

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

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



***THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD***

***25 DECEMBER 2022***

***10.00AM HIGH MASS***

Christmas – Fr Michael writes ...

*The Christmas story, in all its original gritty realism (as well as in its romanticized greeting card tinsel), says simply this to us all: God is as close to us as birth and death, and everything good in between comes from him. This involvement with us is very simple: God did not become like us as we are like some animals. He became the same as us, to give us back our self-respect. Christianity was not intended to make us guilt-wracked, fearful creatures: on the contrary, the gift of Christmas was the first sign of the many which Jesus gave us that God wants us to be free from fear and to flourish.*

*That is, of course, a wonderful, literally miraculous, thing. It is something for which we give thanks. But it extends far beyond the crib and the manger and the shepherds and the kings. It extends to our death – for the Son of God went there too – and it extends to what is good, what is right and how we find that and do it.*

*Our humanity, our distinctive consciousness of who we are and of the created order in which we spend our lives, was not just shared by God in Jesus, it came from God in the first place. The birth of this child and, more importantly what he did with his life (and what he did with his death, too) shows us how much we matter; it is a pure act of love, because it is a concrete sign of acceptance and faithfulness. It cannot be taken away. The relationship is forged for ever.*

*Celebrating the Christmas festival is meant to kick-start us in the same direction. To use our consciousness to seek, prefer and promote love, which is stronger than death and which always finds the good. It begins here where we intersect with the story of Christmas. As with Jesus, it is what we do with it that will give meaning to our lives.*

## **WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD**

**8.00am Low Mass**

*(Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)*

**9.30am FAMILY MASS**

**11.00am HIGH MASS**

**7.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols**

**WEEKDAYS**

*Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday in the Handfield Chapel.*

*Please note: On Public Holidays Daily Mass is at 9.00am  
Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.*

## **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

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

*Mass setting: Darke: Communion Service in F*

*Processional Hymn:*

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels:**

**Refrain:**

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

**God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created:  
[Refrain]**

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:  
[Refrain]**

**Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child  
Bring our heart's oblations:  
[Refrain]**

**Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?**

**[Refrain]**

*There is a station during the procession to bless the crib.*

***Our help is in the name of the Lord  
Who has made heaven and earth.  
The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.***

*The celebrant says a prayer.*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, in the highest:  
[Refrain]**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
[Refrain]**

*NEH 30  
Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786)  
Music: ADESTE FIDELIS*

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.***

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

***A child is born for us...***

*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 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 by the choir.*

***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 by the choir.*

***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.*

*God Most High,  
whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us,  
that we might live in your presence:  
grant us a spirit of wisdom  
to know how rich is the glory you have given us,  
and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made  
flesh;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Please sit for the readings.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

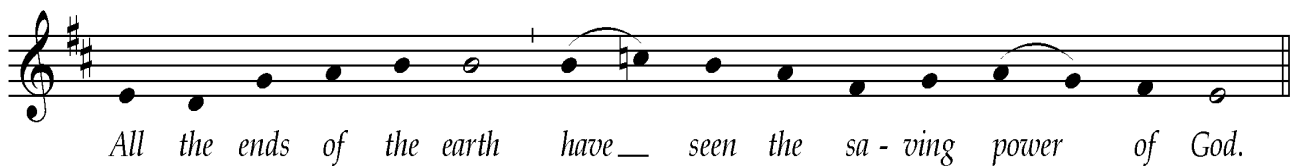
Isaiah 52.7-10

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

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

## PSALM 98



*O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought him victory. R*

*The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel. R*

*All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises. R*

*Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.*

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. R*

**THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 1.1-6**

*chanted by the Sub-Deacon*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

*Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'*

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C. Mawby

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

*I bring you news of great joy:*

*today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.*

*Deacon:*

*The Lord be with you.*

And also with you



*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [1.1-14]*

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

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie*

*Please stand for the Creed.*

*[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back 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,

*All kneel during the following words*

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

*All stand*

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.

## 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*]

***Yours are the heavens and yours is the earth, the world and the fulness thereof you have founded: justice and judgement are the foundation of your throne.***

*Please join in the offertory carol.*

**Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for her bed:  
Mary was that Mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall:  
With the poor and mean and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**And through all his wondrous childhood  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see hi**

Through his own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heaven above:  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him: but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high,  
Where like stars his children crowned,  
All in white shall wait around.

