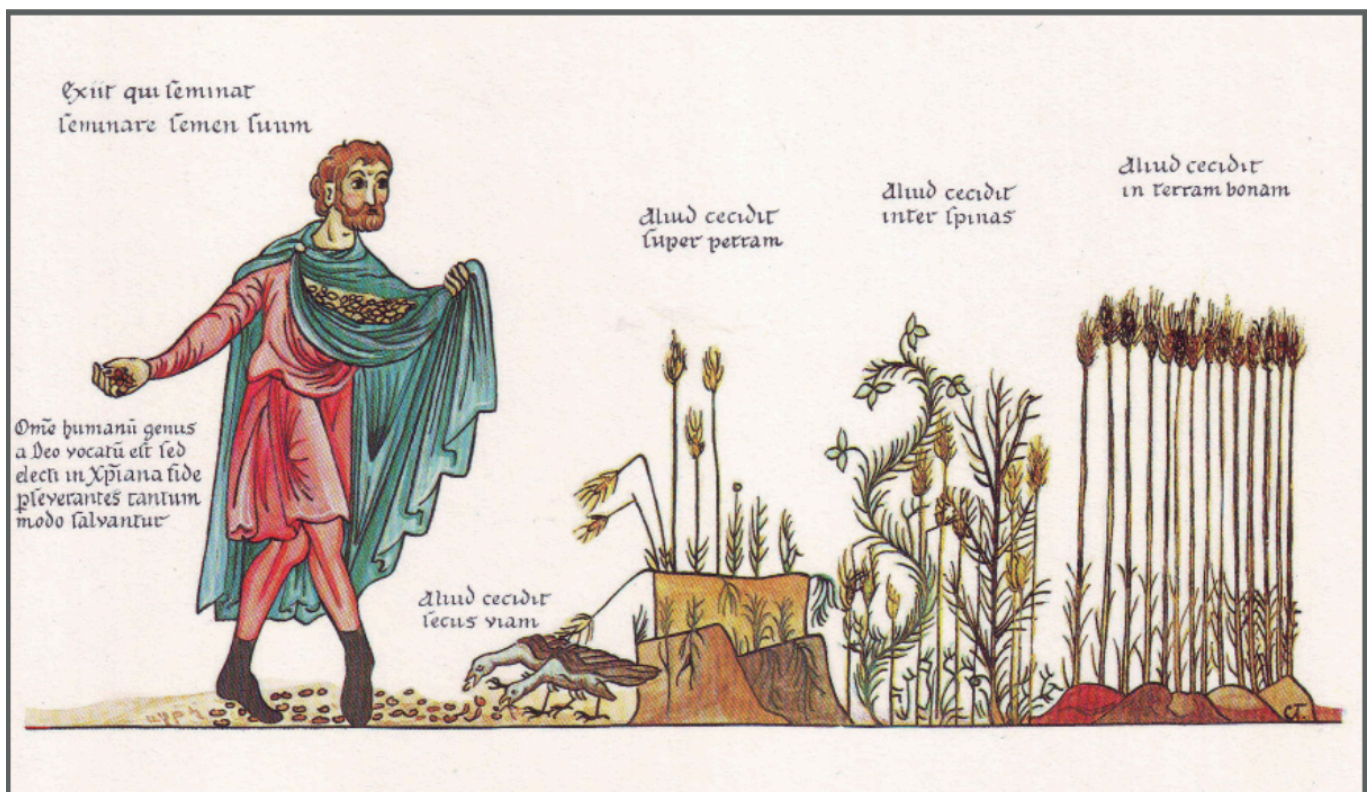


# Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Abbas Herrad von Landsberg, "Das Gleichnis vom Sämner" (c. 1185)

## Ordinary Sunday 15

12<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
**Parish Mass, 10.30am**

*The Mass is live-streamed onto St Peter's FaceBook page  
and then uploaded to the YouTube channel*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, sadly, public worship is no longer permitted; but we warmly invite you to join us online each Sunday live-streamed to FaceBook (<https://bit.ly/2ZeiZN5>) or uploaded a few hours later on YouTube (<https://bit.ly/2AIZiDF>).*

