

*Welcome to*  
**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL**

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



The Baptism of Christ, Painting by Joachim Patinir (circa 1480-1524),  
Painted between 1521-1524, Oil on panel  
© Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
**7 JANUARY 2024**



# WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

## SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

**6.00pm Low Mass (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

## WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

## DAILY INTERCESSIONS

**FOR THE SICK:** Rob Berryman, Margaret Browne, Geoffrey Wratten, Jane Brennan, John Bolwell, Shelley Young, Roger Boey, Angela, Julie-Anne Bird, Janine Harris, Susanne Marsden, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED** Ken Maxwell.

### FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- January
- 7 Esther Halliday, Peter Rickards PRIEST, Alma Evelyn Seddon, Fri Grace Steinhauser
  - 8 Cuthbert Killick Dorman Bardsley BISHOP, Jean Margaret Gabbott, Nicola Sian Jeffcott, Arthur Francis Bennie Nickson, Charles Perry PRIEST
  - 9 Arthur John Dean, Ruth Eason Duckett, Helen Haisman
  - 10 Victoria Martha Adams, Keith Robert Young
  - 11 Violet Ames-Smith, Mary Hill, John Lawrence, Catherine Jane Peerman
  - 12 Edna Abbott, Gordon Forbes Latimer
  - 13 Margaret Baulch, Frances Betty Gubbins

*Please contact the Parish Office or email [office@stpeters.org.au](mailto:office@stpeters.org.au) to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.*

Mass setting: Harold Darke (1888-1976) *Communion Service in E*

*Processional Hymn* NEH 425 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!

*The celebrant prays the following collect at the Nativity station.*

Eternal God, who by a star led the Magi to the worship of your Son:  
guide the nations of the earth by your light,  
that the whole world may see your glory,  
and show yourself to all the nations;  
through him who is the true light and the bright morning star,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant censes the altar during the Introit.*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

V. O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have wrought salvation.

After the Lord was baptised ...

*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.**

*Please Kneel*

*The Deacon introduces the Confession:*

**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 to all  
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 Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am*

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

*Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

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 prays the Collect.*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Genesis 1.1-5**

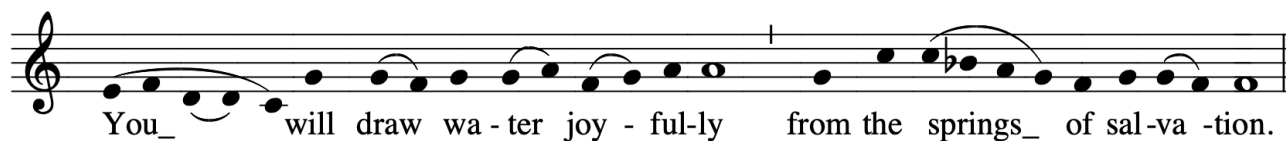
A reading from the book Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF ISAIAH



Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

Sing praises to the Lord,  
for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

## **THE EPISTLE: Acts 19.1-7**

*chanted by the Sub-Deacon*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to

believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

*Deacon:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 1.4-11**

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

John the baptizer 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 baptized 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.’

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a



voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

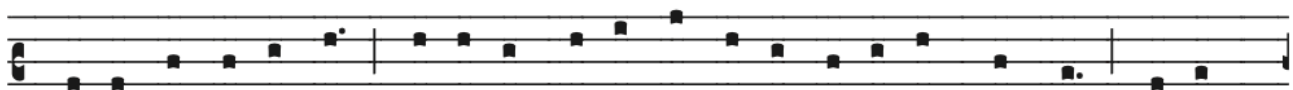
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Homily by Fr Greg Davies*

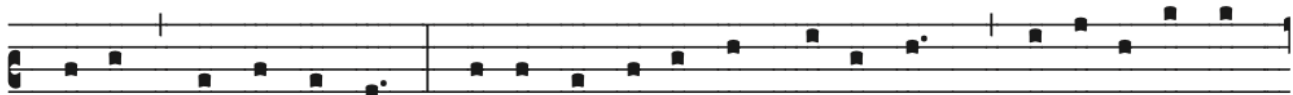
*Please stand for the Creed.*

### The Creed

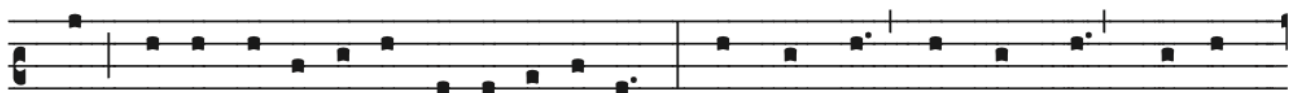
*All stand and sing together facing the High Altar. The priest intones the opening phrase.*



