

Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Melbourne

St Bartholomew's Church

Parish of Burnley

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Worship Bulletin



Welcome to St Bart's!

We are an inner-city church in the progressive Catholic tradition of Anglicanism that welcomes all people of any race, language, culture, gender or sexuality. We hope that your time with us in worship and prayer is both inspiring and encouraging.

25th December, 2022

Christmas Day

10.00am Sung Mass

St Bartholomew's Church, Burnley

Our Vision

To live as citizens of, and invite others into, God's Kingdom.

Our Mission

The Mission of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley, is to be a community who values the blessings and trust in the promises of God's Kingdom within the cultural and social context of Richmond, Melbourne:

- To live humbly before God and with all people
- To be dependent on God's comfort
- To be gentle with people and all Creation
- To hunger and thirst for the right ways of God
- To show mercy and compassion toward others
- To live with purity in motive and deed
- To be passionate for peace
- To persevere in the face of opposition

Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) Adopted by the 2015 Annual Meeting

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENT

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley commits to meeting all of the standards of the Child Safety Code of Conduct of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and the Victorian Government's mandatory Child Safe Standards (Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act 2015, Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Oversight and Enforcement of Child Safe Standards) Act 2016). The parish community seeks to promote the cultural safety of all children, including Aboriginal children, who come to us from a culturally or linguistically diverse background. We also seek to ensure the safety of any child with a disability. The parish community affirms that all children who come to St Bartholomew's have a right to feel and be safe. We are committed to ensuring that children's best interests are met within our parish. We have zero tolerance towards child abuse. The parish community actively works to listen to and empower children within our community.

Facilities including disabled and baby change room are located in the front entrance of the main hall. Enter via the main door of the hall. For all able access see welcomer.



If you want to ensure regular giving to St Bart's, but find you never have the right amount in cash, or are sometimes unable to attend on Sundays, then

St Bart's Direct Transfer may work for you.

Account Name: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church Burnley

BSB: 703 122

Account Number: 05009430

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10.00am SUNG MASS

Presiding: Fr Jim Brady
Deacon & Preaching: Fr Graeme Brennan
Organist: Robert Stove
Mass setting: Michael Dudman

GATHERING

Organ Prelude

Carol: The first Nowell - English traditional carol

**The first Nowell the angel did say
 Was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;
 in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep:**

**Refrain: *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel!***

**Then wise men from country afar
 looked up and saw a guiding star,
 they travelled on by night and day
 to reach the place where Jesus lay:**

**Refrain: *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel!***

**At Bethlehem they entered in,
 On bended knee they worshipped him;
 They offered there in his presence
 their gold and myrrh and frankincense:**

**Refrain: *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel!***

**Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 for Christ has our salvation wrought
 and with his blood our life hath bought:**

**Refrain: *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel!***

Invocation & Greeting

✠ In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Introduction

Sentence

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. *(John 1: 1, 14)*

Kyrie Confession & Absolution

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: forgive our failure to receive him. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of Love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Organ: *f*

Glo - ry to God in the

4
high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

7
Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

11
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

15 *mf*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

19
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

23
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

27 *f*
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

31 *ff*
Ho - ly One; you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

35
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

38
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah *[Isaiah 52: 7 – 10]*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98: 1 – 6

Response

F B \flat C F Am/C Dm Dm/C C/B \flat F/A Gm C C 7 F
 All the ends of the earth have_ seen the sav - ing pow'r of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord, for God has worked wonders. God's right hand and God's holy arm have brought salvation. R/-

The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations. God has remembered God's truth and love for the house of Israel. R/-

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. R/-

Sing Psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. R/-

Gospel Acclamation



A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations, and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.



Gospel – John 1: 1 – 5, 9 – 14

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, lord Jesus Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: Fr Graeme Brennan

The Nicene-Constantinople Creed

Let us 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 world and the Church.

Each petition ends with the response

'Lord, in your mercy': **hear our prayer.**

After the last petition:

☩ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers conclude with:

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.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the Body of Christ.
His spirit is with us.

