

WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



The Preaching of St. John the Baptist, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, 1566

PEW SHEET
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12TH DECEMBER 2021

WEEKLY MUSINGS

The mood for the third week of Advent changes to one of joyful expectation as we reach the half-way stage in our preparation for the birth of Christ. Known as Gaudete Sunday (the Latin for ‘rejoice’), here is an opportunity to focus on all that is good in our lives and to give heartfelt thanks. We rejoice in anticipation of the birth of our Saviour and reflect on our responsibility to care wisely for all creation.

Our modern world is so immediate that we have lost the joy of waiting patiently. The build-up to Christmas can be so frenetic that it’s easy to lose sight of its true meaning.

Joy is not denial of reality. In the great prophets of Israel, in Jesus himself and in the saints, joy and suffering are an integral part of the fabric of their lives, so that we cannot begin to understand the meaning of the one without the other.

This is important to us as we react to the lockdowns of Covid 19. Joy is very much a part of our lives, not just because we have been released from restrictions but also because we have learned a lot about ourselves during this time. The extraordinary thing about the Covid lockdowns where I live is how neighbours acknowledge and know each other better than before lockdown. Something positive, some greater awareness has come out of the shared adversity.

As William Blake put it:

“Man was made for joy and woe
Then when this we rightly know
Through the world we safely go.
Joy and woe are woven fine
A clothing for the soul to bind.”

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says of Jesus that, “for the joy that was set before him he endured the Cross.” We usually contrast joy and suffering; Blake saw that they were “woven fine”. St Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “In our sorrows we have always cause for joy”. (2 Cor 6:10)

To prepare for the Christmas celebration, for the coming of Jesus, it can be helpful to make space to sit quietly for a few minutes in the presence of God and spend time with Paul’s words.

A prayer of Thomas More might encourage a balance this Advent. Pope Francis recommended it to his Cardinals and Bishops.

Prayer for Good Humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good

and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

+ David Farrer

The Liturgy Committee has asked that we say the Angelus after the dismissal at the end of Mass in common with many Churches in our tradition. The note below refers to the trial period which began sotto voce last Sunday and will continue after the dismissal at Mass through the Christmas season.

Introducing the Angelus in Advent and Christmas

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of God Incarnate in Jesus Christ. The ancient tradition of the reciting the Angelus is a fitting devotion to focus our minds on this mystery, as we journey towards the Octave of Christmas.

The Angelus is a call and response prayer that commemorates both the Incarnation and the Annunciation, when the birth of Christ, the Son of God, was made known to Mary by the message of an angel. It is also an encouragement for us, the people of God, to follow Mary's singular example of discipleship when she says, "Be it done unto me according to thy word".

The Angelus at High Mass will come after the dismissal and before the postlude. It is not a part of the Mass, but I encourage you to remain in church for it as we journey towards Christmas together. We celebrate the mysteries of the Incarnation each time we gather at Mass—but there is no more fitting time to meditate on Jesus' humanity than the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

+ David Farrer

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Wendy Hancock, Judith Hibberd, Russell Kennedy, Ken Letts PRIEST, Thomas Low, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, John Small, Margaret Sutherland, Paul Wheelton, Angus and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, David Bornstein, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Helen Drummond, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Natalie Kellett, Roman Kerr, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	12 th	Agnes Hardy Bode
Mon	13 th	Maurice Cratchley, Beatrice Lindsay, Ina Edith Norton, Maxwell Thomas Austin Umphelby
Tue	14 th	Hubert Hayward, Clementina Hughes, Clara McAdam
Wed	15 th	Philip Thomas Byard Clayton PRIEST, Sarah Michal Elizabeth Robson
Thu	16 th	Marjorie Fischer, Madge Muddell
Fri	17 th	Mary Clappison, Florence Elsworth, Patrick Hannaford, Henry Daryll Robins
Sat	18 th	Frederick Waldegrave Head BISHOP, Maurice Jones PRIEST Nicholas Bernhard Major, Mavis Yewers

MASS PROPERS & MUSIC

Mass setting: *Mass in G*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

NEH #443

INTROIT

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Gloria Patri etc.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Lord, thou hast blessed thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be etc.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3.14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; The Lord, your God, will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ISAIAH 12

