

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

11<sup>th</sup> May 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. Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
your people owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:

*One church, one faith, one Lord.*

2. Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming:

*One church, one faith, one Lord.*

3. Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, earth restored,  
was all in this enfolded:

*One church, one faith, one Lord.*

4. Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;

and then by all creation,  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be our anthem:

*One church, one faith, one Lord.*

*Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-91 alt  
TIS 456*

✠ 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.’

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: help us when  
we hear his voice to know him who calls us each by name, and to follow  
where he leads; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts

[9.36-43]

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

[23]

The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John.

[7.9-17]

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

### GRADUAL HYMN

**1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life in atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! great things he has done!*

**3. Great things he has taught us,  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus our Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! great things he has done!*

*Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915 alt  
TIS 147*

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. [10.22-30]

*Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart*

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

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. Give me the wings of faith to rise  
within the veil, and see  
the saints above, how great their joys,  
how bright their glories be.**
- 2. Once they were mourning here below,  
and poured out sighs and tears;  
they wrestled hard, as we do now,  
with sins and doubts and fears.**
- 3. I ask them whence their victory came;  
they, with united breath,  
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
their triumph to his death.**

4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,  
his zeal inspired their quest,  
and, following their incarnate God,  
possess the promised rest.

5. Our glorious leader claims our praise  
for his own pattern given;  
while the long cloud of witnesses  
show the same path to heaven.

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt*  
*TIS 438*

## 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, and  
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:*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; 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. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

*William Kethe d. 1594 alt  
TIS 59*

*The organist plays the Postlude*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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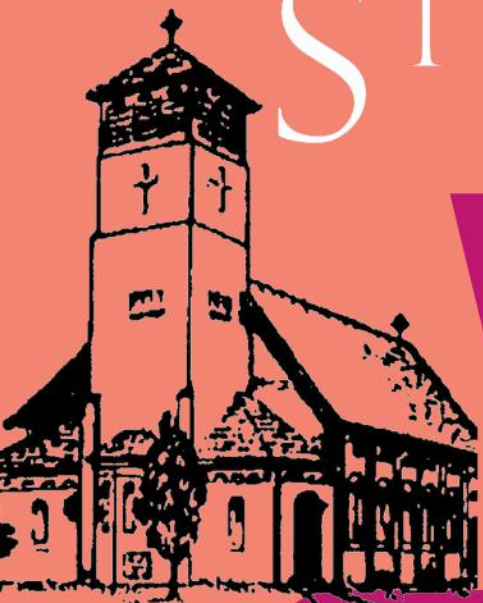
### VICAR ON LEAVE 12 – 15 MAY INCLUSIVE

The Vicar will be on retreat leave from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May, inclusive. During this time please contact the Churchwardens for most enquiries. **Please note there will be no Tuesday 10am Eucharist at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly this week.**

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### WELCOME TO FR MARC BILLIMORIA – SUNDAY 18 MAY 9:30AM

On Sunday 18 May during the 9:30am Sung Eucharist the Vicar will be introducing Fr Marc Billimoria to the congregation at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly. Fr Marc will also preach for us that morning. Fr Marc is a priest from Sri Lanka who has come to Melbourne to study full-time for a PhD at Trinity College. He will be living at Saint Agnes' House from August and regularly involved in the mission and ministry of parish with a focus at Saint Agnes'. Please welcome him!



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## WEEKEND PANTRY

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



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