

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### First Sunday in Lent

9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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 Michael Dudman. Please stand when the bells are rung.*

## OPENING HYMN

1. Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

2. let us your endurance share  
and from earthly greed abstain,  
with you watching unto prayer,  
with you strong to suffer pain.

3. And if Satan on us press  
flesh or spirit to assail,  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint or fail.

4. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by your side,  
that with you we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

*George Hunt Smyttan 1822-70 and  
Francis Pott 1832-1909 alt  
TIS 591*

✠ 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.’

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.  
Christ, 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 COLLECTS**

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may

ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

[26.1-11]

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us

into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

[91:1-2, 9-16]

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:  
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

**They will say to the Lord**

**'You are my refuge and my stronghold:  
my God in whom I trust.'**

The Lord himself is your refuge:  
you have made the Most High your stronghold.

**Therefore no harm will befall you:  
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels:  
to keep you in all your ways.

**They will bear you up in their hands:  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder:  
the young lion and the serpent  
you will trample under foot.

**'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,  
'and therefore I will deliver you:  
I will lift you out of danger,  
because you have known my name.**

'When you call upon me I will answer you:  
I will be with you in trouble,  
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

**'With long life I will satisfy you:  
and fill you with my salvation.'**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

[10.4-13]

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

## GRADUAL HYMN

**1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.**

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the trouble breast,  
is manna to the hungry soul  
and to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace:

4. Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,  
my prophet, priest and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

*John Newton 1725-1807 alt*  
*TIS 223*

## GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[4.1-15]

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.” ’

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you”,  
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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 closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**
- 2. Where is the blessedness I knew  
when first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
of Jesus and his word?**

3. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,  
how sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
the world can never fill.

4. Return, O holy dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
and drove thee from my breast.

5. The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne  
and worship only thee.

6. So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

*William Cowper 1731-1800 alt*  
*TIS 576*

## **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 sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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

**O 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:*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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*

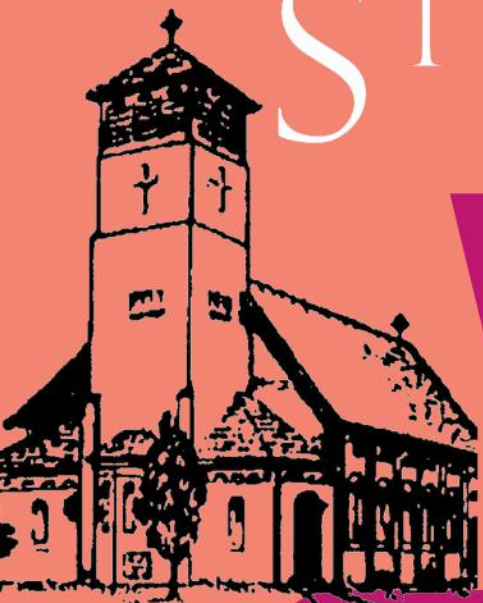
*The organist plays the Postlude.*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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LENTEN STUDIES – THURSDAYS IN LENT 2PM AT THE VICARAGE  
The Lenten programme for this year has been published and includes details of the Lenten Study being offered this year focusing on the theme of Christian Hope. This is a programme being offered across the Anglican Church of Australia with resources prepared by a number of bishops and theologians. All are welcome to join – the first session will run after our Ash Wednesday Supper, and thereafter on Thursday evenings in Lent at 2pm at the Vicarage.



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## WEEKEND PANTRY

FOR ALL EXPERIENCING  
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY  
9:30AM - 3:30PM



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