

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly is a welcoming and hospitable faith community, celebrating God's compassion and love for all. As an Anglo-Catholic church, our faith, worship and community life finds its ultimate expression in encounter with the Risen Christ in Scripture and Sacrament. Together we are committed to growing in spirituality and service as disciples of Jesus, glorifying God and serving our local community.

You can find out more about us at [www.saintagnes.org.au](http://www.saintagnes.org.au).

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#### **REGULAR SERVICES**

##### **Sunday**

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)  
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)  
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')  
6:00pm: Choral Evensong  
(Saint John's, First Sunday)  
6:00pm: Congregational Evensong  
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

##### **Weekday Eucharists**

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')  
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

#### **Vicar**

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*We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Text marked with ♪ is sung to the Mass Setting by Canon Roy Henry Bonoyer-Yin.  
Please stand when the bells are rung.*

## OPENING HYMN

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2. All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call to praise you joyfully.

3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest.  
You our Father, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.

*Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933 alt  
TIS 152*

✠ 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.**

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.**

‘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 the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**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.**

♩ <b>Kyrie eleison.</b>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
<b>Christe eleison.</b>	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
<b>Kyrie eleison.</b>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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 COLLECT

Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness: make us ever thankful for your goodness, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

[2:18-24]

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God

formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

## PSALM

[8]

O Lord our Governor:

how glorious is your name in all the earth!

**Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:**

**by the mouths of babes and sucklings.**

You have founded a strong defence

against your adversaries:

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:**

**the moon and the stars which you have set in order,**

What are we, that you should be mindful of us:

what are we, that you should care for us?

**Yet you have made us little less than gods:**

**and have crowned us with glory and honour.**

You have given us dominion over your handiwork:

and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,

**All sheep and oxen:**

**and all the creatures of the field,**

The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:

and everything that moves

in the pathways of the great waters.

**O Lord our Governor:**

**how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

[1:1-4, 2:5-12]

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

## GRADUAL HYMN

- 1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ’s abode.**
- 2. The Lord who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell with us in lowliness,  
our pattern and our King:**
- 3. still to the lowly soul  
he will himself impart,  
and for his cradle and his throne  
chooses the pure in heart.**
- 4. Lord, we your presence seek;  
this blessing now renew:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for you.**

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

[10:2-16]

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



# THE SERMON

*The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Prayers are offered for the Church and for the world. Each petition ends with...*

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

*The final petition for all the faithful departed ends...*

May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

*All stand.*

## **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.**

*We greet each other with a sign of peace.*

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia;**

O burning sun with golden beam,  
and silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfold rich blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show;  
O praise him...

5. And everyone of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
All who long pain and sorrow bear  
praise God and on him cast your care;  
O praise him...

7. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Based on 'Laudato sia Dio mio Signore'  
the 'Canticle of the Sun' of Francis of Assisi 1182-1226  
by William Henry Draper 1855-1933 alt  
TIS 100*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The priest continues in thanksgiving...*

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.**

♫ **Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... 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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

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 priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung*

♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

Behold 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.**

*All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.*

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Notices may be given here. The priest prays the post-communion prayer, followed by*

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.

*The priest pronounces this 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.**

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

## CLOSING HYMN

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe:  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston 1791-1867*  
*TIS 580*

*The organist plays the Postlude*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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### CHORAL EVENSONG TONIGHT

Join tonight at Saint John's Finch Street for Choral Evensong – led by our wonderful Parish Choir with music from the Anglo-Irish composer Sir Charles Villiers Stanford including his Canticles in C, the Introit 'Beati Quorum Via' and Motet 'How Beauteous are Their Feet' together with Preces and Responses by William Byrd. The service is followed by cheese and wine – all are welcome!

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### CHRISTMAS DINNER BOOKING – FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 6:30PM

Bookings are now open for the Parish Christmas Dinner to be held in the Saint John's Hall on Friday 13 December at 6:30pm. The cost is \$40 – which is generously subsidised by the parish – and includes a sumptuous Christmas spread put on by our resident caterer Amanda Grundy and her team, as well as drinks. Please bring a dessert if you are able! Bookings can be made online at [trybooking.com/CUTZR](http://trybooking.com/CUTZR) or if you would like to book and pay in cash or card on the night please email [secretary@saintjohns.org.au](mailto:secretary@saintjohns.org.au)

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### COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS – SEMINAR AT SAINT JOHN'S

Archdeacon Colleen O'Reilly – also on the team of Associate Clergy here in the parish – is Co-Chair of the Victorian Council of Christians and Jews and invites all who may be interested to attend a seminar entitled 'Israel, Iran and where we go from here!' together with 'A dip into how Jews read the holy scriptures' on Sunday 13 October from 3 – 5pm in the Parish Hall at Saint John's Finch Street. The seminar will be led by Rabbi Michael Boyden, past President of the Israel Council of Progressive Rabbis. The cost is \$10 including afternoon tea and tickets can be booked at: [events.humanitix.com/rabbi-boyden-presents/](http://events.humanitix.com/rabbi-boyden-presents/)

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### CENTENARY WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Please join us for a very special celebration – a Joint Parish Eucharist – on Sunday November 10 at 9:30am when we will welcome the Archbishop of Melbourne and Mrs Joy Freier to Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly, their final visit to the parish before the Archbishop retires in February 2025, for a special service to celebrate the centenary of the church and Remembrance Sunday!



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