Cry out with joy and glad - ness:
for a - mong you is the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Plainsong New - G. Cox

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

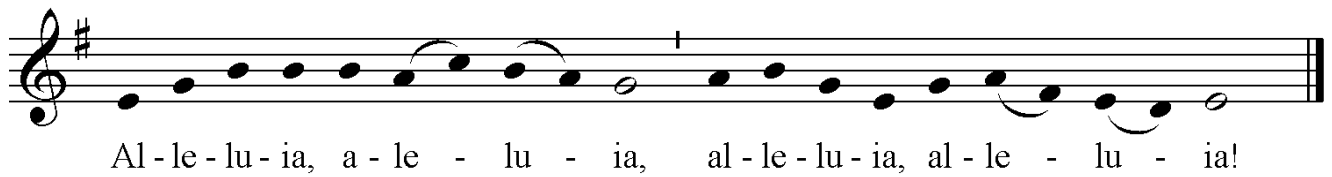
Qui sedes, Domine, super cherubim,
excita potentiam tuam, et veni.

Vs. Qui regis Israël, intende; qui deducis
velut ovem Joseph.

*Thou, Lord, that sittest upon the cherubims,
stir up thy strength, and come.*

*Vs. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou
that leadest Joseph like a sheep.*

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3.10-18)

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

The crowds, who were gathering to be baptized by John, asked him, “What should we do?” In reply John said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

OFFERTORY

Lord, thou art become gracious into thy land: thou has turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou has forgiven the offence of thy people.

Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

NEH #11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, and fear not: behold, our God will come, and will save us.

COMMUNION MOTET: *Rejoice in the Lord always*, Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men;
the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing,
but in ev'ry thing by pray'r and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God;
And the peace of God which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

Philippians 4: 4-7

Hymn: Long ago, prophets knew

NEH #10

THE ANGELUS

The sanctuary party processes to the Lady Chapel for the Angelus. The prayer is led by the celebrant. The church bells ring thrice during the recitation of the Hail Mary, and nine times during the final collect.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh.

Please genuflect

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

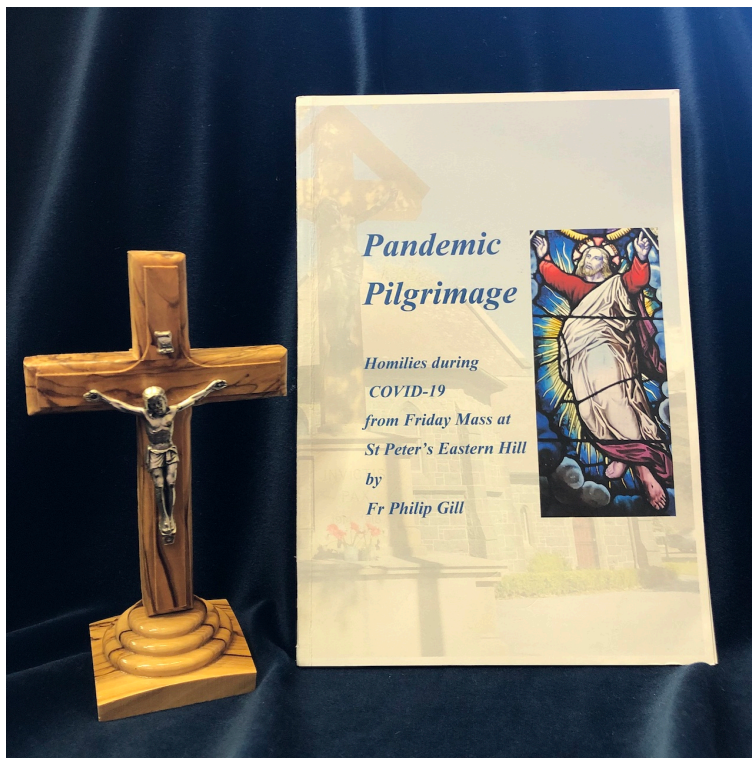
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door.

Postlude: *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*, George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

Pandemic Pilgrimage: Homilies during COVID-19 from Friday Mass at St Peter's Eastern Hill by Fr Philip Gill.



