

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### Ascension Sunday

21 May 2023

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 Eucharist**

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

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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

*Please stand when the bells are rung. The opening hymn is sung*

## OPENING HYMN

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for me,  
and hail him as your chosen king  
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began:  
and we who tread where he has trod  
crown him the Son of Man,  
who every grief has known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel there on high  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downwards bends a burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4. 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.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
majestic and 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*  
TIS 228

✠ 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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.’

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf. Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith and confess our sins to the God of Grace.

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.

♪ Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
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, 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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace; and bring all creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts

[1.1-11]

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 47

O clap your hands, all you peoples:  
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.

**For the Lord Most High is to be feared:  
he is a great king over all the earth.**

He cast down peoples under us:  
and the nations beneath our feet.

**He chose us a land for our possession:  
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:  
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.

**O sing praises, sing praises to God:**

**O sing praises, sing praises to our king.**

For God is the king of all the earth:

O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.

**God has become the king of the nations:**

**he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples are gathered together:  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the mighty ones of the earth**

**are become the servants of God:**

**and he is greatly exalted.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

[1:15-23]

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

## GRADUAL HYMN

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.

2. Crown him, you martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.

4. Sinners, whose love cannot forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your treasures at his feet  
and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let every tribe and every tongue  
response to his call,  
now shout in universal song  
and crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Peronet 1726-92 alt  
TIS 224(i)*

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**,

God has raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand  
in the heavenly places

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

[28.16-20]

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some



doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

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

## **THE SERMON**

*The Sermon is followed by a period 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.**

## GREETING OF PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, *hallelujah!*  
to his throne above the skies; *hallelujah!*  
Christ, a while to mortals given,  
enters now the highest heaven.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

2. There for him high triumph waits; *hallelujah!*  
lift your heads, eternal gates! *hallelujah!*  
Wide unfold the radiant scene,  
let the King of glory in!  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

3. Heaven now its Lord receives, *hallelujah!*  
yet he loves the earth he leaves, *hallelujah!*  
though returning to his throne  
still calls humankind his own.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

4. See! he lifts his hands above; *hallelujah!*  
see! he shows his prints of love; *hallelujah!*  
hark! his gracious lips bestow  
blessings on his church below.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

5. Still for us he intercedes, *hallelujah!*  
his prevailing death he pleads; *hallelujah!*  
near himself prepares our place,  
he the first fruits of our race.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

6. There we shall with you remain, *hallelujah!*  
partners of your endless reign; *hallelujah!*  
there your face unclouded view,  
find our heaven of heavens in you.  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Charles Wesley 1708-88 alt.*  
*TIS 369*

## 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.**

♩ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your 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. You are welcome to receive both the consecrated bread and wine. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead. During Communion the Parish Choir sing the Motet.*

## 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:*

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; 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 the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia:

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## CLOSING HYMN

1. God is gone up on high,  
with a triumphant noise;  
the clarions of the sky  
proclaim the angelic joys!  
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

2. God in the flesh below,  
for us he reigns above:  
let all the nations know  
our Jesus' conquering love!  
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

4. High on his holy seat  
he bears his righteous sway;  
his foes beneath his feet  
shall sink and die away.  
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

5. His foes and ours are one,  
Satan, the world, and sin;  
but he shall tread them down  
and bring his kingdom in:  
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

6. till all the earth, renewed  
in righteousness divine,  
with all the hosts of God  
in one great chorus join.  
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;  
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

*Charles Wesley 1707-88  
TIS 371*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*



The Archbishop in Jerusalem,  
the Most Rev Dr Hosam Naoum

You are invited to come  
and hear Archbishop  
**HOSAM NAOUM**,  
the Anglican Archbishop  
in Jerusalem,  
speak in Melbourne.



**Where:** St John's Anglican Church,  
5 Finch Street, East Malvern 3145

**When:** Saturday 10 June at 3.00pm

Afternoon tea will be served.

**RSVP for catering purposes:**

secretary@saintjohns.org.au by Thursday 8 June.



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*Since 2021, the Most Rev Dr Hosam Naoum has been Archbishop in Jerusalem. He undertook ordination training at the College of the Transfiguration in Makhanda (Grahamstown), South Africa, and later studied for higher degrees from the Virginia Theological Seminary.*

*He served at parishes in Nablus, Zababdeh and Jerusalem. He was Canon Pastor at St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, from 2005 to 2012, and then served as its dean until he was chosen to become a bishop.*





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