

Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



“The descent of the New Jerusalem from God” (14th-century tapestry)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2020

Parish Mass

Recorded on YouTube

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or Google search: “St Peter's Eastern Hill YouTube Channel”)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, parishioners can no longer attend public worship, but we do hope that you will join us on YouTube (<https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB>) or you can locate this and all our weekday Mass recordings through the St Peter's Facebook page. Mass setting: Plainsong.

**1. Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.**

**2. For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.**

**3. Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

NEH 114

Words: G.W. Briggs (1875-1959)

Music: Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

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.**
Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen in deed. Alleluia!**

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:

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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

The celebrant introduces the confession:

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

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.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

Laudamus te, Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te

Gratias agimus tibi

propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis

Deus Pater omnipotens,

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.

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
Tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe
Cum Sancto Spiritu
+ in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

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 chants the collect for the day.

Everliving God,
Whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
Give us grace to love one another,
To follow in the way of his commandments,
And to share his risen life;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

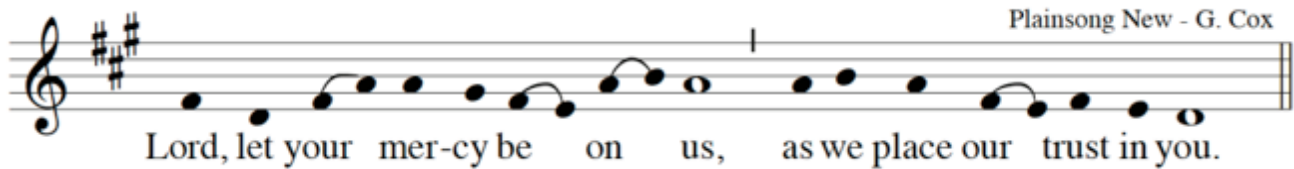
THE FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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

The cantor leads the singing of the psalm.

Psalm 33



THE EPISTLE: The First Letter of St Peter 2:4-9

Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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

THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

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 John.

Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to

him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”

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

Sermon: Nick Browne

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
 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 offertory hymn:

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!
2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluya!
3. On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluya!
4. He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluya!
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee. Alleluia!

NEH 119

Words: Latin, 17th Century

trans. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: Palestrina; adapt. W.H. Monk (1823-89)

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

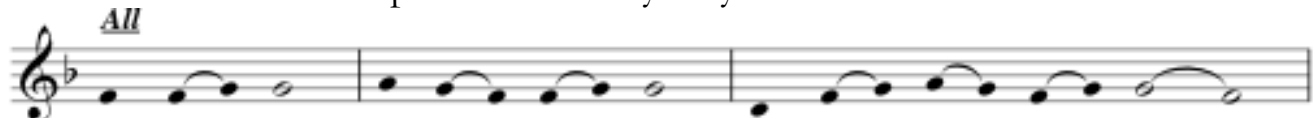
Celebrant: ...forever praising you and saying:

<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 ...

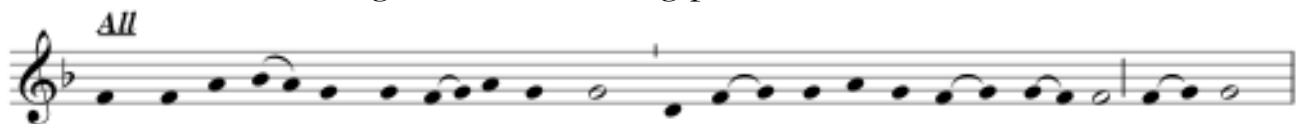
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Christ has_ died. Christ is_ ri - sen. Christ will_ come_ a - gain._

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

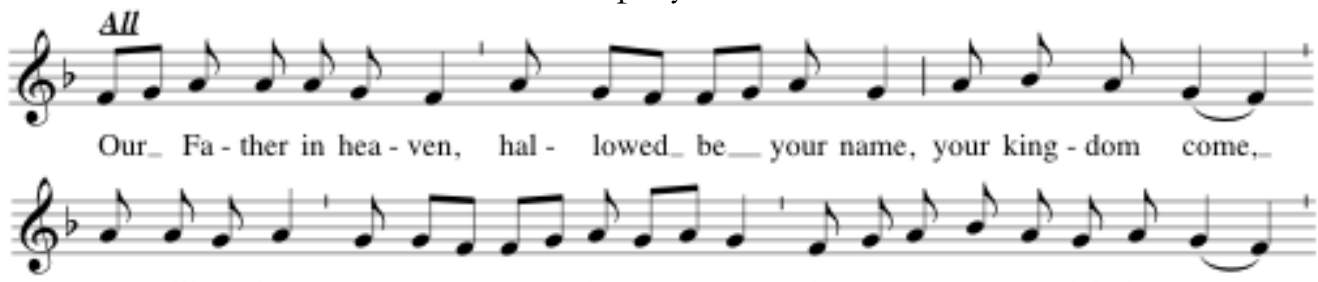
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Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and_ e - ver. A - men.

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 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.**

Motet: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) *The Call*, from *Five Mystical Songs*

The final hymn:

**1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
 Ye for whom a Corner-stone
 Stands, of God elect and precious,
 Laid that ye may build thereon,
 See that on that sure foundation
 Ye a living temple raise,
 Towers that may tell forth salvation,
 Walls that may re-echo praise.**

**2. Living stones, by God appointed
Each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.**

**3. Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.**

NEH 477

Words: C.A. Alington (1872-1955)

Music: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant sings the post-communion prayer:

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us
In these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love
And unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection
And show your glory to all the 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:

The God of peace,
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
The great shepherd of the sheep,
Through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
Working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
And the blessing of God ...

The celebrant dismisses the congregation.



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.____

All
In the name of Christ. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.____

Postlude: Jules Massenet (1848-1912) Prelude in C

**“MORNING TEA AT THE VICARAGE”
BY ZOOM EVERY SUNDAY FROM 12.30PM**

Usually after Mass we gather in the Hall for morning tea. As we can’t do this in the same way during the pandemic, I am now hosting a virtual “Morning Tea at the Vicarage” each week on Zoom.

Join us by following the link: <https://bit.ly/3csplvY>

If you are having trouble connecting, I will keep my phone on, so you can call or text me, and I will see if I can help you join in.

Fr Hugh Kempster, Vicar