

Welcome to  
**St Peter's Eastern Hill**

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



Gerard David, "The Annunciation" detail (1506)

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Parish High Mass with Children's Church  
10.30am**

*Also live-streamed on the St Peter's FaceBook page & YouTube channel*



# WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

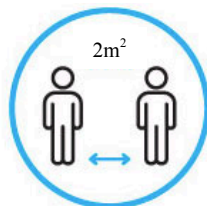
*COVID-19 restrictions have eased, but clearly the virus has not yet been eradicated, and we must still remain vigilant. If you are not feeling confident about returning to worship, then please feel free to remain at home and join us online: FaceBook ([www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill)) or YouTube ([www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](http://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:*

- *our density quotient at St Peter's allows for up to 110 people in the pews, and a total congregation (including choir, servers, children's church, overflow etc) of up to 174 people.*
- *We are now allowed to have refreshments again after church. The Parish Hall itself has a density quotient of a maximum of 99 people.*
- *If you have booked a pew, the sidespeople will tick off your name on arrival.*
- *If you have not booked, that's fine, you can scan the QR Code on your smart phone, or just give your first name and phone number to the sidespeople.*
- ***Masks are now mostly optional in church. It is obligatory, however, to wear a mask for congregational singing if you wish to join in.***
- *The new 2sqm spatial distancing essentially means keeping an elbow's distance from others at all times (other than partners and immediate family members, of course).*
- *There will be an Offertory collection once again, in the usual place (rather than the retiring collection of recent weeks).*
- *Please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter or leave church.*
- *Communion will continue in one kind only, with no common cup for the time being.*
- ***If you are feeling unwell, especially with COVID-19-type symptoms, you must not be at church; please go home and get tested immediately.***
- *Do not to shake hands, hug, or kiss others beyond your immediate family.*
- *All service booklets and the pew sheet are single-use only, so please take yours home.*

*Please note: we have a busy program of worship and social service at St Peter's Eastern Hill, seven days a week, but the church and hall are cleaned and sanitised daily, under WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of our buildings and furnishings.*

We have a COVID-Safe Plan and are committed to keeping you safe



Physical Distancing



Sanitising and washing hands



Please be kind and care for one another in these stressful times of change



# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Mass setting:* G. Allegri (1582-1652) *Missa: Che fa hoggi il mio sole.*

*Prelude:* J. Demessieux (1921-68) *Rorate caeli.*

*Please stand for the Processional hymn.*

**1. Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.**

**2. Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**3. Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed to know  
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**4. Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**5. Shout, as you journey on,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
From East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the sons of earth be blest.**

NEH 7

Words: C.E. Oakley (1832-65)

Music: M. Shaw (1875-1958)

*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:  
cleans 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:*

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us  
When Mary placed her life at the service of your will:  
Prepare our hearts for his coming again  
And keep us steadfast in hope,  
That we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;  
For his sake, 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:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14&16 *read by Adrian Chong*

Now when David, the king, was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel: and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne, David, shall be established forever."

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

**PSALM:** 89:1-4, 26&28 *led by the cantor. Please join in the response.*

Plainsong New - G. Cox

For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of a series of notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4. There are slurs over the first four notes and the last four notes. The text 'For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord' is written below the staff, with hyphens under 'ev' and 'ness'.

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
 With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
 I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
 Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.     **R.**

You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
 I have sworn to my servant David:  
 I will establish your descendants forever,  
 And build your throne for all generations.”     **R.**

He shall cry to me, “You are my Father,  
 My God, and the Rock of my salvation!”  
 Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,  
 And my covenant with him will stand firm.     **R.**

**THE EPISTLE:** Romans 16:25-27 *chanted by the sub-deacon.*

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

**THE GOSPEL:** Luke 1:26-38

*The cantor leads the singing of the antiphon. Please stand and join in the response.*

Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The celebrant:*     The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
                           The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
                           **Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came to Mary and said, “Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to



him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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

*Children’s address and lighting of the Advent Candles follows:*      Fr Hugh Kempster