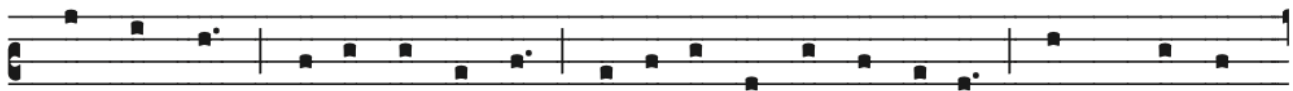
✠ We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and earth of all



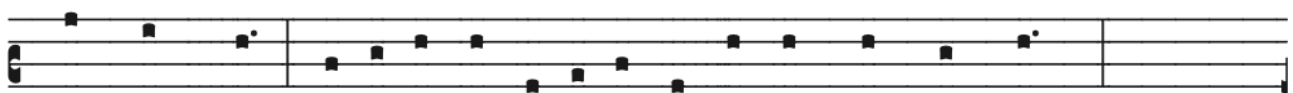
that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of



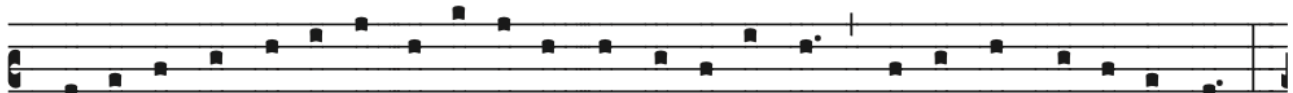
God, e - ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, light from light, true God



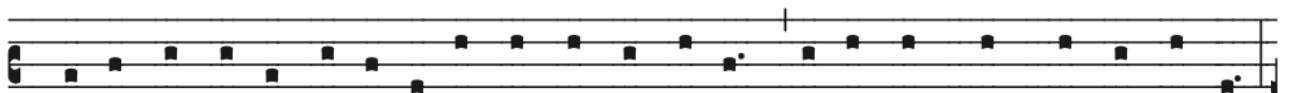
from true God, be- got-ten, not made of one be- ing with the Fa- ther through him all



