

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

28<sup>th</sup> January 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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#### **SERVICES IN JANUARY**

##### **Sunday**

9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint John's)  
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')

*8am and 6pm Sunday services at Saint John's resume in February together with the return of our Parish Choir after their break in January.*

##### **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

*Text marked with  is sung to the Mass Setting by Michael Dudman. Please stand when the bells are rung.*

## OPENING HYMN

1. Sing, all creation, sing to God in gladness,  
joyously serve him, singing hymns of homage,  
chanting his praises, come before his presence:

*Praise the Almighty!*

2. Know that our God is Lord of all the ages;  
he is our maker: we are all his creatures,  
people he fashioned, sheep he leads to pasture:

*Praise the Almighty!*

3. Enter his temple, ringing out his praises;  
sing in thanksgiving as you come before him;  
blessing his bounty, glorify his greatness:

*Praise the Almighty!*

4. Great in his goodness is the Lord we worship;  
steadfast his kindness, love that knows no ending;  
faithful his word is, changeless, everlasting:

*Praise the Almighty!*

*James Quinn 1919-2010*

*TIS 61*

✠ 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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: 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. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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 Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

[18:15-20]

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

[111]

O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord  
with my whole heart:  
in the company of the upright  
and among the congregation.

**The works of the Lord are great:  
and studied by all who take delight in them.**

His deeds are majestic and glorious:  
and his righteousness stands for ever.

**His marvellous acts have won him a name  
to be remembered:  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He gives food to those that fear him:  
he remembers his covenant for ever.

**He showed his people the power of his acts:  
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just:  
and all his commandments are sure;

**They stand firm for ever and ever:  
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.**

He sent redemption to his people,  
he ordained his covenant for ever:  
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
and of good understanding are those**

that keep his commandments:  
his praise shall endure for ever.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

[8.1-13]

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ‘Food will not

bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

### GRADUAL HYMN

1. Lord, your word abiding,  
and our footsteps guiding,  
gives us joy for ever,  
binds us all together.

2. Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure,  
by your word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

3. Word of mercy, giving  
nourishment for living:  
word of life, supplying  
comfort for the dying.

4. O that we, discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear you,  
evermore be near you.

*Henry Williams Baker 1821-77 alt*  
*TIS 427*

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**,

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

[1.21-28]

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

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.**

*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. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of our God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
such music in the sinner's ears  
is life, and health, and peace.
3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.
4. He speaks, and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
5. Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, you lame, for joy!

**6. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.**

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt  
TIS 210*

## **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*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
O 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. 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. O Spirit of the living God,  
in all the fullness of your grace,  
wherever human foot has trod,  
descend on our rebellious race.
2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love  
to preach the reconciling word;  
anoint with power from above  
whenever gospel truth is heard.
3. Be darkness, at your coming, light;  
confusion, order in your path;  
souls without strength inspire with might;  
bid mercy triumph over wrath.
4. O, Spirit of the Lord, prepare  
the whole round earth its God to meet;

and breathe abroad like morning air,  
till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5. Baptize the nations; far and wide  
the triumphs of the Cross record;  
the name of Christ be glorified;  
let every people call him Lord.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt  
TIS 405*

*The organist plays the Postlude*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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### VICARAGE LUNCH TODAY – 28 JANUARY

Join us today, Sunday 28 January, for the monthly Vicarage Lunch – the first for 2024! Come to the Vicarage via the Garden Gate any time from about 11:30am – we aim to say grace and begin eating at 12noon. We'll be firing up the BBQ with some snags left over from Australia Day – please bring a plate of salad or dessert. There is no cost and drinks are provided.

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### JANUARY SERVICES

During January we have a reduced programme of services and a slightly 'slower pace' with only one service at 9:30am at both Saint John's Finch Street and Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly.

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### CARITAS – MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 8PM

Monday 5th February at 8pm is our first meeting for the year. It will be a home Eucharist and Planning Meeting followed by supper, held at the home of Rosemary Wickett. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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### FREE FIREWOOD

With the end of Summer, get ready for the colder weather! John Hooper has a supply of firewood which he is willing to give away for free – with the offer of free delivery by arrangement too! Please speak to John if you would like to take up this offer.





# Vicarage Lunch

Bring a plate of salad or  
dessert if you can

Main and Drinks Provided

No cost - bring a friend!

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