

# Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Fra Angelico, "The Dormition and Assumption of the Virgin" (c. 1425)

## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

16<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
**Parish Mass, 10.30am**

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

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, sadly, public worship is no longer permitted; but we warmly invite you to join us in worship online each Sunday on FaceBook (<https://bit.ly/2ZeiZN5>) and YouTube (<https://bit.ly/2AIZiDF>) by live-stream.*

*The cantor sings the entrance hymn: "Hail Mary, full of grace" NEH 188.*

*Mass setting:* Matthew Martin (b. 1976) *The Oratory 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 cantor sings:* Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*The celebrant introduces the confession:*

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.**

*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 Gloria.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
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 celebrant chants the collect for the day.*

Loving God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
To be the mother of your incarnate Son:  
Grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood,  
May share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
Now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**THE FIRST READING:** Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6 & 10

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then

another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah.”

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

### **Psalm 45: 9-17**

*The cantor leads the singing of the Psalm. Please join in the response.*



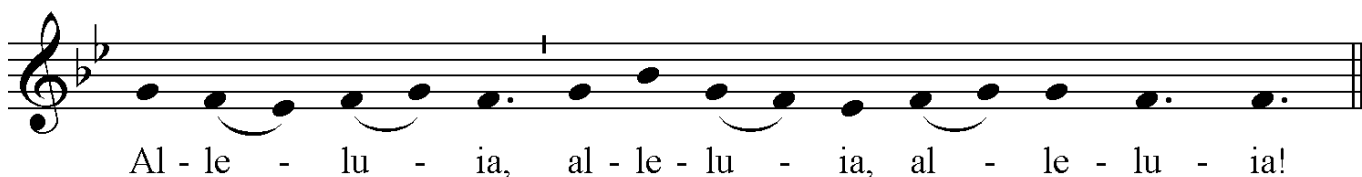
### **THE EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Brothers and sisters, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

### **THE GOSPEL:** Luke 1:39-56

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



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

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

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

*Sermon:* Fr Philip Gill

*The Nicene Creed.*

*Priest* We be - lieve in one God, *All* the Fa - ther, the al - migh - ty,  
ma - ker of hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen.  
We be - lieve in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God,

e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther;  
 through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from hea - ven,  
 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 bu - ried. On the third day he rose a - gain  
 in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scen - ded 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 li - ving and the dead and his king - dom will have no end.  
 We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the gi - ver 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 spo - ken 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



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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

*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.**

*The cantor sings a hymn as the altar is prepared:*  
"Virgin born, we bow before thee" NEH 187.

*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

*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, leading to*

*Celebrant:* ... forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

*Celebrant:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith ...  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

*All*



Our\_ Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed\_ be\_\_ your name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth\_ as\_\_ in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread...  
For - give us our\_\_ sins as we for - give those who\_ sin a - gainst us.  
Save us\_\_ from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours now and for e - ver. A - men.

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



*All remaining kneeling.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us 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 Sacrament is shared amongst those present.*

*Communion Motet: Alessandro Grandi (1590-1630) O quam tu pulcha es.*

*At the conclusion of Holy Communion all are invited to join in singing the hymn:*

**1. Sing we of the blessed Mother  
Who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to his summons  
Bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
At whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
And the everlasting Bread.**

**2. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
When her work on earth was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.**

NEH 185 (vv.1&4)  
Words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997)  
Music: Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The celebrant chants the post-communion prayer:*

God our Saviour,  
Your word proclaims our salvation  
Which we taste in the bread of life;  
Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary  
That we, too, may respond as willing servants  
And bear your Word to our world.

**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 Son of God, born of Mary,  
Gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us,  
And fill us with joy and peace;  
And the blessing ...

*The celebrant dismisses the congregation:*

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

*Postlude:* Jules Massenet (1842-1912) *Prelude in C.*