

# Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



“The Ascension of Christ,” illumination from Rabbula Gospels (6<sup>th</sup> Century)

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)**

24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Parish Mass**

Recorded on YouTube  
(follow the link - <https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB>  
or Google search: “St Peter's Eastern Hill YouTube Channel”)

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only a limited number of parishioners are able to attend public worship. We warmly invite you, therefore, to join us for this Mass online. It will be posted early Sunday morning on YouTube (<https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB>) or you can locate this and all our weekday Mass recordings through the St Peter's Facebook page.*

- 1. Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluya!  
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluya!  
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!**
- 2. There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluya!  
Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!**
- 3. Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!  
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!  
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!**
- 4. There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya!  
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya!  
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluya!  
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!**

NEH 130 (ii; vv. 1,2,6 & 7)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) & Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823)

Music: Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

*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. **He is risen indeed!**

*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:*

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.*

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.*

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,  
and sent them into the world  
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom;  
by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity,  
and keep it faithful to your word,  
so that, breaking bread together,  
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

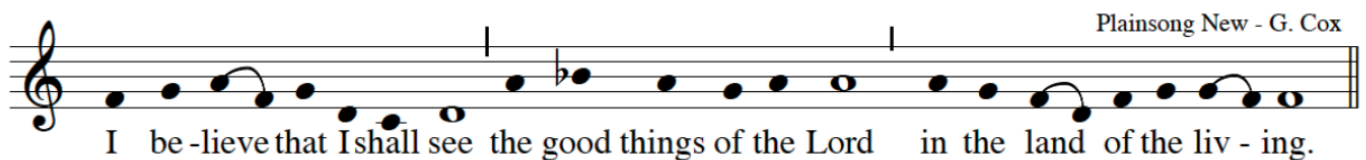
**THE FIRST READING:** Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up to heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

*The cantor then leads the singing of the psalm.*

### Psalm 27



**THE EPISTLE:** The First Letter of St Peter 4:13-16

Dear friends, rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name.

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

## THE GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

*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 looked up to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon:*              Fr Philip

*The Nicene Creed.*





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.  
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## 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 offertory hymn:*

1. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

2. Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

NEH 271 (vv. 1,2&4)

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Music: Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-87)

*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:*

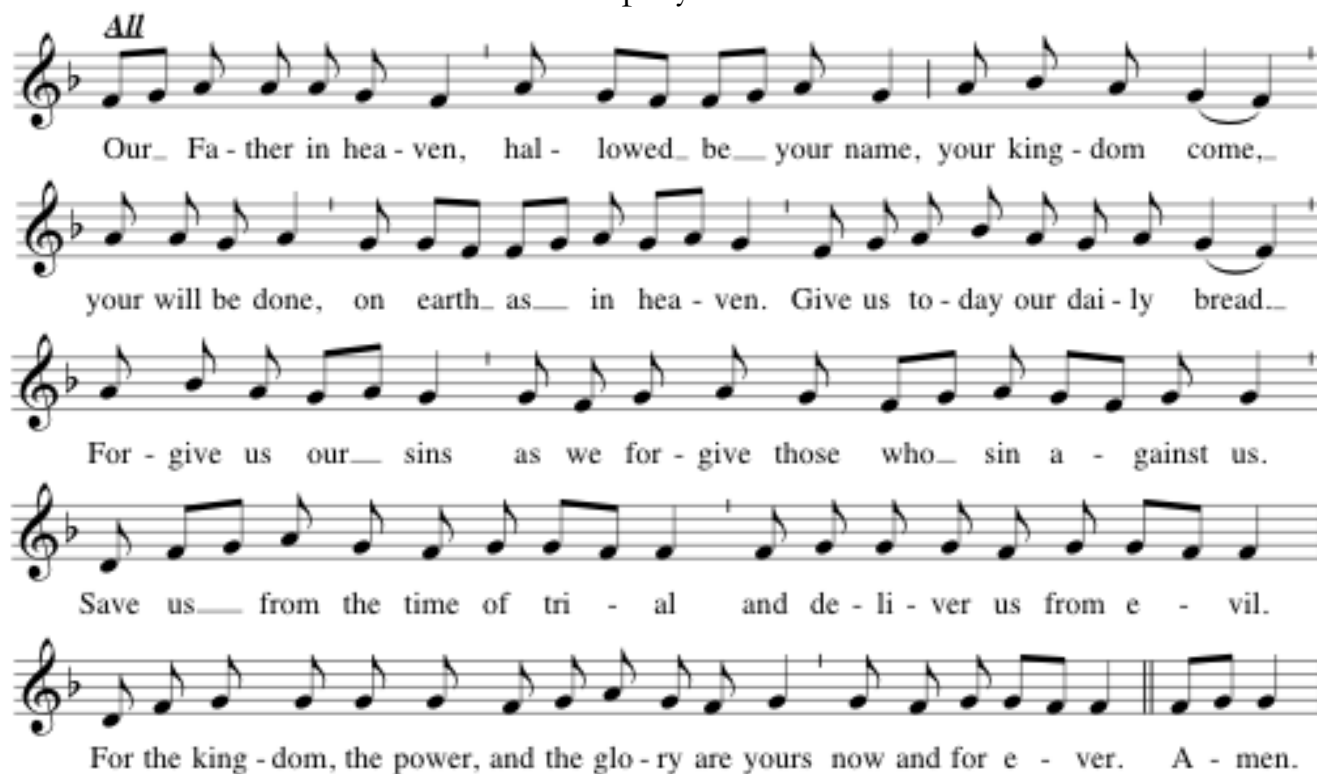
*Celebrant:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith ...  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