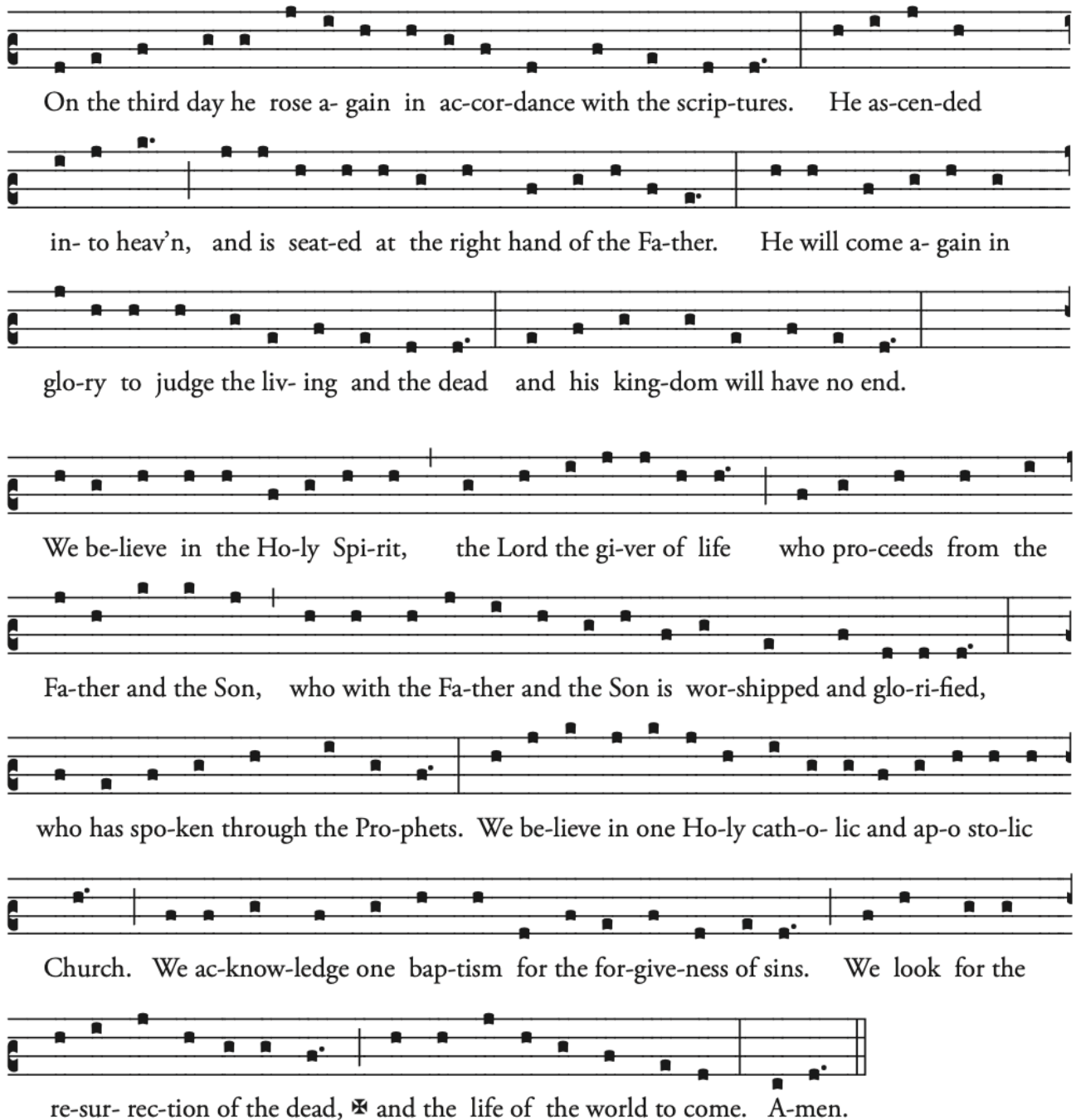
things were made. For us and for our sal-va- tion he came down from heaven,



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- cor- dance with the scrip- tures. He as- cen- ded  
in- to heav' n, 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 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 cath- o- lic and ap- o 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please kneel. 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.**

*Please stand for the Greeting of 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.**

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** [*Sung by the choir*]

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We have blest you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has shown upon us, alleluia, alleluia.

*Offertory hymn* NEH 52 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you, Lord God..... **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, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

*The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

*Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.*

*At 9.30am the Sanctus is sung by the people. At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

