

Welcome to
St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard [Codex aureus Epternacensis]

Ordinary Sunday 25

20th September 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: Richard Proulx (1937-2010) *A Community 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.

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity
Exceeds all that we can desire or deserve,
And you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:
Liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
That we may be free to love and serve others,
And in your service may find our true reward;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

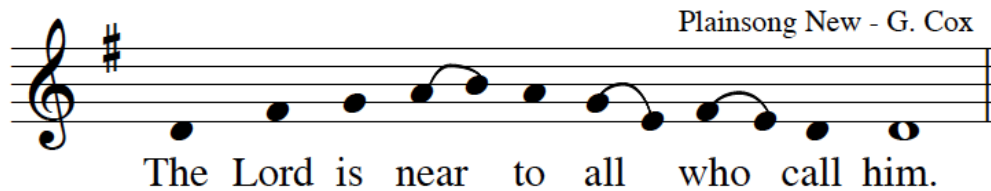
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my

ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

PSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

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



Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable. **R.**

He Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
And his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways,
And kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
To all who call on him in truth. **R.**

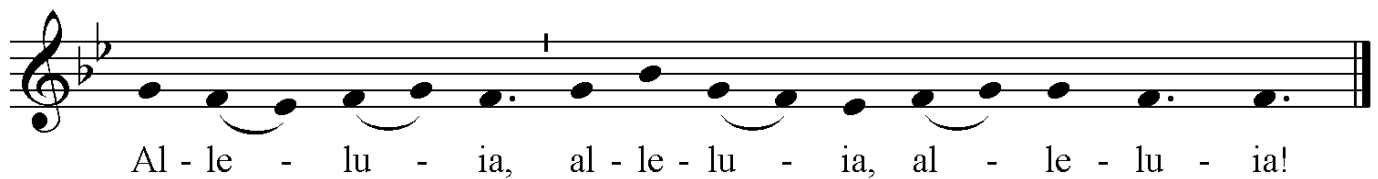
THE EPISTLE: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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 this parable to his disciples. “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Sermon: Stephen Duckett

Please stand for the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant

All

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We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the al - might - y,
mak - er 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,
and 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 bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain
 in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he as - cend - ed 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 liv - ing and the dead and his king - dom will have no end.
 We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er 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 spok - en through the pro - phets.
 We be - lieve in one, ho - ly, cath - o - 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 - rect - ion 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.**

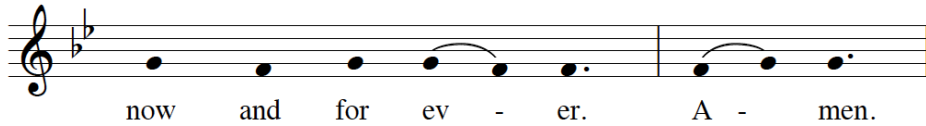
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

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 Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,
 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 - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours



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.**

Motet: Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643) *Laudate Dominum.*

The Blessed Sacrament is shared. Those viewing from home are invited to join in spiritual communion (for more detail see bit.ly/2DnGZoU) and may wish to pray the following prayer:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 For all the benefits you have given me,
 For all the pains and insults you have borne for me;
 Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
 I ask you to come spiritually into my heart;
 O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
 May I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
 And follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

After St Richard of Chichester's prayer

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

**1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
 And publish abroad his wonderful name:
 The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
 His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: *Paderborn Gesangbuch* (1765)

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 ...

The celebrant dismisses the congregation:

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

Postlude: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) *Postlude No. 5 'Gartan'*