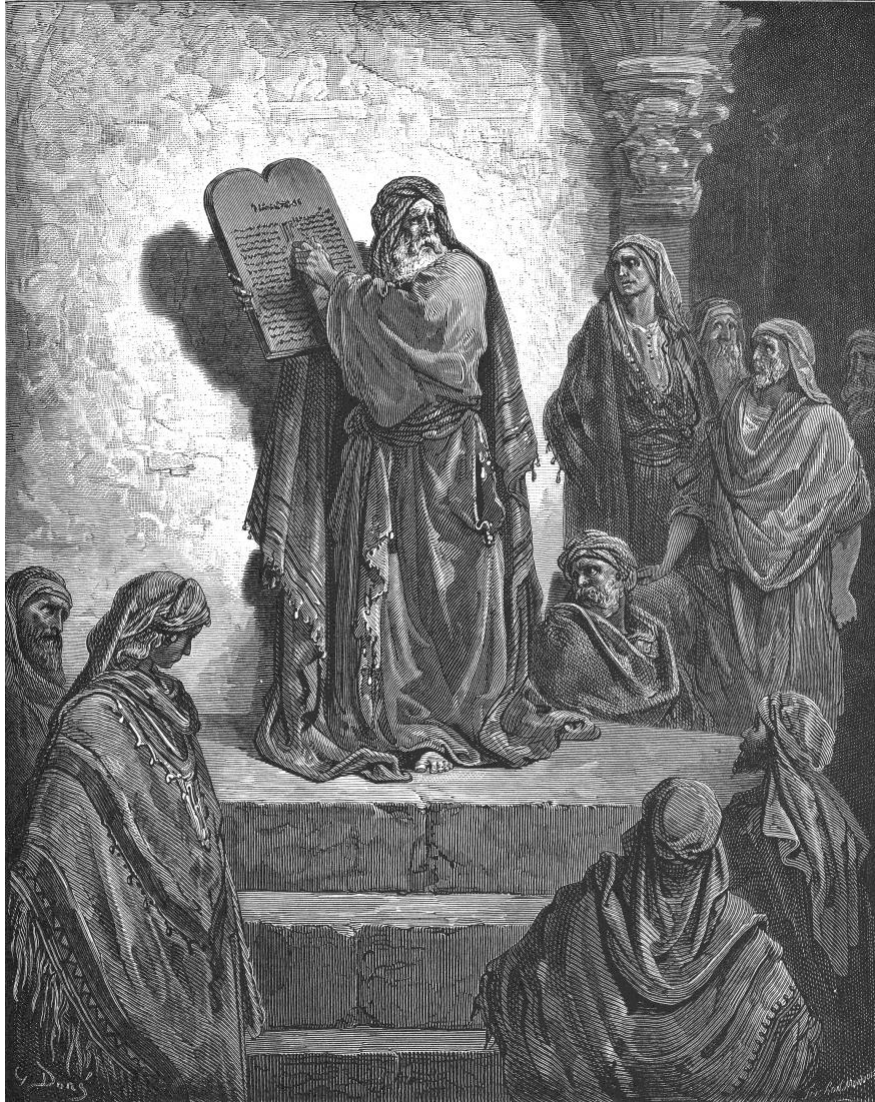


WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

*Diocese of Melbourne – Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846*



Gustave Doré (1832–1883) *Ezra Reads the Law to the People*

PEW SHEET
ORDINARY SUNDAY 3
23RD JANUARY 2022

WEEKLY MUSINGS

Last Sunday, the church had the most joyful afternoon at the Vicarage Garden party. It is lovely to see so many beloved friends coming together, enjoying a beautiful afternoon under the old Ginkgo tree, sipping wine and catching up. For centuries, the Ginkgo tree and leaves have been used by the Chinese and Japanese as a brain tonic. Metaphorically, it is praised as the tree of Wisdom in Chinese culture. In most cultures, it is as a symbol of peace, hope, love, vitality and duality.