*All*



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


*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*All*

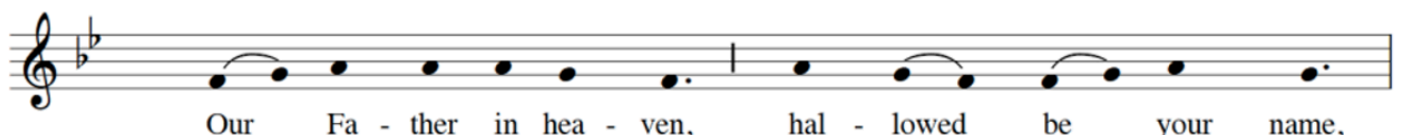


Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

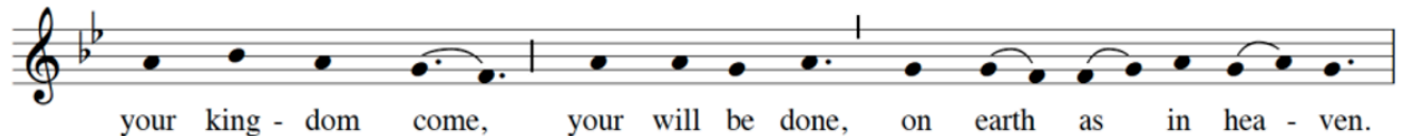
*Celebrant*



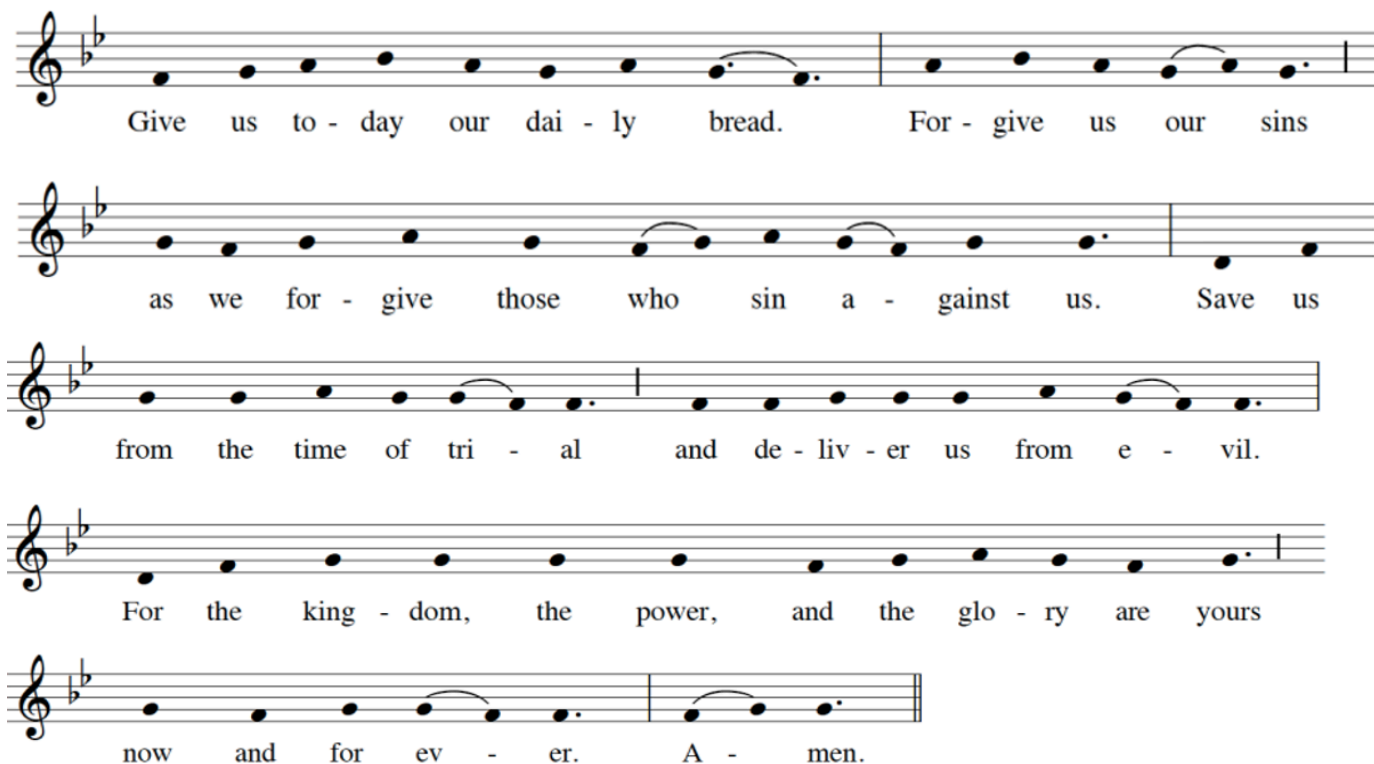
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,



your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.



Give us 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 - liv - er us from e - vil.  
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 Agnus Dei is said at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.*

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.  
All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## COMMUNION MOTET *Sung by the choir at 11.00am*

