

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**17 September 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 Eucharists**

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. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
raise the glad strain: alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
alleluia!
2. O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises: alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the Eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
alleluia!
3. Respond, ye souls in Jesus' rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song,  
alleluia!
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
alleluia!

*John Athelstan Laurie Riley 1858-1945*  
*TIS 150*

✠ 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.**

♪ Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

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

O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

[50.15-21]

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

103:1-13

Praise the Lord, O my soul:  
and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul:  
and forget not all his benefits,**

Who forgives all your sin:  
and heals all your infirmities,

**Who redeems your life from the Pit:  
and crowns you with mercy and compassion;**

Who satisfies your being with good things:  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness:  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses:  
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
slow to anger and of great goodness.**

He will not always be chiding:  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins:  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth:  
so great is his mercy over those that fear him;

**As far as the east is from the west:  
so far has he set our sins from us.**

As a father is tender towards his children:  
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

[14:1-14]

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their

own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,  
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

## GRADUAL 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!

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, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**,

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

[18.10-20]

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

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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

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. Jesus lives! your terrors now  
can, O death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
now the grave cannot enthrall us.

*Hallelujah!*

2. Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then may we, for Jesus living,  
pure in heart, in him abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving.

*Hallelujah!*

3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
naught from us his love shall sever:  
fame, or hurt, or powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping never.

*Hallelujah!*

4. Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
not for us a gloomy portal  
when we take our final breath,  
but the gate to life immortal.

*Hallelujah!*

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given;  
may we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.

*Hallelujah!*

*Christian Fürchtegott Gellert 1715-69  
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812-97 and others  
TIS 372*

## 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.*

## **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. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph over shades of night;  
dayspring from on high, be near;  
day-star, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
if you seem not close to me;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till your mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more yourself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt*  
*TIS 212*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*



# MICHAELMAS

## SAINT AGNES' GLEN HUNTLY

Friday 29th September 6pm



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# CURRY NIGHT

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# NEWS & NOTICES

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## CURRY NIGHT COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISER – 4 OCTOBER

Join us at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly on 4 October from 5:30pm for a special 'Hopper Night' (Sri Lankan rice flour cakes) and curry dinner offered as a fundraiser for our Community Garden – an outreach of Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly. Price is \$30 per head. For all enquiries contact Carole: 0416 971 309.

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## SAVE THE DATE – ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' DAY

Please spread the word, and save the date for a highlight of our year at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly – the annual service for All Saints' and All Souls' Day – which this year will be held on Sunday 29 October at 9:30am. Come along to celebrate the 'Saints of Saint Agnes' – living and also dearly departed – and do invite those who have had various connections to the parish over the years to come along. Last year's celebration was a wonderful success and we hope to build on this to reach out to those whose lives have been touched in various ways by the mission and ministry of this wonderful church.

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## VISITING CHOIR FOR MICHAELMAS EVENING SERVICE 29 SEPT

Come along to Saint Agnes' on Friday 29 September at 6pm for a beautiful Michaelmas Choral Eucharist sung by 'Chorus Ecclesiae' who sang earlier this year for the Feast of the Annunciation. Beautiful liturgical music in the intimate setting of our stunning church, all are welcome to this special service!



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