

Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Ordinary Sunday 17

26th July 2020

Parish Mass, 10.30am

Live-streamed on the St Peter's FaceBook page & 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>) and YouTube (<https://bit.ly/2AIZiDF>).

Mass setting: Matthew Martin (b. 1976) *The Oratory Mass*.

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:
cleansing 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:

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 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, the fount of wisdom,
You have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure
And the pearl of great price:
Grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that,
In the midst of the things of this world,
We may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
And be ready to renounce all else
For the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

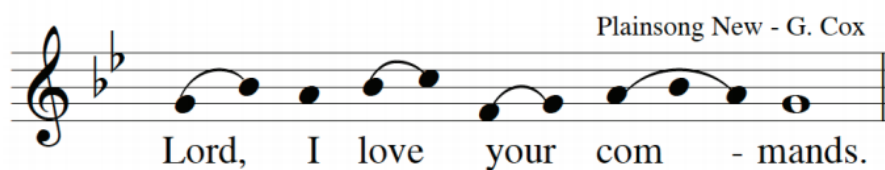
THE FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

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

Psalm 119

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



THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

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 spoke to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

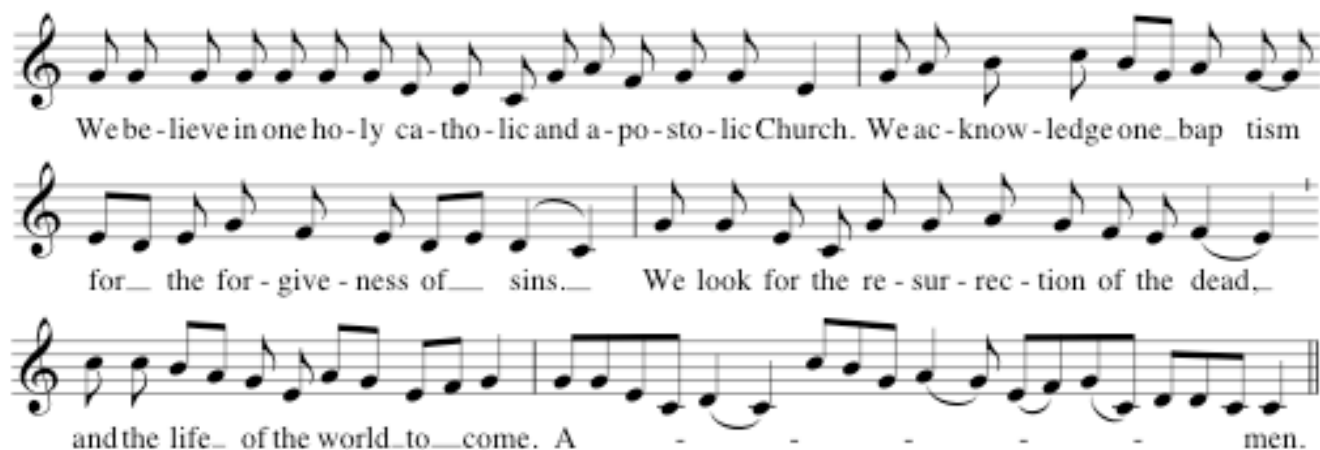
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Fr Hugh Kempster

The Nicene Creed.



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.



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.

A motet is sung as the altar is prepared, in place of the Offertory hymn. No offerings are collected at this point, due to new COVID-19 restrictions, but there will be a retiring collection at the end of the service.

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.

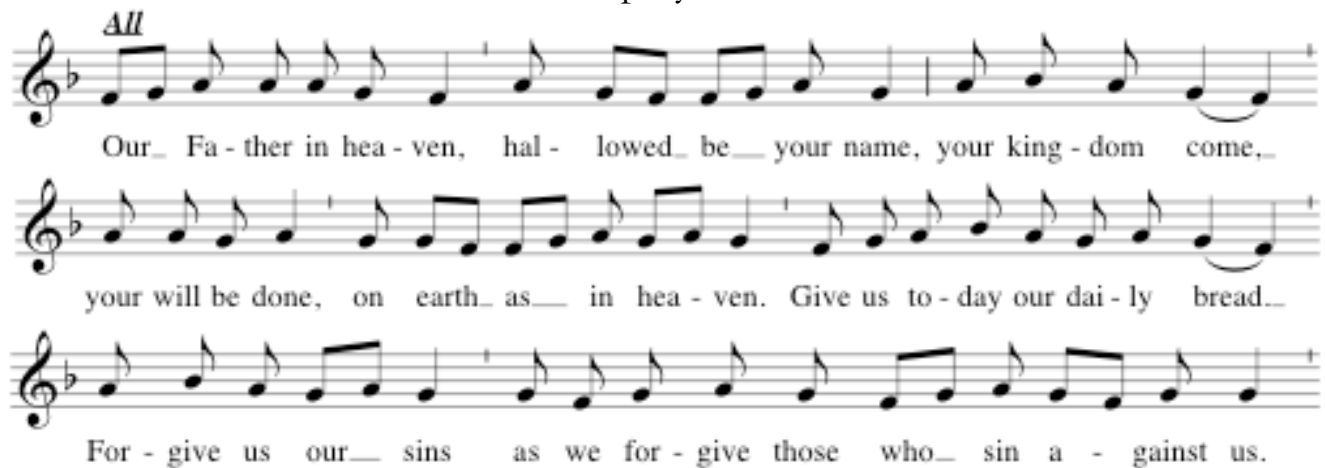
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

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

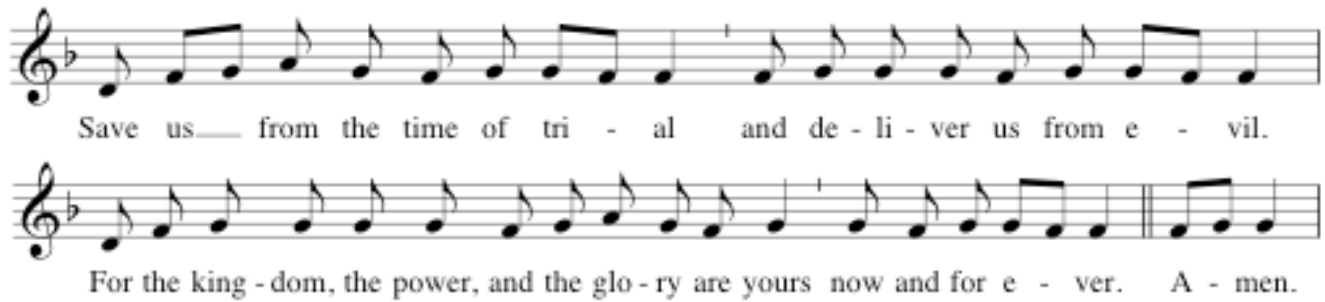
Celebrant: We worship you, Father Almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise ...
Blessing and honour and glory and power
Are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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.



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.**

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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 Sacrament is shared amongst those present.

Communion motet: Jean Langlais (1907-91) Ave Verum Corpus.

At the conclusion of Holy Communion there is a time of silent prayer before singing the hymn:

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

3. To all life thou givest – to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Words: W. C. Smith (1824-1908)

Music: from J. Roberts's *Caniadau y Cyssegre* (1839)

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 your 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: Jean Langlais (1907-91) *Bells*.