Motet: Luca Marenzio (1553-99): *Tribus miraculis*

*Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.*

NEH 51 Hail thou source of every blessing,

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:*

**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.**

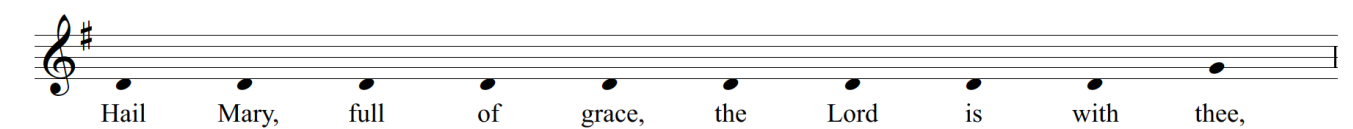
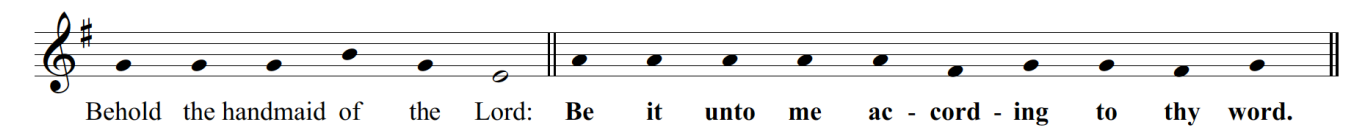
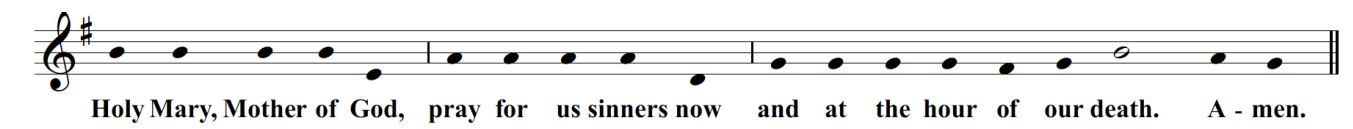
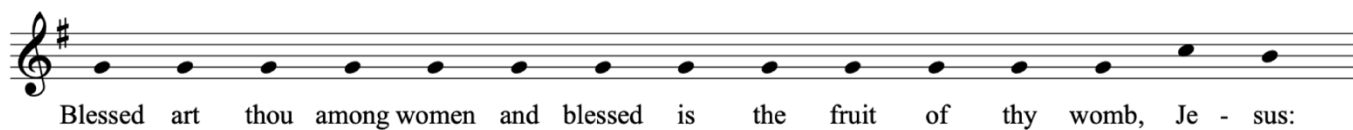
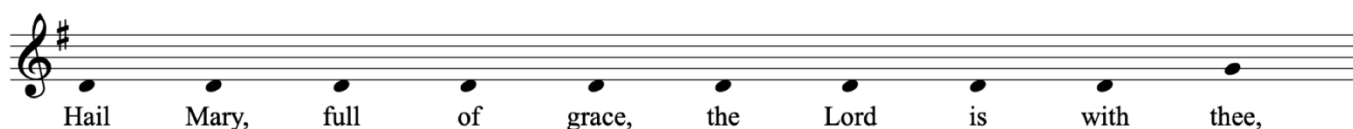
*Notices are given here.*

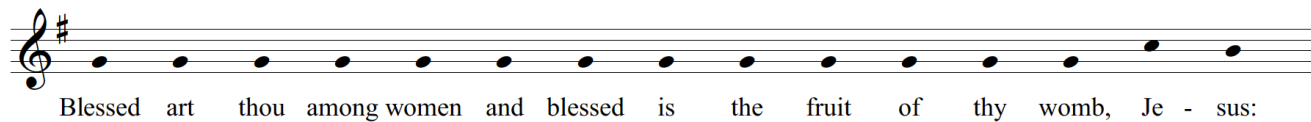
*The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:*

Go in the peace of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANGELUS

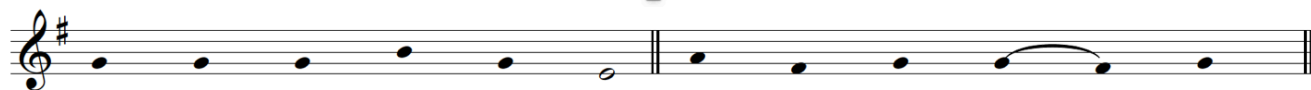




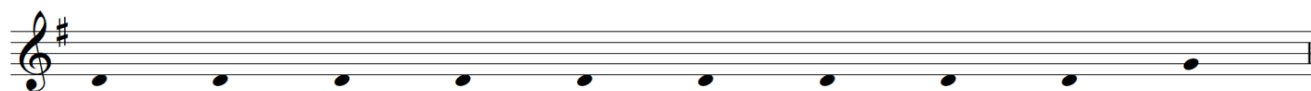
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



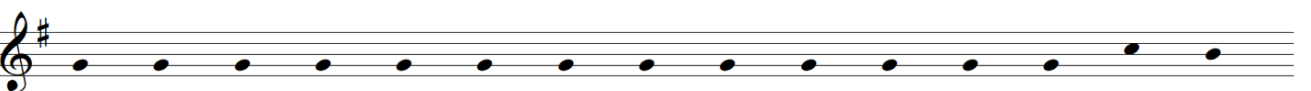
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



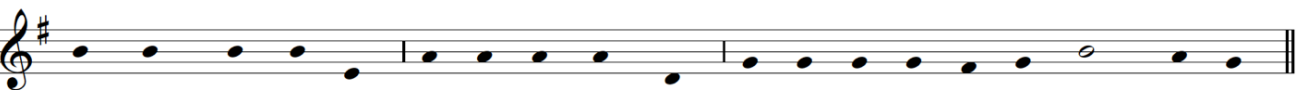
And the Word was made flesh: And dwelt a - mong us.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.*

Postlude: Jean Langlais (1907-91) *Rosa mystica*, from *Triptyque Grégorien*

The Flowers this Sunday has been given in memory of Joan Waldren-Small.

