Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. John 14.15

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 MAY 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays).

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

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

This is also live streamed on Facebook.

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

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Jude Westrup, Geoffrey Wratten, Bp Michael Hough, Peter-Barnabas Wild, Shelley Young, Eileen McSweeney, Sharon Mulready, Nelson Rufatt, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Michael Bundy, John Scott PRIEST, Roger Kelly PRIEST, Jenny Pickering, John McLaughlin

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- May 14 Guy Bakewell, Elizabeth Hosking, Sheila Martin, Frances McColl
 - 15 Minnie Pendall
 - 16 Milton Foster, Russell Jennings, Mary Shorten
 - 17 Olive Davies, Peggy James, Margaret Nelson, Frederick Trayhern, Xina Zhang
 - 18 Una Baldock, Denis Doherty, Francis Milne, Edward Ure-Smith
 - 19 Annie Elizabeth Allen, Eleanor Keartland, John Martin, Samuel McColl
 - 20 Lionel Kingsley Cooper, Harold Davies, Charles Kempster, James Pinnock

Please contact Eugene Chin at the Parish Office or email <u>office@stpeters.org.au</u> 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.

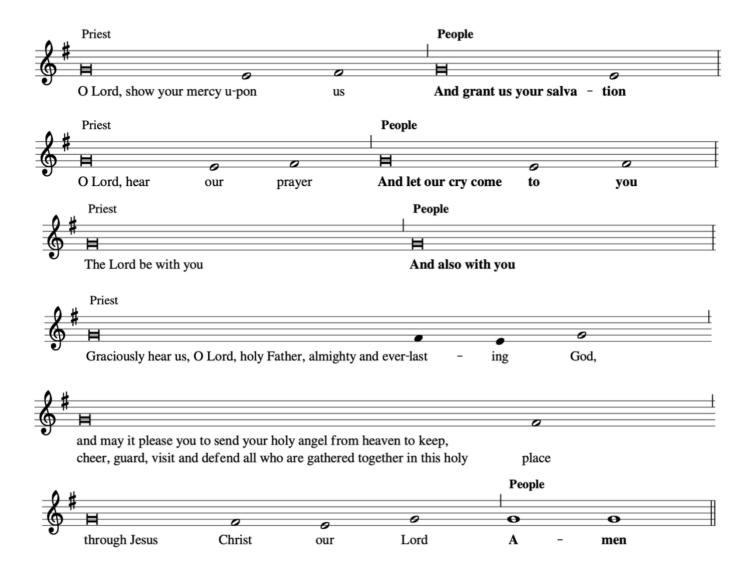
Mass setting: Monteverdi Mass for Four Voices

Entrance Hymn:

- [9.30am & 11.00am] NEH 334 All people that on earth do dwell
- 9.30am Family Mass begins on page 5.



The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; alleluia; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For you were slain; and have redeemed us to God, in your Blood, out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. Proclaim a joyful sound...

Celebrant:

In the name of the Father, ♣ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia.

He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 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 Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison

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.

Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 13.22-31

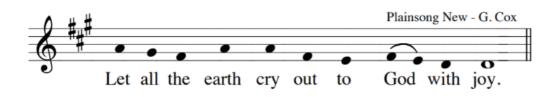
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66



Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" **R.**

"All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever. **R.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3.13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of

Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [14.15-21].
♣ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments

and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Philip Gill

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

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 risen Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [Sung by the choir]

O bless the Lord our God, you peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; who has set my soul to live, and has not suffered my feet to be moved. Blessed be the Lord, who has not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me, alleluia.

Offertory hymn NEH 351 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem

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.

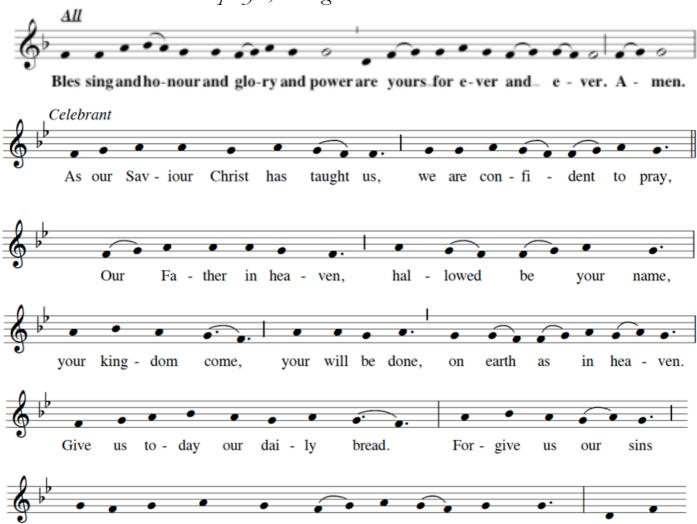
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:



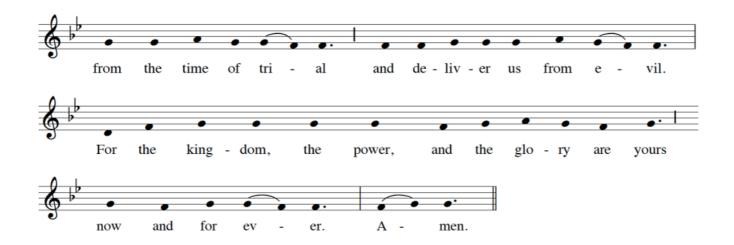
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who

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Save

us.



Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as 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.

Tallis: If you love me

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 115 Now the green blade riseth

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. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia. He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia. As he promised hath arisen, alleluia. Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia.