*Mass setting:* P. Mattias (b. 1959) *Christchurch Mass.*

*Please stand for the procession from the West Door.*

*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 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:*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in  
God's forgiveness.  
**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 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.*

Let us pray:  
Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us  
The seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit,  
Help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,  
That we may grow in faith and hope and love;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

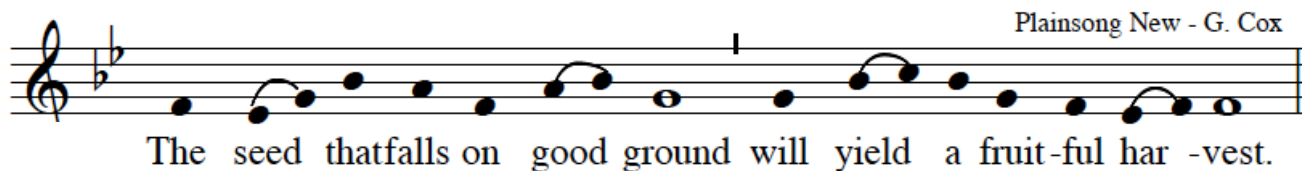
## THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

## Psalm 65

*The cantor leads the singing of the Psalm. Please join in the response.*



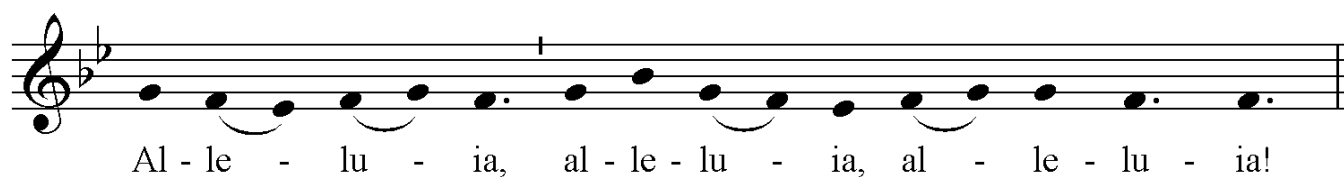
## THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:18-23

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

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

## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

*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 Matthew.  
**Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables.

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Then the disciples came and asked Jesus, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He answered, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.’ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: ‘You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.’ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

*Sermon:* Fr Philip Gill

The Nicene Creed.

*Priest* *All*

We be - lieve in one God, 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

*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 cantor sings as the altar is prepared, in place of the offertory hymn.*

*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 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,  
 who takes away the sin 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:* R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) *I got me flowers from 'Five Mystical Songs'*.  
*At the conclusion of communion there is a time of silent prayer before singing the hymn:*

**1. Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
 Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
 For his mercies ay endure,  
 Ever faithful, ever sure.**

2. Let us blaze his name abroad,  
For of gods he is the God:  
For his mercies ay endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

3. He with all-commanding might  
Filled the new-made world with light:  
For his mercies ay endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

4. He the golden-tressèd sun  
Caused all day his course to run:  
For his mercies ay endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

5. And the horned moon by night,  
Mid her spangled sisters bright:  
For his mercies ay endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

6. All things living he doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need:  
For his mercies ay endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

7. Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
For his mercies ay endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.

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Words: John Milton (1608-74)

Tune: J. A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739)

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The celebrant chants the post-communion prayer:*

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
Which we have known in word and sacrament,  
Continue you saving work among us,  
Give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
And bring us to the joys you promise.

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 peace of God ...  
And the blessing ...

*The celebrant dismisses the congregation.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Postlude:* J. S. Bach (1685-1750) *Fugue in C minor (BWV 537)*.

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### **“MORNING TEA AT THE VICARAGE” BY ZOOM, 12.30PM**

After Mass we used to 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 him on: 0488 960 022. Once you are signed up, join us by putting this link into the search engine on your computer: <https://bit.ly/2Lt6jds> (no password required).