*Mrs C. F. Alexander 1818-95*

## 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. 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*

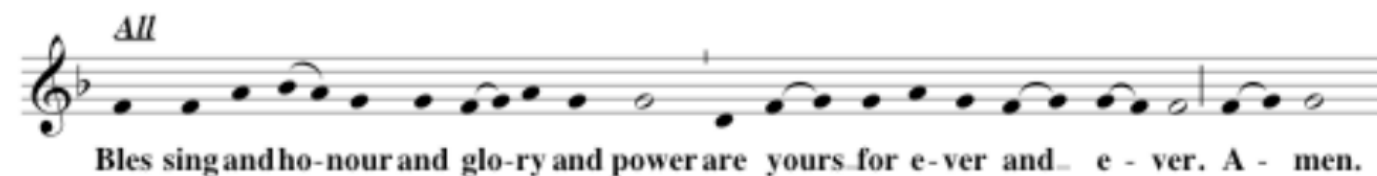
*All*



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

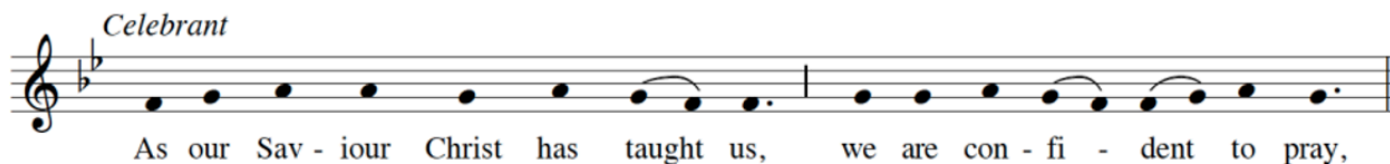
*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*All*

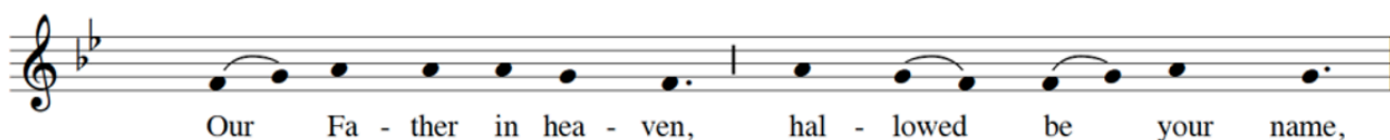


Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

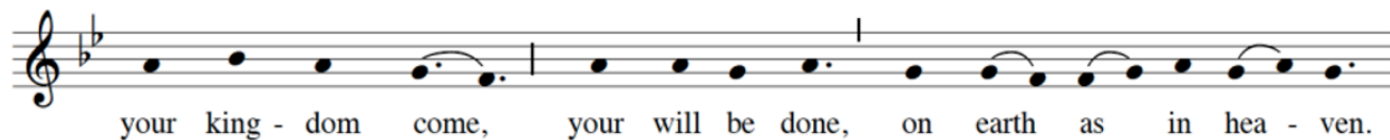
*Celebrant*



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



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,



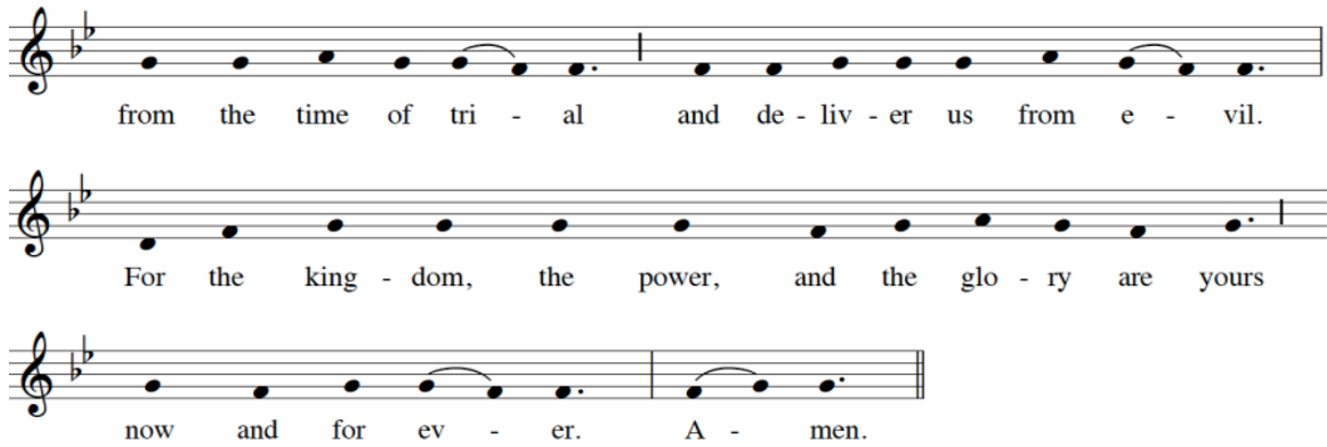
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.



Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins



as we forgive those who sin against 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.  
 The Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.***

***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.*

***Darke: In the bleak midwinter***

*Please stand for the Post-Communion carol.*

**Hark! the herald angels sing  
 Glory to the new-born King;**

Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem:

**Refrain:**

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel: [Refrain]

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth: [Refrain]

## **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.*

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

*Go in the peace of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please see the insert for the singing of the Angelus.*

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

*Postlude: by Linda Kent Organist*

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month*  
*Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6:15pm*

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*Sue Wuttke  
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*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".*