

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

17<sup>th</sup> August 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. The symbol  indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.*

## OPENING HYMN

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew,  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
how great our debt to you.
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.

*Rosamond Eleanor Herklots 1905-87  
TIS 635*

 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.  
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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
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:  
*Here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'receive our prayer'*  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

[23.23-29]

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who

prophecy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophecy lies, and who prophecy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

[82]

God has stood up in the council of heaven:  
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.

**'How long will you judge unjustly:  
and favour the cause of the wicked?**

Judge for the poor and fatherless:  
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.

**'Rescue the poor and needy:  
and save them from the hands of the wicked.**

'They do not know, they do not understand,  
they walk about in darkness:  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**'Therefore I say, "Though you are gods:  
and all of you children of the Most High,  
"Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:  
and fall like one of the princes.'"**

**Arise, O God, and judge the earth:  
for you shall take all nations as your possession.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

[11.29-12.2]

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the

walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

**1. Jesus, united by thy grace  
and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek thy face,  
and know our prayer is heard.**

2. Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear,  
let each his friendly aid afford  
and feel his brother's care.

3. Touched by the lodestone of thy love,  
let all our hearts agree,  
and ever toward each other move,  
and ever move toward thee.

4. Up into thee, our living Head,  
let us in all things grow,  
and by thy sacrifice be led  
the fruits of love to show.

5. This is the bond of perfectness,  
thy spotless charity;  
O let us, still we pray, possess  
the mind that was in thee.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt*  
*AHB 365*

*Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels.*

## **GOSPEL**

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?' **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[12.49-59]

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

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



‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? ‘And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.’

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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
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,  
*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until '...became truly human'*  
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 *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
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. God moves in a mysterious way  
his wonders to perform;  
he plants his footsteps in the sea  
and rides upon the storm.

2. Deep in unfathomable mines  
of never-failing skill  
he treasures up his bright designs,  
and works his sovereign will.

3. You fearful saints, fresh courage take:  
the clouds you so much dread

are big with mercy, and shall break  
in blessings on your head.

4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
but trust him for his grace,  
behind a frowning providence  
he hides a smiling face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,  
unfolding every hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste,  
but sweet will be the flower.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
and scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
and he will make it plain.

*William Cowper 1731-1800*  
*TIS 126*

## 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, *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*  
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 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. Judge eternal, throned in splendour,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
With thy living fire of judgement  
Purge this realm of bitter things:  
Solace all its wide dominion  
With the healing of thy wings.

2. Still the weary folk are pining  
For the hour that brings release:  
And the city's crowded clangour  
Cries aloud for sin to cease;  
And the homesteads and the woodlands  
Plead in silence for their peace.

3. Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;  
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
Feed the faithless and the hungry  
With the richness of thy word:  
Cleanse the body of this nation  
Through the glory of the Lord.

*Henry Scott Holland 1847-1918*  
*TIS 490*

*The organist plays the Postlude.*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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PARISH BBQ TO WELCOME FR MARC TO SAINT AGNES' HOUSE  
A special Parish Lunch will be held in the front garden of the 'Old Vicarage' – Saint Agnes' House – on Sunday 17 August. Come and enjoy a delightful BBQ Lunch and welcome our 'new neighbour'! Please bring a plate of salad or dessert.

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## SRI LANKAN HOPPER & CURRY NIGHT – WED 8 OCTOBER 6:30PM

Join us at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly on Wednesday 8 October at 6:30pm for a special 'Hopper Night' (Sri Lankan rice flour cakes) and curry dinner fundraiser for our Weekend Pantry outreach together with Glen Eira CIS. Cost \$40 per head, including dinner, drinks and dessert. To book call Carole: 0416 971 309.

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## ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHALICE HELPERS

Thank you to all of those who are involved in the ministry of administering the chalice on Sundays at the Sung Eucharist. The names of those who do this regularly need to be sent in to the Diocese – please let Maree Burt know if you are involved in this, or indeed if you would like to be as more volunteers are needed! We may also look to run a 'refresher' training course – all are welcome!



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