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WORSHIP BULLETIN



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS 1 OCTOBER 2023 10.00am Sung Mass

Welcome to St Bart's!

We are an inner-city Anglican church in the progressive catholic tradition welcoming people of any race, language, culture, age, ability, gender or sexual orientation.

We recognize and give honour to the first peoples of Australia, and especially of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations, past, present, and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which this parish has its mission and ministry.

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

As a reference you can use your own name, or you can use 'Offering' & your name will remain anonymous with your personal details not appearing on the St Bart's bank statement.

Presider:	Fr Walter McEntee
Preacher:	Fr Walter McEntee
Organist:	Stuart Connew
Mass Setting:	Our Common Home – Christopher Willcock SJ

GATHERING

The hymn is sung as the Sacred Ministers enter to commence the liturgy.

Gathering Hymn

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

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

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

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One, king of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing threeness of persons, oneness of Godhead, trinity blest. James Quinn 1919 - 2010, *alt.*, adapted from 'St Patrick's Breastplate'

Invocation & Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

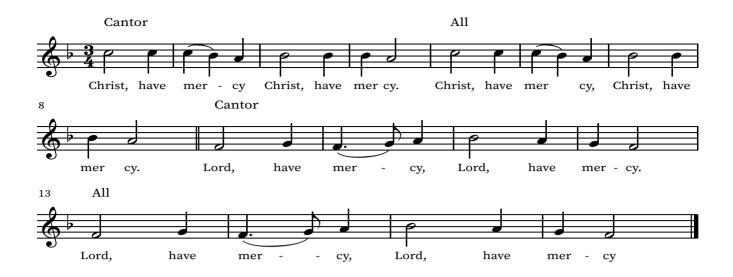
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence

And all the angels sang, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Revelation 7.12





We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to God, the judge of all, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Silence

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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**

Gloria



Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: grant that, as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Daniel's vision

A reading from the book of Daniel.

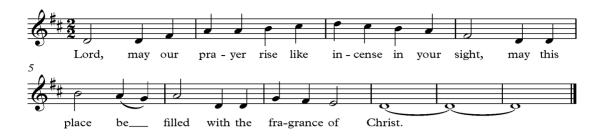
As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As 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.

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

Responsorial Psalm



I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.

I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love, beyond all my hopes and dreams. On the day that I called you answered; you gave life to the strength of my soul.

All who live on earth shall give you thanks when they hear the words of your voice. And all shall sing of your ways: 'How great is the glory of God!'

Second reading

Revelation 12:7-12a

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War in heaven

A reading from the Revelation of John the Divine

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and

the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

"But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

"Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God



Alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'

Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

Sermon

Fr Walter McEntee

The Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Remain standing Let us pray for the world and the church.

After each petition:

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

At the end:

▶Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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 Peace

Hear again the song of the angels: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.' The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.**

The Peace is shared

THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn: A&M 362

'Come, let us join our cheerful songs'

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

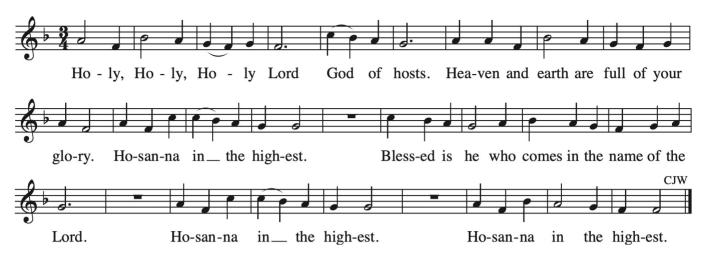
Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts, you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. You reveal your wise purpose for the salvation of the human race by assigning to the angels and archangels the ministry of your steadfast love and protection. While they contemplate your glory, standing before you and singing your praise, they keep a faithful vigil for us, guarding us along the way that leads to life, and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light. In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:



Holy and gracious God,

all creation rightly gives you praise.

All life, all holiness, comes from you

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

whom you sent to share our human nature,

to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,

the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;

through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;

and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,

sanctify this bread and wine, that we who share in this holy sacrament may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

The celebrant takes the bread and says:

Who, when his hour had come,

on the night before he went up to the cross

to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,

offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,

took bread and gave you thanks;

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 and says:

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, 'DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU; THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH IS 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:



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

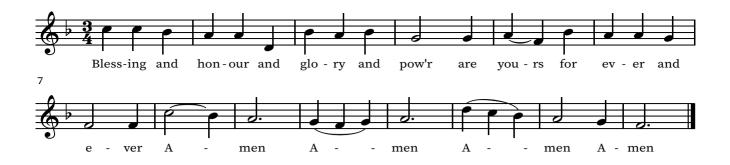
with all the company of the redeemed.

