

### Sentence

‘No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends,’ says the Lord, ‘if you do what I command you.’  
John 14:13-14

### Opening Prayer

O God, our ruler and guide,  
in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,  
we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land  
and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:  
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,  
gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,  
may have grace to live in a spirit of justice,  
of generosity, and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

#### A reading from the prophet Micah

**Mic 4:1-4**

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.  
Peoples shall stream to it,  
and many nations shall come and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more;  
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.  
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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- 1 God is our refuge and strength:  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:  
and though the mountains are shaken .  
in the midst of the sea.
- 3 Though the waters rage and foam:  
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:  
the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her,  
therefore she shall not be moved:  
God will help her and at break of day.
- 6 The nations make uproar and the kingdoms are shaken:  
but God has lifted his voice and the earth shall tremble.
- 7 *The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
- 8 Come then and see what the Lord has done:  
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world:  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 ‘Be still, and know that I am God:  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted upon the earth.’
- 11 *The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

### Second Reading

**Heb 10:32-11.1**

#### A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet  
“in a very little while,

the one who is coming will come and will not delay;  
but my righteous one will live by faith.

My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.”

But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

**Jn. 15:9-17**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

# **ANZAC DAY**

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