

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4 September, 2022



*We welcome you to St. Oswald's Church and to this service, especially if you are new or a visitor among us. Please make yourself known to the welcomers, so that they may introduce you to other members of the congregation.
Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.*

*We acknowledge the sovereign country of the
Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.*

Outline of Today's Service from

A Prayer Book for Australia

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Today's Ministries

8 am	Reader	
10 am	Reader	J. McPherson
	Cantor	W. Andrews
	Intercessor	K. Ennis
	Welcome /	P. Dalrymple
	Offertory	H. Rehn
	Morning Tea	L. McBeth
		J. Haigh



From the Vicar

It's an exciting time at St Oswald's. Lots of wonderful things happening which we can trace back to St Oswald's Day!

We have had exciting social gatherings, interesting speakers, and a burgeoning engagement with the local community. Since the change in the Gallery operations there have been several local people offering to assist and we had a great meeting this week with the Mayor of Boroondara Jane Addis, a member of her staff and the team from Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP), which is a community controlled Aboriginal organisation based in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) of Melbourne, including the CEO Elke Smirl. Much was discussed about the garden, gallery and collaborations and we look forward to seeing what might happen. One thing I am interested in is the possibility of the Mullum Creations team providing coffee and Aboriginal food creations at upcoming events! Yum!

Highgate Pre-School is visiting on the 6th and 12th in the garden. For the four-year-olds we will be doing Johnny Cakes in the Garden. See me if you can assist.

Later in the month we have the Fun and Funds evening – Saturday 17th September. Another great opportunity to get together and enjoy ourselves. Don't hog the fun for yourself, make up a table and bring friends and family along. More the merrier.

On Sunday the 18th September at 10 am we will have the Rev. Helen Dwyer with us to speak about what makes a safe place for Aboriginal families and children. Helen is a chaplain at Melbourne Grammar School and will bring insights that will be useful for us as we negotiate the latest State Government Child Safe Regulations.

Wow! God has got us busy! Hallelujah!

Glenn

Save the Date – Melbourne Singers Concert - Sunday 9 October 2022 at 2pm.

The Melbourne Singers, a local mixed voice choir, will be giving a concert at St. Oswald's on Sunday 9 October at 2pm. The choir will sing a mix of classical, musical theatre and other songs, along with a guest artist.

The concert will be a fund raising occasion for the church.

Please put the date in your diary. We would love to see you and family and friends there.

More details to come shortly. Inquiries to Peter and Judy Johnson - 0417 548 896.

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldchurchgleniris>
go to Videos on left side of screen

Tuesday 6 September

9 am **Morning Prayer In the Church
& Live Streamed**

Wednesday 7 September

10 am **Holy Communion**

Thursday 8 September

9 am **Morning Prayer In the Church
& Live Streamed**

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 11 September —Live streamed

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings 11 September

Jeremiah 4: 11—12, 22—28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1: 1—2, 12—19a

Luke 15: 1—10

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Intercessions

For the church:

The Anglican Church of Australia; Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia; Anglican Early Childhood Services; St Michael & St Luke's Dandenong; St George's East Ivanhoe; St Eanswythe's, Altona; St John's Croydon.

For those who face challenges in daily living:

Departed

Ilona Longworth, Helen Ennis.



Today we read St Luke's account of Jesus addressing the crowd about the cost of being a disciple. Not only does it require forethought and detailed planning, like a person preparing to build a tower, but it also requires detachment from both family and possessions. That is not to say that relationships and material objects are bad in themselves, but that they can be distractions from the mission Jesus has for each one of us. How can we, as individuals and as a Church, leave those things behind that hinder our ability to be ardent disciples of Jesus?

- Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, help me to leave anything that gets in the way behind, so that I can follow your path and bring others to you.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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Folks,

With the growing uptick of Covid perhaps it's appropriate to follow the recommendations in this VicGov doc to wear masks inside. I have copied the relevant section for the pew bulletin

Where face masks are recommended

We strongly recommend wearing a mask if you:

- are in an indoor setting
- can't physically distance, such as at entry or exit points to large events
- have any COVID-19 symptoms, or are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>

From the Organist

Slane, the tune to our recessional hymn, is a traditional Irish melody steeped in history. If you were to go to the Hill of Slane in Ireland today you would see the remains of several churches, some built over earlier artificial mounds dating back to the Neolithic era.

Not only the burial place of kings, the Hill of Slane is supposedly the site where St Patrick lit the paschal fire in 433AD in defiance of the High King Laoire who forbid any other fires while a festival fire on his hill, the Hill of Tara, which can be seen from the Hill of Slane some 16 km's away. The High King was so impressed that St Patrick had dared to defy him, the legend is that Laoire converted and became a supporter of St Patrick's work in Ireland.

The text comes to us thanks to translations from Middle Irish (c. 900-1000 AD) thanks to the translation works of Mary Elizabeth Byrne and Eleanor Hull. Known as a lorica, a prayer for protection, the words invoke God's spear and shield, and depict God as the High King or clan protector.