As I stood under the magnificent Ginkgo tree, I reflected on a part of the Beatitudes that baffled me: “Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted”. The deepest of its meaning eludes me like sunlight behind her luscious green leaves. I had a blurry understanding of this Scripture until this day. In the soft glare of the summer sun, as I look back at Keble House my home for the last two years, I realised how blessed we are to be a part of this historical, iconic shrine church St Peter’s Eastern Hill. We have much to mourn for in the last two years, for lost time with friends, for lost freedom and lost lives due to COVID, however, amidst the pain and suffering, there is much comfort to know that the Pandemic has brought us all closer as we weather this unprecedented storm together. While other churches quietly shut their doors in hibernation, St Peter’s stand strong and tall amongst the 21st-century buildings around it. We have shown the world that we are in the world, and yet not of the world. We are non-conformist in a good way.

When the world goes into hibernation, we partnered with the Parliament to administer social justice to the homeless of Melbourne, opening our doors in between lockdowns and spreading our unique brand of love. Our music is Baroque, our liturgy is traditional, and our unapologetic collection of vestments stretches out to cover all seasons of the liturgical calendar. We are in the middle of Melbourne, but our colour is not the popular “Melbourne Black”! Collin Holden once wrote “St Peter's was never a centre of utter conformity, its profile as a significant inner-city church was never in doubt. It could be criticized, even thundered against, for one or other of its divergencies; but its clientele embraced a far wider range than the eccentric, or seekers after the new and different, or those seeking anonymity”.

St Peter’s is different, we are proud to be so. We continue to stand amid contradictions, and to straddle them, offering our peculiar brand of nonconformity. Last Sunday, standing under the fan shaped Ginkgo tree I felt comforted knowing that amidst all adversities of life there is a shrine church in the city of Melbourne that brings peace, hope, love, vitality. A church that stands firm in her tradition like the tall Ginkgo tree, spreading out her leaves of wisdom, ministering and healing people throughout history.

Xeverie Swee, Klingner Scholar

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Wendy Hancock, Judith Hibberd, Russell Kennedy, Thomas Low, Adrienne Moran, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Joan Small, Margaret Sutherland, Paul Wheelton, Anne Wuttke, Reinhart Wuttke, Angus and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, David Bornstein, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Helen Drummond, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Natalie Kellett, Roman Kerr, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Ken Letts PRIEST, Alice McCraith, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Dorothy Bailey

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	23 rd	Ralph Clarkson, Beatrice Elsie Yonge
Mon	24 th	Gordon Lake, Farnham Edward Maynard PRIEST, Herbert Frank Willoughby PRIEST
Tue	25 th	Sister Eleanor CHN, Josephine Montgomerie
Wed	26 th	Vernon Cornish BISHOP, Sister Gwendoline CHN, Pamela Keating, Francis Morton
Thu	27 th	Alec Graeme Bond, Sister Rachel CHN
Fri	28 th	Arthur Rupert Lumsden
Sat	29 th	Nellie Winifred Holland

MASS PROPERS & MUSIC

Mass setting: Johannes Eccard (1553-1611): Missa *Mon cœur se recommande à vous*

Hymn: NEH: 419 *O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*

INTROIT

Adorate Deum omnes Angeli eius,
audivit, et laetata est Sion: et
exsultaverunt filiae Judae

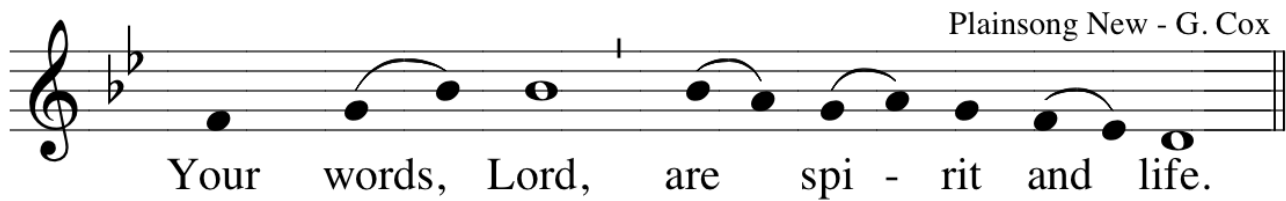
*Adore God, all you His Angels: Sion heard,
and was glad: and the daughters of Juda
rejoiced.*

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So the Levites read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then Ezra said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 19



The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **R.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.12-14, 27

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body —Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Timebunt gentes nomen tuum,
Dómine, et omnes reges terræ glóriam
tuam. Quóniam ædificávit Dóminus
Sion: et vidébitur in majestáte sua.

