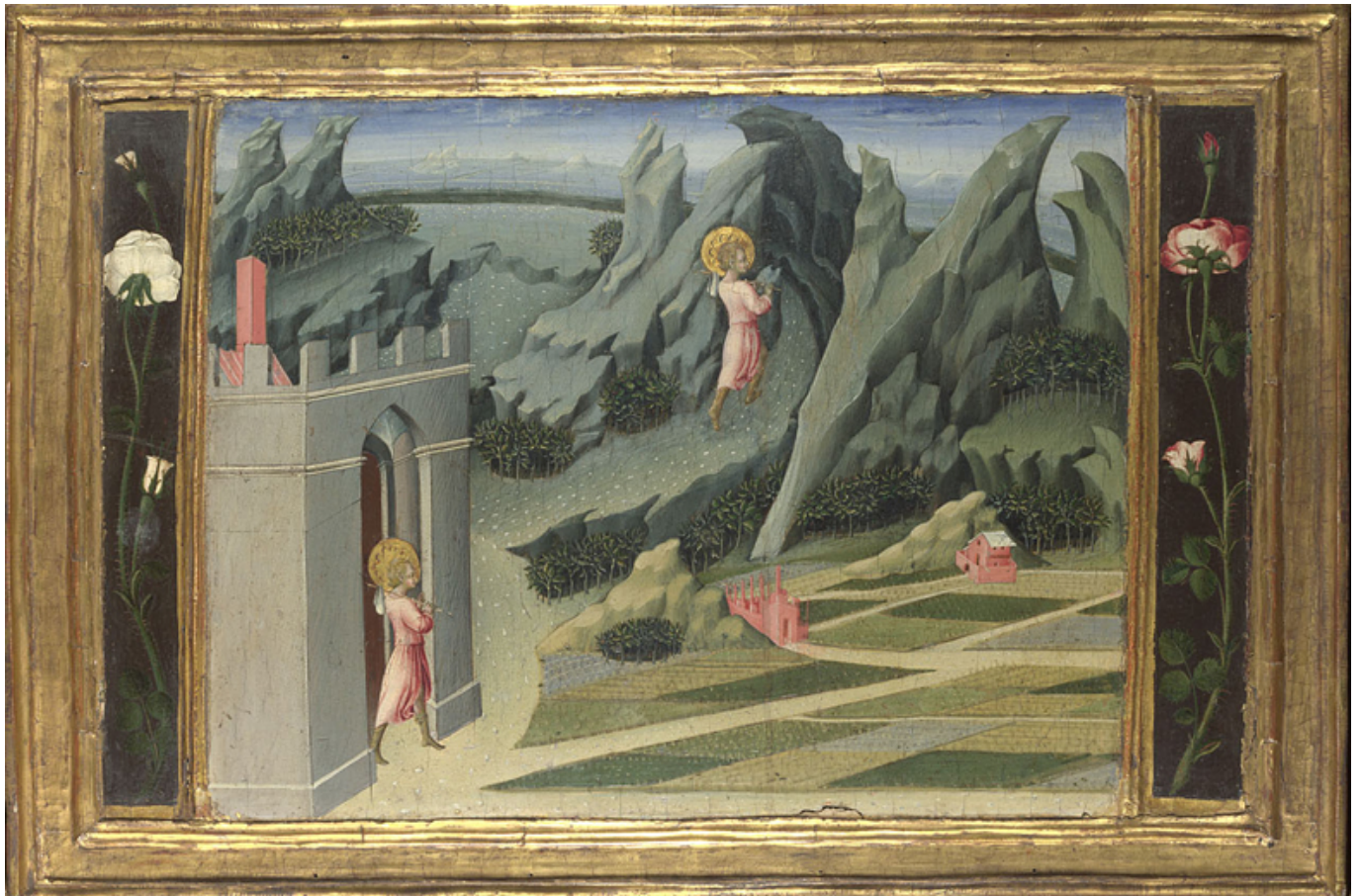


Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Giovanni di Paolo, "St. John the Baptist Retiring to the Desert" (1453)

Second Sunday of Advent (& La Trobe Sunday)

6th December 2020

Parish High Mass, 10.30am

Live-streamed on the St Peter's FaceBook page & YouTube channel

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

COVID-19 restrictions permit a limited number at public worship. The sidespeople are required to check your name off against their list, if you have booked in advance, or otherwise you must leave them with your name and phone number (you may do this by using the QR code at the door). For those unable to attend today in person, the service will be live-streamed and recorded online through FaceBook (www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill).

