

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Christ the King

23rd November 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.

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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: Evensong & Benediction
(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

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. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
ev'n eternity's too short
to extol thee.

*George Herbert 1593-1633
TIS 201*

✠ 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.

Silence is held as we gather our hearts and minds into the presence of God

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.’

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, 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 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

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they,
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be
plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

[23:1-6]

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[46]

God is our refuge and strength:
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:
and though the mountains are shaken
in the midst of the sea;**

Though the waters rage and foam:
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:

the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her,
therefore she shall not be moved:
God will help her, and at break of day.

**The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come then and see what the Lord has done:
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.**

He makes wars to cease in all the world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
and burns the chariots in the fire.

**‘Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted upon the earth.’**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

[1:11-20]

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung

GRADUAL HYMN

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4. He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt
TIS 216

Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[23.33-43]

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of silence and a musical 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

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;

hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel there on high
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends a burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:

his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and
Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 alt
TIS 228*

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.

A period of deep silence is held with silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest pronounces the blessing

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; *here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee* 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. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords
and heaven's eternal light.

3. the joy of al who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,
through shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855
TIS 378

The organist plays the Postlude

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER AT 11AM

Please note that the parish Annual Meeting will be held today at 11am at Saint John's Finch Street. All are welcome to attend. Hard copy papers are available at the back of the church and they have also been distributed electronically.

CHRISTMAS DINNER BOOKING – FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 6:30PM

Bookings are now open for the Parish Christmas Dinner to be held in the Saint John's Hall on Friday 12 December at 6:30pm. The cost is \$40 – which is generously subsidised by the parish – and includes a sumptuous Christmas spread put on by our resident caterer Amanda Grundy and her team, as well as drinks. Please bring a dessert if you are able! Bookings can be made online at trybooking.com/DHBUB If you would like to pay in cash or card on the night please email secretary@saintjohns.org.au to book your place. All welcome!



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