdom,

a greater certainty of our salvation, and

a deeper dedication to your service;

that through your words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 7.13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.'
For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory: the Lord has put on his glory, he has girded himself with strength. He has made the world so firm: that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established from of old: you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their pounding. But mightier than the sound of many waters, than the mighty waters or the breakers of the sea: the Lord on high is mighty. Your decrees are very sure: and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever

The second reading: Revelation 1.4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: TiS 207 "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoner leaps to lose his chains; the weary find eternal rest; and all who suffer want are blessed.

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, chapter 18, beginning at verse 33

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Where he displays his healing power death and the curse are known no more; in him the tribes of Adam boast more blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the long amen.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt.

Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection

The Creed:

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church: 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:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. *Response:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion

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.

Preparation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Prayer of Approach:

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.**

Offertory hymn: TiS 147 "To God be the glory, great things he has done!"

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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory! great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God! and every offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

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

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915 alt.

Prayer over the gifts:

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:

The Lord be with you And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Through him,

you have revealed to us your glory in the community of your love, three persons, one God,

ever to be worshipped and adored.

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:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest.

Blesséd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to communion:

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Post communion hymn: TiS 223 "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds"

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; is manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought.

John Newton 1725-1807

Prayer after Communion:

Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. **Keep us in this hope that we have grasped: so we and all your people will be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

Final Hymn: TiS 315 "Mine eyes have seen the glory"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah, his truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat: O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah,* In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me: as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah,*

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave; he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave: so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave: our God is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah,*

Julia Ward Howe 1819-1910 and others.

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

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NOTICES

Annual meeting:

The meeting will be held TODAY in the church following the 9:30am service. The Parish Annual Report and financial papers are available today in the Narthex, please take a copy.

Electoral Roll:

If your name is <u>not</u> on the roll in the Narthex, please see Aggie Canterbury before the meeting today. You must be on the roll to vote and be elected to Parish Council.

Not home alone: Our next lunch is this coming Friday, 29th November, 12 noon for a 12:30pm lunch at the R.S.L Glen Waverley. Looking forward to seeing you all, Judithe 9729 8185.

Pop-up choir: Choir practice will not be held this week due to the Annual Meeting. We resume next Sunday starting as soon as possible after the conclusion of our 9.30am service. Aiming for 10 minutes! Any questions, see Anne Orchard.

Carols and Cake: Come along to the church on Tuesday December 3 at 12:30 to enjoy Carols and Cake when Girl Guides Kinta Trefoil group present their annual fundraising. All proceeds go to the Guides in School program. Donation at the door. Hope to see you there! Alma.

News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*. The NewsStand is now live on *TMA*'s website, using the link <u>http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand</u>.

- Deep disappointment as truth-telling, healing axed in QLD The Melbourne Anglican
- Christians to pray, stand, walk together against gendered violence The Melbourne Anglican
- Victoria's anti-vilification laws are set to be expanded to cover disability, gender identity, sex and sexual orientation ABC News
- Justin Welby to quit as archbishop of Canterbury over handling of abuse scandal The Guardian
- Easier to reveal sexuality than faith, claims evangelical group BBC News
- As COP29 begins, some voice concerns over religious freedom in host country Azerbaijan – Religion News Service
- Woman pastor to lead historic AME church for first time in its 230-year history The Christian Post
- Finding sobriety and Jesus in Vietnam's Christian drug rehabs Christianity Today
- Sarah Blasko on new album I Just Need To Conquer This Mountain and religious upbringing ABC News
- Is God disappointed with me? The Gospel Coalition

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR: THE CHURCH

- Sun 24 Parish of St Alban the Martyr St Albans (Incumbency vacant); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Deacons' Ministry; St Thomas' Burwood – Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd); St Luke's Cockatoo – Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker); The Anglican Church of South America (Bp Brian Williams);
- *Mon 25* All Saints' St Kilda East (Rene Knaap); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Diocesan Building Committee;
- *Tue 26* St James the Great Anglican Church St Kilda East (Paul Bower); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People);
- *Wed 27* St Aidan's Strathmore (Glen Wesley); The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People); Hume Anglican Grammar School (Bill Sweeney, Principal; Satvasheela Pandhare, Chaplain);
- *Thu 28* St Mary's Sunbury (Matthew Browne, Kathleen Alleaume-Ross, Catherine Fisher); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Diocesan Finance;
- *Fri 29* Holy Apostles' Sunshine Braybrook (Paul Priyajayanth); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Bruce Bickerdike);
- *Sat 30* City on a Hill Surf Coast (Louis Glazebrook); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People); Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School (Narelle Umbers, Principal; Jenny Sonneman, Chaplain).

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours and a compassionate outcome for all asylum seekers.

A peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa. All affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: Estelle Carman, Don Lambourne, Douglas Mortimer, Jean & Alan Close, Glenys Howell, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Edith Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Pam & Tony, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Shirley & Alan Wagner, Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Fanny (Aggie's sister) & Clifford, Pat Ludwick, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Beverley Frost, Heather & Ron, Barbara (Kalo's niece), Kalo, Peter Bedlow, Andrew Harding, Tim Youings and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.

Those at the Peter James Centre, Burwood Lodge and Calvary the Highbury. Those in need who come to St Mark's Community Centre Fitzroy and Uniting East Burwood. Those working in Health and Aged Care settings. Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

> Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

MondayJames Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d. 1941)SaturdayANDREW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Next Sunday: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Revelation 15.1-4 Psalm 98 Luke 21.12-19 Jeremiah 33.14-16 Psalm 23.1-10 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-38

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear	Elizabeth Waite & Ros Smith
Reader	Sue Tregear	Trevor Smith
Server	Sue Tregear	Christine Youings
Liturgical Assistant		Joanne Waite
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Joy Ritchie
Music	-	Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite
Godzone		Natalie Ortlieb & Joy Ritchie
Morning Tea		Shirley & Bob Reid
Sacristan	Judithe Atkinson	
Flowers	Judithe Atkinson	
Printing	Barrie Harding	
Gardens	Aggie Canterbury	



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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheet to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (<u>r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au</u>.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Sunday	8:00am Eucharist
	9:30am Eucharist
	'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

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Commitment to Child Safety: At the Church of the Ascension, we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life. In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive. We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people. This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full Commitment to Child Safety document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au