Please read carefully and observe all the requisite COVID-Safe guidelines below. If you have any questions, the sidespeople will be able to help you.

- *If you are feeling unwell, you should not be at church; go home and get tested immediately.*
- *For COVID-19 symptomatic persons (or close contacts) and those self-isolating, you must not under any circumstances come to church.*
- *For the safety of others, you must maintain spatial distancing of 1.5m at all times – the only exception being your immediate family (e.g. marriage partners & dependent children).*
- *When in church you must wear a mask at all times. Service leaders and readers may remove their mask while speaking, and similarly a choir member while singing.*
- *Sadly congregational singing is not currently allowed, but a small choir is permitted.*
- *Please make use of the hand sanitiser, by the West Door, as you enter and leave church.*
- *Do not to shake hands, hug, or kiss others beyond your immediate family.*
- *All service booklets are single-use only, so please take yours home.*

Note: the church and hall are cleaned and sanitised daily, according to WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of our buildings and furnishings.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Mass setting: A. Dellinger (1837-c.1895) *Drei-stimmiger Messe.*

Prelude: J. Langlais (1907-91) *Chant de Paix.*

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass.

Celebrant: 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.

The celebrant chants the collect for purity.

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.**

The choir sings:

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The deacon introduces the confession. Please sit or kneel.

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in
darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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.

The celebrant pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God,

Who has promised forgiveness of sins

to all those 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 celebrant chants the collect for the day:

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets

To preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,

That we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ

Our Redeemer, who lives and reigns

With you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 *read by Lynn James.*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 85:8-13

The choir sings the Psalm.

R: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
For he will speak peace to his people.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
That his glory may dwell in our land. **R.**
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
And righteousness will look down from the sky. **R.**
The Lord will give what is good,
And our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
And will make a path for his steps. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 2 Peter 3:8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a

thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The choir sings the antiphon. Please stand.

The celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Children's address and lighting of the Advent Candles.

Sermon: Fr Hugh Kempster

Please then stand for the Nicene Creed, which will be said, not sung, due to restrictions.

Celebrant:

Let us together 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,

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit or kneel. The intercessions are led by Di Clark.

Celebrant: Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end: Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light + perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: 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 GREETING OF THE PEACE

Please stand.

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

Please be seated for the preparation.

Celebrant: Blessed are you . . . **Blessed be God forever.**
Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands
to the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please sit or kneel.

Celebrant: 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 celebrant continues the prayer of Great Thanksgiving, leading to:

Celebrant: . . . forever praising you and saying:

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	God of power and might,
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra</i>	heaven and earth are full
<i>gloria tua.</i>	of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is he who comes
<i>in nomine domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord
<i>Hosanna in excelsis</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith ...

The choir sings: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We worship you, Father Almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise.

The choir sings: Blessing and honour and glory and power
Are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the choir sings:

<i>Agnus Dei,</i>	Lamb of God,
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi:</i>	you take away the sin of the world:
<i>miserere nobis.</i>	have mercy on us.
<i>Agnus Dei,</i>	Lamb of God,
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi:</i>	you take away the sin of the world:
<i>dona nobis pacem.</i>	grant us your peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed 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.**

The Blessed Sacrament is shared.

Communion motet: Lodovico Balbi (c.1545-1604) *Hierusalem surge.*
Translation: Arise, O Jerusalem, stand on high and behold
the joy that cometh to thee from God.

*Those viewing from home are invited to join in spiritual communion (for more detail see
bit.ly/2DnGZoU) and may wish to pray the following prayer:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits you have given me,
For all the pains and insults you have borne for me;
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart;
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
And follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

After St Richard of Chichester's prayer

At the conclusion of Holy Communion there is a short time of silent prayer.

The choir sings, in place of the post-communion hymn, which is sadly not currently permitted.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant chants the post-communion prayer:

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us
With the bread of life and the cup of salvation;
As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful,
That we may be ready to stand before him
On the day of his coming.

**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 blessing: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
And make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
And the blessing of God ...

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

Postlude: J. Alain (1911-40) *Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin.*

There will be a retiring collection after Mass.

Due to the restrictions refreshments are not permitted.

As you leave the church, please observe spatial distancing of 1.5m at all times, and keep your mask on. Thank you for keeping yourself and others safe in these times of pandemic.