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:



RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION

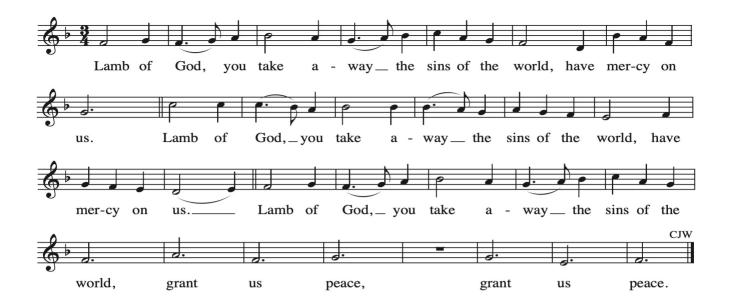
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction

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.



The Invitation to Holy Communion

 ${f *}$ 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 in 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 welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Sentence

The angels worship God and say, Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 7:12

Please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,

in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices and announcements

Hymn: A&M 826

'Ye holy angels bright'

Blessing and Dismissal

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints; Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels; the Spirit make you holy in God's service; and the ⊯blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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

Liturgy Acknowledgements

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Icon – St Michael

St Michael is always represented by the Byzantine painters as a young warrior of great beauty (Cormack 1985). This is reflected in the icon on the cover of our Worship Bulletin today that shows St Michael with strong masculine features and carrying a spear. He is sometimes shown clad in golden armour while at other times, iconographers may depict him carrying a sword, as in today's icon.

If we go by events recorded in the Bible, one of the greatest feats of St Michael is winning the war in heaven against the Devil (sometimes called Lucifer), and his fallen angels and casting them out of heaven. In Revelation 12:7-9 we read: 'Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon [symbolic of Satan evil] ... and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down ..., and Satan, the deceiver of the ... world – he was thrown down to the earth.' St Michael is considered a hero of justice, a healer of the sick, and the guardian angel of God's people, the Church (Ouspensky & Lossky 1982).

In today's icon of St Michael, he is illustrated wearing a white tunic and a crimson-red cloak, while at other times, iconographers may depict him in ruler's clothes. Michael's wings are often painted white or green-blue although in this icon they are shown in a dark, goldenbrown colour outlined with strong black strokes. St Michael's dark, penetrating eyes focus on us. A long, thin nose is typical of a Byzantine prototype and his tight lips are symbolic of contemplation. His hair is decorated with a diadem, with the ties woven throughout his curly, auburn hair and the ends flowing at the back of his head. Michael is depicted holding a set of scales, symbolic of him measuring every human's honorable deeds. His attributes can be a cross, a sceptre, a spear (today's icon), a sword, and a shield sometimes with the inscription Quis ut Deus which translates as 'who is like God. (Cormack 1985). At other times, Orthodox icons can depict a full-length Michael standing on a dragon which represents Satan and thus symbolic of defeating evil.

Archangel Michael is a powerful angelic being who submits fully to God and wages war against Satan. Despite his regal beauty and power, he serves God in humility, unlike Satan who was jealous of God and wanted to take his place (Ouspensky & Lossky 1982). This is a virtue worthy of emulation for all Christians. We can see angels like Michael as awe-inspiring, yet it is important to remember that all the angels are ministering spirits to those who are God's children, but they are not worshipped. God alone is deserving of every praise, honour, and adoration for he is sovereign.

Dr Alison Asquith

References: Cormack, Robin (1985), Writing in Gold: Byzantine Society and its Icons, Philip George, London; Ouspensky Leonid and Vladimir Lossky (1982) The Meaning of Icons, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, New York; The Harper Collins Study Bible (1986 revised edition), Harper Collins, Sacramento.

Prayer Diary

For the sick, suffering, frail with age, and those who grieve: Joy, Milenka, Mira, Bruce, Robert, Nilani, Bruce, Marianne, Claire and Mary.

For the recently departed: Jamie di Battista

For those whose anniversaries of death occur in Years Mind: Brian Coulter, Irene Crotty, Jo-Anne Wells [priest], Sr Mary Philip OSB, Barrie Draper, Barry Sherburn, Patricia Carter, Felicity Bray

A Prayer for Ukraine

Lord of all the earth, be present with the people of Ukraine at this time of danger, fear and conflict. Grant that wise and peaceable counsels may yet prevail, and give to all the suffering nations the freedom they desire and deserve. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our new Vicar

Fr Stuart Soley has moved into the vicarage. However, he is not to be disturbed at all until after he is instituted as our new Vicar on Wednesday.

FOR YOUR DIARY...

Wednesday 4 October: St Francis' Day 7pm Institution of the Reverend Stuart Soley as our next Vicar.

Thursday 5 October

10am Mass. Come to Mass, presided over by our new vicar, before joining in a post-Institution working bee.

Sunday 8 October The Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday In the Octave of St Francis

10am Sung Mass. Bring your pets for a blessing.