*If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.*

---

**Readings for the Second Sunday after Epiphany are:**

1 Sam. 3.1-10; Rev. 5.1-10; John 1.43-end.

---

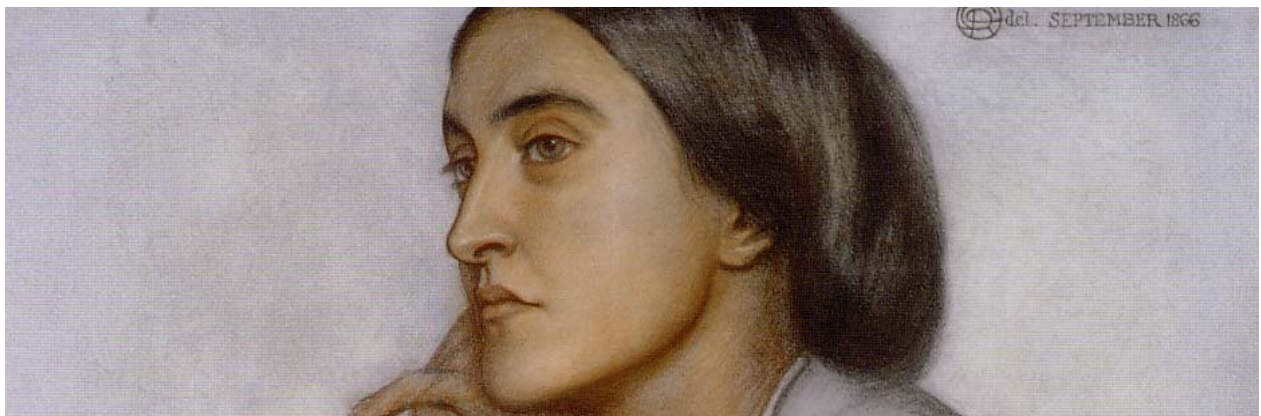
## NOTICES

**For your Diary**

**Sunday 2 February CANDLEMAS 7pm**

### **Poets and the Faith 2024**

*Pondering the life, poetry and faith of....*



**Second Tuesday of the Month**

**6-7.30pm**

*Wine and cheese on arrival, with suggested \$10 donation*

The Hall of St Peter's Eastern Hill

**More details: <https://www.stpeters.org.au/poets2024>**

For inquiries or to register your interest, please email: [poets@stpeters.org.au](mailto:poets@stpeters.org.au)

**Scan to QR code to book**



**Or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/COHCY>**

**Gerard Manley Hopkins**

Presented by Professor Dorothy Lee

**12 March**

**James McAuley & Gwen Harwood**

Presented by Ken Parker

**14 May**

**Denise Levertov**

Presented by Carol O'Connor

**9 April**



**RS Thomas**

Presented by Archbishop Rowan Williams  
(*in person event; Bishop Rowan via Zoom*)

**11 June**

**Peter Steele**

Presented by Andrew Bullen SJ

**9 July**

**Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Emily  
Brontë & Christina Rossetti**

Presented by Philip Harvey

**13 August**

**Annie Dillard**

Presented by Wen-Juenn Lee

**10 September**

**W.H. Auden & T.S. Eliot**

Presented by Nelson Rufatt

**8 October**

**John Donne**

Presented by Kathryn Bellhouse

**12 November**

## Weekly Reflections

The Holy Spirit hovers on the face of the waters – waters of chaos, of an unformed world. And in the presence of that Spirit, in the presence of the Word that speaks – *Let there be light!* – light comes into being. With the coming of light, creation itself is loved into existence. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is what we see as the beginning of the story, although it was written much later than much of the Hebrew bible, possibly as late as the third century. This is the mythology of a community struggling with the loss of its autonomy, coming to terms with the reality of life under empire: first the destruction of all they hold dear under the might of Babylon, and then life as a subjugated people under the admittedly gentler yoke of Persian authority. This is a people who need to remind themselves of who they are, of what they hold dear. And they do that, at least in part, by reminding themselves that the very reality in which they live is brought into being by the *ruach* – the wind, or Spirit – of the God who has set them apart as a holy people.

