

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
PARISH OF BURNLEY

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WORSHIP BULLETIN



TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

24 SEPTEMBER 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

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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: A&M 644

'God is love: let heav'n adore him'

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

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2.8–9

Kyrie Eleison

Cantor

Lord have mer cy,

7 All

Lord have mer cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Cantor All

Christ, have mer - cy Christ, have mer cy. Christ, have mer cy, Christ, have mer cy.

8 Cantor

mer cy. Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

13 All

Lord, have mer - - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

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

Organ

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you we glo-ri-fy
you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,
O God al-migh-ty Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Fa-ther, you
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the
sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are sea-ted at the right hand of the
Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the
Fa-ther. A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men.

CJW

Collect

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55: 6-9

The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

A reading from the book of of the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to
our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

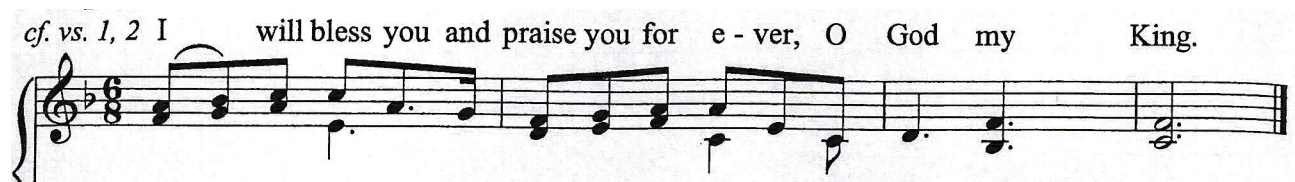
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my
ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your
thoughts.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145



I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you

and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.

R

One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

R

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

R

Second reading

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

To me, living is Christ.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters:

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20: 1-16

Are you envious because I am generous?

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

“When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

"But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

The Peace is shared

THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn: A&M 806

'There's a wideness in God's mercy'

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.

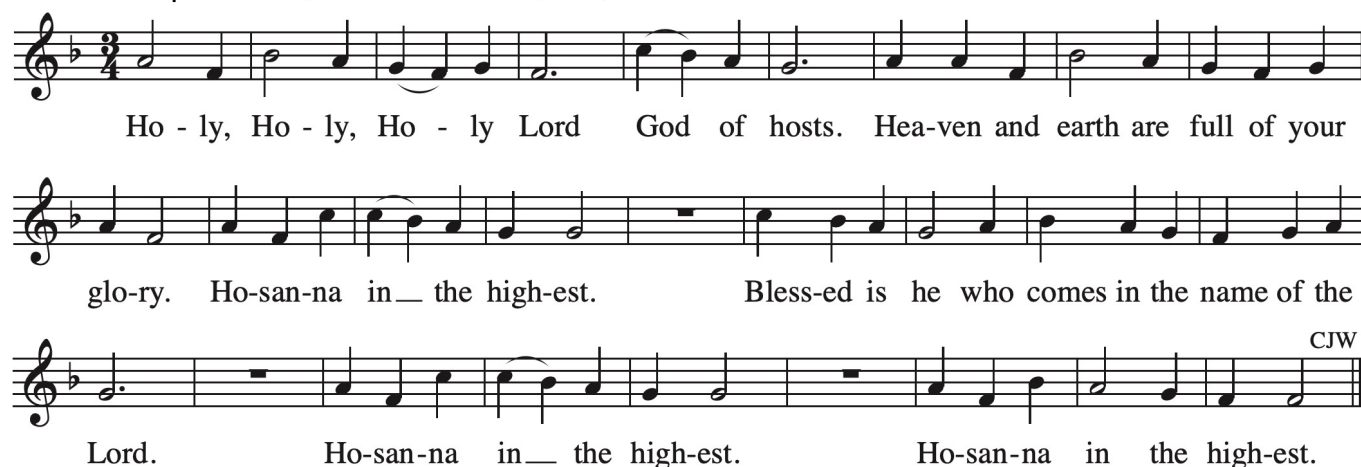
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for 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
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:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Hea-ven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in_ the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in_ the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. CJW

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.



Lamb of God, you take a - way — the sins of the world, have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, — you take a - way — the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, — you take a - way — the sins of the
world, grant us peace, grant us peace. CJW

The Invitation to Holy 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 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 Lord has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord
require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.
Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices and announcements

Hymn: A&M 475

'Forth in the peace of Christ we go'

Blessing and Dismissal

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**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen

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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:

Caterina Colacino, Carl Steven, John Liversidge, Daniel Matthews [SSF], John McKenzie, Lempi Oravainen, Nina Moussi, Robert Williamson, Doris Gibbons, Wendy Grace, Ella Perry.

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 he is instituted as our new Vicar on 4 October.

Parish Council report to the Parish September 2023

The main item on this month's Parish Council meeting agenda was of course the Institution of our new Vicar, Fr Stuart Soley. Planning has been ongoing for months, but now, with the event just two weeks ago, we were down to finalising inevitable small details. We believe it is going to be a wonderful occasion for the whole parish.

It was also the last Parish Council meeting for almost a year to be chaired by an acting vicar, so we took the opportunity to move a motion of thanks to Fr Walter for his ministry with us since March.

We heard an update on the parish's compliance with the Diocese's child safety requirements. Muriel Porter has been appointed the Child Safety Officer, taking over from Jonathon Harrison, who is

more than happy to relinquish this administrative role. Our thanks to Jonathon for his work in this area.

Parish Council has identified a number of areas that need firm policies to be established once Fr Stuart is in place. They are: use of the sacristy, the parish office, and the photocopier; and procedures for welcomers, and the counting and banking of the offertory. Also important is developing a code of conduct for the parish, which has been recommended to the churchwardens by Kooyoora, the Diocese's Professional Standards body, with whom they had to be in contact recently.

Parishioners are reminded that confirmed Parish Council minutes are available for reading at the back of the church.

Muriel Porter

Hon. Parish Secretary

St Bart's Climate Action Group

Two of us recently attended a Public Meeting organized by ARRCC (*Australian Religious Response to Climate Change*) in the Stonnington Uniting Church, East Malvern.

We heard speakers from the Jewish, Christian, Islamic and Buddhist communities explain how specific teachings of their traditions had encouraged them personally to join in combined action to encourage our leaders to take urgent steps to counteract the warming of the planet.

Plans were then outlined for the group to work for a complete move away from the use of fossil fuels, especially as the next federal election draws near.

Members of the committee explained that ARRCC was in no way party politically aligned, but concerned only to put pressure on all candidates for public office to take climate issues very seriously.

Fr. Jim Brady