*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 final hymn:*

**1. Eternal Monarch, King most high,  
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,  
By whom the death of Death was wrought  
And conquering grace's battle fought:**

**2. Ascending to the throne of might,  
And seated at the Father's right,  
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,  
That here his manhood had not known.**

**3. Yea, angels tremble when they see  
How changed is our humanity;  
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,  
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.**

**4. Be thou our joy and strong defence,  
Who art our future recompense:  
So shall the light that springs from thee  
Be ours through all eternity.**

NEH 128 (ii; vv.1-4 only)  
Words: Latin c. 5<sup>th</sup> century  
Trans. J.M. Neale (1818-66)  
Music: Percy Buck (1871-1947)

## **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.*



*Postlude:* J.S. Bach (1685-1750) *Prelude in G (BWV 550)*

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## **“MORNING TEA AT THE VICARAGE” BY ZOOM, SUNDAY, 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, Fr Hugh is now hosting a virtual “Morning Tea at the Vicarage” every Sunday from 12.30pm. If you have not used Zoom before, or have difficulty connecting text: 0488 960 022.

**Join us by Zoom, by putting this link into your search engine:**

**<https://bit.ly/2Lt6jds>**

Meeting ID: 914 9181 6647

Password: 298849

## SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

### Attending Mass in Person – “Low Mass” only

*Unfortunately, during the Victorian Government stage-one restrictions easing, we cannot resume any of the usual Sunday services at St Peter's.*

Since the closure of Anglican churches to the public on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the sacramental heartbeat of St Peter's has continued to beat, albeit much less vigorously than before. Every day, seven days a week, a small group of us has gathered to say Mass in private. Now that the West Door of the church is once again open to the public, for up to 10 people, you are welcome to join Fr Philip, Fr Greg, Fr Ken and myself in person for one or more of the following simple “Low Mass” services:

- Monday 7.15am
- Tuesday 7.15am
- Wednesday 7.15am, 1.15pm
- Thursday 7.15am
- Friday 7.15am
- *Saturday – no public worship – Mass recorded onto YouTube for Sunday*
- Sunday 10.30am

Another big change is that you will now have to “Book a Pew” for Mass. Because only ten people are currently allowed to attend public worship, you cannot just turn up like you used to. It is a simple procedure, but you must plan ahead, or you may risk being turned away from church (something none of us would want to happen):

- **Very important: you must “book a pew” at least 48 hours (2 days) in advance of any service you would like to attend**
- Please e-mail the Parish Office – [sphoffice@stpeters.org.au](mailto:sphoffice@stpeters.org.au) (preferred)
- Or phone Kosta on (03) 9662 2391
- Make sure to leave your name and phone number
- Indicate which service, from the above list, you hope to attend
- Indicate the date or dates of the service(s) you would like to attend
- **Please note: if there are already more than 10 people booked for a particular service, you will not be able to attend that service**
- We will make sure to call you if this is the case