*Sermon:*      Fr Philip Gill

*Please stand for the Nicene Creed.*

Celebrant	Choir or All
 <p style="text-align: center;">We be - lieve in one God,</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, mak - er of</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">hea - ven and earth, of all that is,</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">seen and un - seen.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">We be - lieve in one Lord, Je - sus Christ,</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">the on - ly Son of God,</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">e - ter - nal - ly</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God,</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Light from Light, true God from true God,</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">be - got - ten, not made,</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">of one be - ing with the Fa - ther;</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">through him all things were made.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">For us and for our sal - va - tion</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">he came down from heav'n,</p>



was in - car - nate of the Ho - ly Spi - rit and the Vir - gin Ma - ry

and be - came tru - ly hu - man. For our sake he was cru - ci - fied

un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bur - ied.

On the third day he rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures;

he as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.

He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead,

and his king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,

the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son,

who with the Fa - ther and the Son is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied,

who has spok - en through the pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly ca - tho - lic

and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism

for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

Text: English Language Liturgical Consultation (1988)  
Music: Sarum Chant, adapted by G.Cox (1984; rev. 2015)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please sit or kneel. The intercessions are led by Helen Drummond.*

*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.**

## 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.**

*A collection will be taken during the Offertory hymn.*

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!**  
**Redeem thy captive Israel,**  
**That into exile drear is gone**  
**Far from the face of God's dear Son.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high!**  
**Who madest all in earth and sky,**  
**Creating man from dust and clay:**  
**To us reveal salvation's way. [Refrain]**

**3. O come, O come, Adonai,**  
**Who in thy glorious majesty**  
**From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,**  
**Gavest thy folk the ancient law. [Refrain]**

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

5. O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode

6. O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

7. O come, Desire of nations! show  
Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.

NEH 11

Words: Trans. T.A. Lacey (1853-1931)

based on the ancient Advent Antiphons

Music: T. Helmore (1811-90) from 'a French Missal'

*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:

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus* Holy, holy, holy

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.* God of power and might,

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra* 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 ...

*All*

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

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

*All*

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Please remain kneeling or seated for the Lord's Prayer.

*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 king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours  
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

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

*All remaining kneeling as the cantor 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.*

*Motets: Duruflé: Tota pulchra es & Anon.: There is no rose of such virtue.*

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

*Please stand for the post-communion hymn.*

**1. Long ago, prophets knew  
 Christ would come, born a Jew.  
 Come to make all things new;  
 Bear his People's burden,  
 Freely love and pardon.  
     *Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
     *Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
     *When he comes, who will make him welcome?***

**2. God in time, God in man,  
 This is God's timeless plan:  
 He will come, as a man,  
 Born himself of woman,  
 God divinely human. [Refrain]**

**3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb God is laid;  
Till the time expected  
Nurtured and protected. [Refrain]**

**4. Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethle'm shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry! [Refrain]**

NEH 10

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: from *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*The children are invited to show their craft activities to the congregation.*

*After a short silence, the celebrant then 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.**

*The children join the Sanctuary party and process to the West Door.*

*Postlude:* O. Messiaen (1908-92) *La Vierge et L'enfant*  
from 'La Nativité du Seigneur'.

*As you leave the church, please continue to observe spatial distancing of 2sqm per person at all times, to help keep yourself and others safe. You may wish to continue wearing your mask, but it is optional.*

*Last week, for the first time since March, government easing of restrictions allowed us to share in a time of refreshments in the Hall together. As you return to the Parish Hall will notice some changes to the set-up since you were last there. The arrangement of furniture is designed to support the ongoing requirements for limited spatial distancing.*

*There is now air-conditioning in the Hall, thanks to a bequest from Gina Macpherson, given specifically towards building maintenance and upgrades. God bless her! May she rest in peace ... and rise in glory.*

*Please note: do not sit (or allow children to sit) on the new air-conditioning units, or place drinks or other items on them, as this could cause significant damage.*



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