It is that same Spirit which is present as our Lord comes, some three hundred or more years after the writing of the book of Genesis (and some four million or so years after the events the creation narratives depict), to be baptised in the Jordan. That same Spirit of creation – literally *pneuma*, or breath, the breath of God – descends on him at the moment he emerges from the river, and claims him as God’s own, and as loved by God. In Jesus, the Word of God through whom creation emerged, God is fully present in creation. God is fully incarnated in the experience of humanity – and yet remains fully God, drawing that human experience into the love of the Creator.

Most of us do not remember our own baptisms, our own experience of that gift given freely and abundantly and without our understanding or even knowledge. For many of us, our baptism is merely an event long ago in our past – and yet for all of us, it is an event which changes everything. Just as the Holy Spirit is present at the baptism of our Lord, so it is present at our own baptism – perhaps not visible or even recognised, but as present as it is for Apollos and the disciples in this week’s narrative from Acts, as present as it is over the face of the waters of the unformed earth.

In our very humanity – our status as creatures of the Creator – we are loved by God. In our baptism, we claim that love, or have it claimed for us by those who trustingly bring us for baptism. In our baptism, we claim ourselves as creatures of the Creator, as people of God, set aside and marked forever.

Jesus at his baptism is claimed as the Son of God, the beloved; in the same way, so we are claimed by the Creator of the Universe: We are the Beloved of God.

Naomi Johnson

# St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

## NEW BOOK!



**15 New Testament Words of Life: A New Testament Theology for Real Life** by Nijay K. Gupta  
Gupta explores some of the most important New Testament words: righteousness, gospel, forgiveness, life, cross, faith, grace, fellowship, hope, salvation, peace, religion, holiness, love and witness. These may be familiar terms in English, but many don't know the original background and theological importance. To know this can be life-giving for Christian faith and life today. 'Once you have read this book, you will wonder why no one has thought to do it before. It is readable, helpful, thought-provoking, and inspiring.' Dr Paula Gooder, \$33

## Photos from the week



It was a great turnout for Carols, it was warm and joyful. Thank you! to all our musicians. Afterwards we had a lively time in the Hall having some bubbles to bring in the New Year. Happy New Year! may you all have a blessed 2024.

# PARISH DIRECTORY

St. Peter's Eastern Hill, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne, VIC 3002

Phone: 0401 826 325 Web: [www.stpeters.org.au](http://www.stpeters.org.au)

E-mail: [office@stpeters.org.au](mailto:office@stpeters.org.au)

Vicar: [mnrbowie@gmail.com](mailto:mnrbowie@gmail.com)

Assistant Priest: [kathryn.bellhouse@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.bellhouse@gmail.com)

FB: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill)

YT: [www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill)

Office Hours: 10am to 1pm, Tuesday – Friday

---

## Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass  
6pm Low Mass [1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays]

## Weekday Services

Mon-Fri Mass at 8.00am (9.00am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1:15pm Mass; Saturday 12noon Mass  
Special Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

---

## Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie	0432 072 213
Assistant Priest:	Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse	0416 378 748
Associate Clergy:	Fr Graeme Brennan	0427 321 744
	Mthr Pirrial Clift	0407 453 306
	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholars:	Alex De Leon	03 9662 2391
	Naomi Johnson	03 9662 2391

## Parish Council Membership

Fr Michael Bowie (President)  
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)  
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)  
Anne Scott-Pendlebury  
Craig Wilson  
Geoffrey Bush-Coote  
Marcus Roberts  
Michael Upson  
Terry Porter

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children's Church:	Katherine Barnett	0403 352 256
Churchwardens:	Michael Gronow	0411 289 318
	Helena Hughes	-
	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984
Guild of St Benedict:	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952
Organist/Acting Music Director:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish Administrator:	Eugene Chin	0401 826 325
Pastoral care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link & Pastoral:	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Sacristan:	Naomi Johnson	03 9662 2391

*We are an inclusive and welcoming church, built on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving Christ in the world".*