*The Gentiles shall fear Thy Name, O Lord,
and all the kings Thy glory. For the Lord hath
built up Sion; and He shall be seen in His
glory.*

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1.1-4; 4.14-21)

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

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then Jesus began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

OFFERTORY

Déxtera Dómini fecit virtútem: déxtera
Dómini exaltávit me: non móriar, sed
vivam, et narrábo ópera Dómini.

*The right hand of the Lord hath wrought
strength: the right hand of the Lord hath
exalted me: I shall not die, but live, and shall
declare the works of the Lord.*

Hymn: NEH 310. *We hail thy presence glorious*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Comedite pinguis, et bibite mulsum, et
mittite partes eis qui non
praeparaverunt sibi : sanctus enim dies
Domini est, nolite contristari : gaudium
etenim Domini est fortitudo nostra.

*Eat the fat and drink the sweet wine, and
send portions unto those for whom nothing is
prepared, for this day is holy unto our Lord;
neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is
your strength.”*

COMMUNION MOTET: Josquin Desprez (c.1450-1521): *Salve Regina* à 4

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris
tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo
Maria.

*O, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of
Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus. O clement, O loving, o sweet Virgin
Mary.*

Hymn: 408a. *Love Divine, all loves excelling*

Postlude: C. V. Stanford (1852-1924) *Postlude No. 5*

NOTICES

Gathering in the Vicarage Garden

Last Sunday the Parish gathered for a Garden Party in the Vicarage Garden. The invitation from Helen and +David to gather soon after arriving 'back' in the Vicarage revived memories of past years. The preparation commenced on Saturday with the 'Garden Crew' attending at 10 am for some garden maintenance and general preparation. Everyone was treated to morning tea, with scones provided by Helen Farrer and Dawn Best.

The beautiful weather on Sunday contributed to a most enjoyable event, located in this historic garden setting. Many people made the occasion memorable, everyone who brought food, those serving the food and drinks on the day, helping with the clean-up and relocation of furniture and equipment. Sue Wuttke and Tanya Ondaatje provided some special help behind the scenes. However, our greatest thanks must go to Helen Farrer, for her invitation, planning and care for us as a Parish. A wonderful day for St Peter's.

Daniel Ferguson



St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplies

Bookroom Volunteer's Choice of the week!

'The range of young children's religious books at St Peter's Bookroom is the best in Melbourne.' Ann Brady (Monday afternoon volunteer and Book Fair aficionado).



How to Chalk Your Home for Epiphany

Chalking the front door of your home for Epiphany is an ancient custom that represents the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Magi; it's also a wonderful way to invite God's blessings into your home as we usher in the new year.

The chalking of the door can be done on Epiphany itself or any day during Epiphanytide, which ends at Candlemas (2 February). The initials "CMB" stand for the names for the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

Here is a guide to performing the rite yourself, using chalk that was blessed at Epiphany. You can collect blessed chalk from the sides people at the church entrance.

Order of Service for Chalking the Door

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Read an Epiphany Scripture passage (See the passage from Isaiah below)
3. Pray: "Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."
4. Chalk the door or door frame or lintel: 20+C+M+B+ (last two digits of the current year)
5. Pray the Our Father.
6. Make the Sign of the Cross.

Scripture reading

Isaiah 60:1—6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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9am BCP Mass; 10.30 am High Mass with Children's Church; 6pm APBA Mass

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1.15pm Mass
Saturday 9am Mass with Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham (4th Sat. of the month)
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people. Our mission is:
"Worshipping Christ in the
Eucharist; serving Christ
in the world".*