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy unto the world: grant we pray that by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Postlude: P. Moore (b. 1943) Paean

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

Flowers for Sunday 14 May have been generously donated by Peter Ondaatje in memory of his wife and son whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NOTICES

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ASCENSION DAY

This Thursday May 18th

7pm High Mass

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

It is with sadness that we announce that Andrew has resigned as the Director of Music at St Peter's.

Andrew has been the Director of Music for 17 years and his association with and support of the parish and its musical heritage goes back even further than that. Under his leadership the choir has grown and given us many wonderful musical moments in both liturgical worship and in concert, not least in our annual Messiah performances. He leaves with the choir in strong voice and the St Peter's musical tradition in good health.

Andrew's final service will be High Mass at Pentecost on Sunday 28 May, and we will farewell him with speeches, refreshments and a presentation after the service. We urge all parishioners and friends of music at St Peter's who have valued Andrew's work to be at High Mass on that day and to join us in thanking him for all he has done during his time at the Hill. If you would like to contribute to the gift for Andrew please see a churchwarden or the Parish Office.

The process for appointing a new Director of Music will begin immediately. The Vicar and Churchwardens look forward to working with Sue Wuttke and Rhys Arvidson in the interim to ensure that our music continues to be offered to its accustomed high standard.

Ascension Day Drinks - Hotel Lincoln In the spirit of friendship, a couple of people from the parish of St Mary's North Melbourne have arranged a get-together of youngish Anglicans on the evening of the Feast of the Ascension - that is, Thursday May 18th. The get-together is at Hotel Lincoln and by "youngish", I am informed, they envisage those of us in our 20s, 30s and 40s. If you would like to come along, after High Mass at St Peter's at 7pm, we will meet on the church steps and make our way to Hotel Lincoln in Carlton to have a drink with people from other parishes who are also celebrating the feast that evening. Please contact Mthr Kathryn if you are interested or have any questions (0416 37 87 48).

'Recollections' – Paul Kathner OAM was the well-loved painter of the hall mural, and is having a posthumous exhibition 'Recollections' at Tacit galleries in Johnson Street Collingwood from May 10-27.

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier



Are you looking for that special Mother's Day present?

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Carol O'Connor writes ...

O God,
you withdraw from our sight
that you may be known by our love:
help us to enter the cloud
where you are hidden,
and surrender all our certainty
to the darkness of faith
in Jesus Christ, Amen. Janet Morley, Collect for Ascension

What is faith? What does 'having faith' mean?

Two weekends ago I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the last two operas in Wagner's, **The Ring Cycle**: Siegfried and Götterdämmerung. Like the first two in the cycle which I had already seen in Melbourne, each performance went for about 8 hours. Whilst some of the audience, including the lady beside me, drifted off catnapping periodically, others sat continually with eyes wide open as the singers on the stage boomed their way through the tragic narrative. The storyline is based on an old Norse myth: the corrupting power of a gold ring which can only be destroyed by being surrendered back to the place of its beginning. Dwarfs, gods, giants, Rhinemaidens, Valkyries, a sprinkling of humans......they're all there in the full **Ring Cycle**, revelling in the beauty of Valhalla, splashing about in the glorious pools of the Rhine, or lost in strange woodlands. They struggle with messy emotions: ambition, power, corruption, passion, revenge. There's incest and murder, betrayal, fidelity to the

point of death, courage and foolhardiness. It certainly puts one's own particular life's dramas into perspective.

Götterdämmerung in English means 'twilight of the gods'. As I sat watching, I wondered what god is there to trust in this depiction of drama and violence? Who is there to trust in a world where each person wills their own ego to power; where, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger to the point of disregarding the vulnerable and being prepared to murder in order to remain strong? From one lens, our own world may be so viewed: shadowy, deceptive, the sun has set but the dark has not fully descended. Soon all will end and be no more. Or maybe the whole absurd cycle will begin again?

It is an inner drama played out in the twilight of our own human hearts. What God is it who says, when we read in John 14:18-21:

I will not leave you orphaned.... know that I am in the Father, and you in me, and I in you They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal my-self to them.

The way we move with this very human experience of descending darkness in life is completely subverted by Jesus. Instead of *fight back*, he bids his followers *to love*. Four times he uses the Greek stem of the word *agape*, signifying that quality of love which is the highest form of goodness and self-forgetfulness; love which is God centred and relational. Here's a love which aligns itself with the weak; which seeks to heal and nurture, not diminish. Jesus knows, before we do, the unbearable human pain of letting go, of love unseen, of certainty surrendered. He knows that the path in darkness where *agape* may take us is the path of faith.

Taking the risk to slowly and patiently journey within the *cloud of unknowing* reveals a God who is prepared to meet us wherever we are at now. And there to find an Advocate. A Spirit of truth who cuts through illusion without denying mystery, who brings people together without denying difference, who communes with the vulnerable without denying suffering.

Carol O'Connor

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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass 6pm Low Mass [1st,3rd &5th Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2nd & 4th 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 4th Saturday of the month Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

| Clergy and Lay Ministers | | | Parish Council Membership |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Vicar: | Fr Michael Bowie | 0432 072 213 | Geoffrey Bush-Coote |
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| | | | Geoff Sutherland |
| Charitable Foundation: | Krystyna Campbell- | 03 9662 2391 | Craig Wilson |
| | Pretty | | |
| Children's Church: | Katherine Barnett | 0403 352 256 | |
| | | | We are an inclusive and welcoming |
| Churchwardens: | (Vicar's Warden) | | church, built on the unceded lands |
| | Michael Gronow | 0411 289 318 | of the Wurundjeri people. Our |
| | (People's Wardens) | | mission is: "Worshipping Christ |
| | Rachel Ellyard | 0419 335 793 | in the Eucharist; serving Christ |
| | Daniel Ferguson | 0419 572 033 | in the world". |
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