Daniel Brace

Racism – a Discussion

Sunday 18 September, after 10am Service

Even at late as the last few weekends, we have seen again issues of racism on the football field directed towards Aboriginal players. And the debate gaining momentum towards the Statement from the Heart and a Voice to Parliament for First Nations people in this country has sparked a good deal of healthy debate, but also further racist comments from some.

The church is also not insulated from racism and racist comments. Glenn has shared with the Parish Council a substantial number of examples of racism and experiences as an Aboriginal person which are totally unacceptable. Some of these incidents have occurred in the Melbourne Anglican Diocese and even at St. Oswald's. Some of these racist remarks arise out of misunderstanding or ignorance, but others may have a malicious intent.

To help us all understand more about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders see and experience racism, it is proposed to hold a discussion in church after the 10am service on Sunday 18 September. It will be led by Vicar Glenn and school chaplain Rev Helen Dwyer.

In relation to children and young people in particular, the recent Victorian law change on Child Safety Standards makes it absolutely mandatory that as a church we maintain child safe premises at all times, especially for Aboriginal children and young people. No racism can be tolerated.

We also want to respect Glenn as an Aboriginal and Wiradjuri man and ensure he is not subject to racist remarks. Glenn is more than happy to answer questions about his Aboriginal heritage and racism. However, as preparation for the discussion, and if you have not read Glenn's book, you are invited to learn about Glenn's story and his exposure to racism through his book "On Being Black Fella's Young Fella". Copies are available for loan or purchase in the Murnong Gallery at the church, or at the Leaf Bookshop in Ashburton.

This discussion will be a great educational opportunity for all of us to learn about racism and its impact, viewed from the position of a First Nations person. It will enable us to understand these issues more fully and help us to better inform others. Please come and bring you friends and family and stay for the discussion after the service on Sunday 18 September.

Peter Johnson

Unpacking the Uluru Statement from the Heart with Uncle Glenn Loughery.

Monday 5 September 7.30 - 8.30pm AEST
on Zoom

- Do you wish to learn more about the Statement from the Heart, signed at Uluru?
- Do you wish to understand more about the potential for First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Constitution?



Join us for a special evening as Uncle Glenn Loughery unpacks how he sees the Statement from the Heart as a useful model for change, with justice for First Peoples at the centre of Voice, Treaty, Truth and Makaratta

Where this would normally be our Creating Space time, this month we are creating space for Uncle Glenn.

Please join us for what promises to be an insightful time of learning and understanding.

ST OSWALD'S FUN & FUNDS NIGHT A Lighthearted Evening

WHERE: St Oswald's Hall

DATE: Saturday 17th September 2022

TIME: 7.30 - 10.00pm

ENTRY: \$10 per person with booking
Tables of 6/8 or Individual or couple bookings
Please bring cash to spend (eg \$2 and \$5)
NOTE: NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE

BRING: Supper, Drinks, Glasses - everything!!

RSVP: To Helen Rehn on Sundays
By 14th September 2022
Phone: 0408 173 170
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Gathering in God's Name

Processional Hymn TiS 658

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord
 is it I Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night:
 I will go Lord
 if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord

*Daniel L. Schutte 1947 –
suggested by Isaiah 6*

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Welcome The Reverend Canon Associate Professor Glenn Loughrey

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Sentence

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 14.27

Prayer of Preparation

**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**

**Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy
 Christ, have mercy
 Lord, have mercy**

Gloria in Excelsis

**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

**Jealous God,
you call us to hate the life
that is an echo of death
and a whisper of fear:
give us the courage to pass through shadows
and count the cost of a love beyond measure;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is fully alive. Amen**

The Ministry of the Word

(Please sit)

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

[Jeremiah 18: 1—11]

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord : ² ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord . Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord : Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1—5, 12—18



How won - der - ful are your works, O Lord

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Cantor:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.

R

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

R

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;

you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R

A Reading from Philemon

[Philemon 1—25]

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For

this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever,¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.²² One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.²³ Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you,²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Plainchant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Acclamation: Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws**

The Gospel

[Luke 14: 25—35]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. ³⁴ 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon (*please sit*)

Please stand

The Profession of Faith

**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.**

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of Approach

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he is us. Amen.**

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.**

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 Greeting of Peace

All stand and the Greeting of Peace is given by the Priest.

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 510

**My God, your table now is spread,
your cup with love will overflow;
be all your children to it led,
and let them all its sweetness know.**

**A sacred feast which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
How happy those who here partake
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.**

**Still let your table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see
that here its sacred pledges tastes.**

*Philip Doddridge
1702 – 51 alt.*

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The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

**Blessed are you,
Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving 2

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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

You formed us in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You call us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.
Amen.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours forever 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Please sit or kneel

Agnus Dei **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The people come forward to receive Communion.

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen.***

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

After Communion

Priest: Let us pray

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for your pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

Most loving God,
**you send us into the world you love,
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Post Communion Hymn TiS 547

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880—1931
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull 1860—1935
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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;

The Blessing

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