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

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

All exchange a 'COVID safe' sign of peace

Notices and announcements

The Sacrament

During the hymn the altar is prepared. Gifts of bread, wine, and the collection are gathered and brought to the front of the church.

Carol: O come, all ye faithful

Text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others, music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 come and behold him born the King of Angels:**

***Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!***

**God of God, Light of Light,
 lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 very God, begotten, not created:**

[Refrain]

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
 glory to God in the highest:**

[Refrain]

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n:**

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *[Refrain]*

Prayer over the gifts

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your Incarnation you embraced our poverty: accept these gifts and in this Eucharist may we, by your Spirit, come to share in your riches. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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, ever-living 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. In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. 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:

Organ: *f*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

5
God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are

8
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. **Attacca**

11 Organ: *mp*

Bless - ed is he who comes in the

15 *f*

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of bread and wine according to our Saviour's word may be partakers of his Body and Blood.

The Celebrant takes the bread in his hands and says:

For on the night he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'TAKE, EAT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

The Celebrant takes the cup in his hands and says:

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 WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

mf ✓ *f* ✓

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death, his mighty Resurrection and Ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone, you have accepted us in Christ; and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight. Through Christ, receive this our duty and service, and grant that

we who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ, and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with all the company of the redeemed. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

Bless - ing and ho - nour and glo - ry and pow'r are_

yours for ev - er and e - ver. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

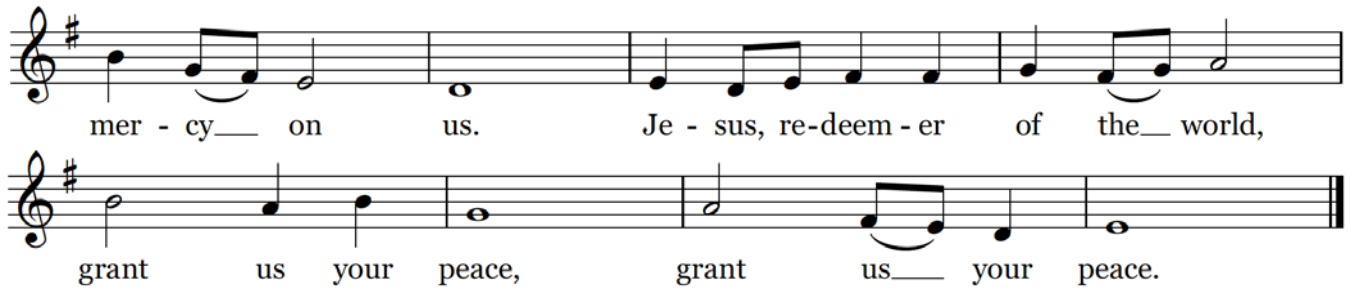
The Fraction

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem

mp Je - sus, Lamb of God, have

mer - cy_ on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our_ sins, have



mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

✠ This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy 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 is administered with these or similar words:

The Body / Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All communicant members of any Christian Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Carol: Joy to the world! The Lord is come

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truce and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), music by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Post-Communion Prayer

(Let us pray.) God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds.

Most loving God you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Carol: Hark! The herald angels sing

Text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others, music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'**

**Refrain: Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a Virgin's womb!
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:
 Hail, the incarnate Deity,
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

[Refrain]

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 risen with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give them second birth.**

[Refrain]

Organ Postlude

Prayer Diary

For the sick, suffering, frail with age, and those who grieve: Peter Bryce; Joy Turner, Mira, Milenka, Bruce Kelsall, Howard; Nilani; Stephen; Vivien, Neville, Bp John Parkes; Fr Barry Brown; Fr Ken Hewlett; Fr Robert Whalley; and Constables Keely Brough & Randall Kirk.

Recently Departed: Richard Cacopardo; Jean-Pierre Pavillon; Dan Octigan, Priest; Jill Jolliffe, Alan Dare, and Constables Matthew Arnold and Rachel McCrow.

The Faithful Departed – Anniversaries: Thomas Savige (19 December), Robert Heatley, Bryan Pattern, Rose Wall (20 December) Thomas Griffin (21 December), Donald Vernon (24 December), Fred Ricketts (26 December), George Hyatt (27 December), Ernest Barstow, Walter Wears, Beryl Bishop (28 December), George Chalk, Alexander Robson, Warrick Sheffield (29 December), Alexander Wilcox (31 December), Jean Morris, Graeme King (1 January).

Parish Diary

Summer Holidays 2023

Sunday, Feast of the Epiphany, 1st January, 2023

10.00am MASS

Sunday, 8 January 2023, Baptism of our Lord

10.00am MASS

Sunday, 29 January 2023

10.00am Mass *followed by Summer Garden Party*

Thursday, 2 February

The Presentation (Candlemass)

10.00am Mass

Sunday, 5 February 2023

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am SUNG MASS & 5.00pm MASS

A 'thank you' from Tim Collison

Dear friends at St. Bartholomew's

God truly blessed me when my vicar, Rev'd Megan, connected me to Father Matthew and St Bartholomew's. I've felt so warmly embraced by the congregation here. It has been special to be part of this community, even in such a small way. It is truly a place where God's kingdom is at work. Your inclusiveness of all people and your commitment to blessing the community show a Church community committed to being God's kingdom in Burnley and beyond. A placement is intended to broaden a candidate's eyes beyond their own experiences; and mine certainly have been. I have been thankful for how kind everyone has been in teaching me the ropes and answering my many, many questions! Thank you for your generosity with my gift and card but I will take away a much larger gift with me in having seen your desire to be God's witness, and your welcoming nature.

With blessings, Tim.

2022/2023 Parish Governance



Churchwardens:

- Helen McDonald (People's)
- Cynthia Nyholm (People's)
- Glenis Heath (Vicar's)

Parish Council:

(meets 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm)

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- Helen McDonald
- Cynthia Nyholm
- Dr Muriel Porter
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- Helen McDonald
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Worship Sunday

10.00am SUNG or SOLEMN MASS

MID-WEEK

Thursday 10.00am Mass

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A Christmas Reflection

Who would have thought that a baby who was born in the stable of an inn could change the course of world history? However insignificant we might think we are, we must never lose sight of the influence we can bring to bear even on world affairs.

So much of the time we feel that our lives are dominated by great impersonal forces beyond our control ... Then Christmas comes, and once again we are reminded that people matter and it is our relationship with one another that is most important.

For most of us – I wish it could be for everyone – this is a holiday, and I think it is worth reminding ourselves why. We are celebrating a birthday, the birthday of a child born over 2,000 years ago, who grew up and lived for only about thirty years.

That one person, by his example and by his revelation of the good that is in us all, has made an enormous difference to the lives of the people who have come to understand his teaching. His simple message of love has been turning the world upside down ever since. He showed that what people are and what they do does matter and does make all the difference.

He commanded us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, but what exactly is meant by *'loving ourselves'*? I believe it means trying to make the most of the abilities we have been given. It means caring for our talents. It is a matter of making the best of ourselves, not just doing the best for ourselves.

We are all different, but each of us has his own best to offer. The responsibility for the way we live life, with all its challenges, sadness and joy, is ours alone. If we do this well it will also be good for our neighbours.

If you throw a stone into a pool the ripples go on spreading outwards. A big stone can cause waves, but even the smallest pebble changes the whole pattern of the water. Our daily actions are like those ripples; each one makes a difference, even the smallest.

It does matter therefore what each individual does each day. Kindness, sympathy, resolution and courteous behaviour are infectious.

Acts of courage and self-sacrifice, like those of the people who refuse to be terrorised by kidnappers or hijackers or who defuse bombs, are an inspiration to others.

And the combined effect can be enormous. If enough grains of sand are dropped into one side of a pair of scales they will, in the end, tip it against a lump of lead.

We may feel powerless alone, but the joint efforts of individuals can defeat the evils of our time. Together they can create a stable, free and considerate society. Like those grains of sand, they can tip the balance; so take heart from the Christmas message and be happy.

God bless you all.

(An excerpt from Her Majesty the Queen's Christmas Day broadcast, 1975)