For many years, Fr Philip Gill has been one of our valued priests at St Peter's Eastern Hill. He serves as Chaplain to the Lazarus Centre Breakfast Program, and also Prison Chaplain with the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry.

These short, reflective, beautifully crafted and erudite homilies were delivered during St Peter's live streamed masses in the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021.

'The quality of our worship and the sincerity of our companionship begins.... with the quality of the furnishings in our houses. What we experience in worship and what it means to be a good and faithful companion needs to soak into us and provide the furnishings for our souls so when the unclean spirits come looking to party and knock on our door, they will find no welcome.' p96

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Advent Reflection Group

Come along via zoom each Tuesday @ 6pm during Advent and ponder the poetry of Anglo-Welsh priest and poet R.S. Thomas.

Dates: 30th November, 7th, 14th & 21st December

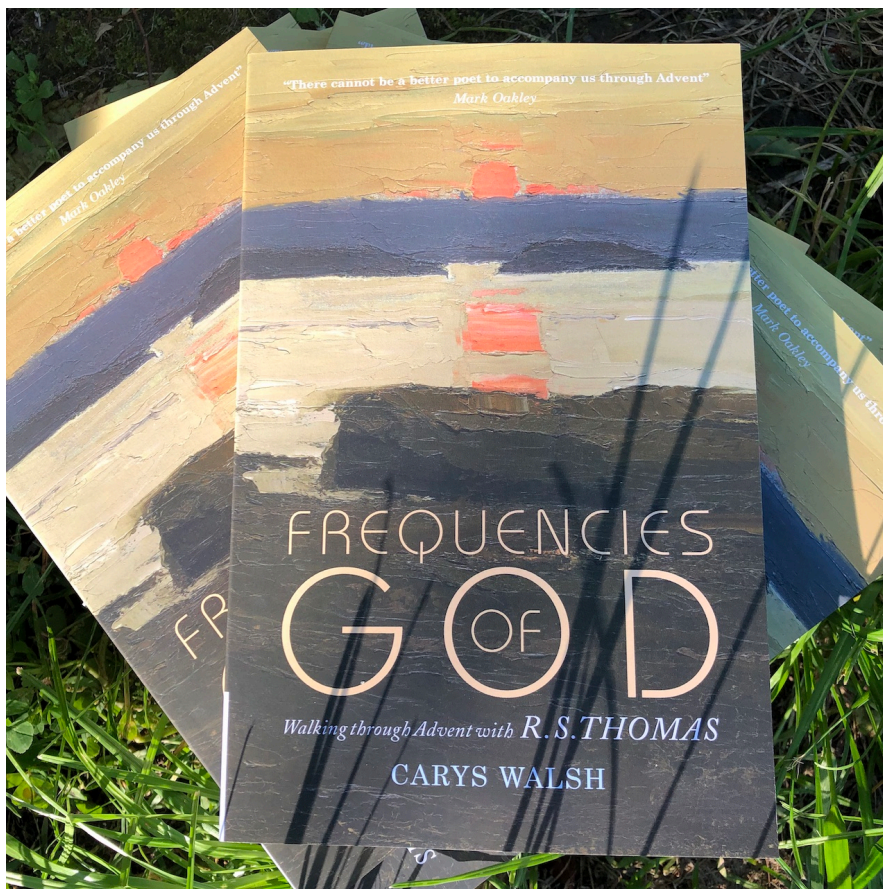
Frequencies of God: Walking through Advent with R.S. Thomas by Carys Walsh

A collection of 28 poems and reflections takes us through this special season with its themes of waiting, accepting, journeying and birthing.

‘Thomas’s poetry can lead us into a rich Advent landscape, filled with a vision of God’s kingdom, bot already here with us and to come.’ Carys Walsh

Led by Carol O’Connor. Please email bookroom@stpeters.org.au for the invite link.

Frequencies of God by Carys Walsh is available from St Peter’s Bookroom for \$34.95. Order online, contact us directly or visit us in store.





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Throughout the difficulties of both 2020 and 2021, St. Peter’s Eastern Hill has been there helping the homeless and others in need.

Now at Christmas, we need your help:

- To continue our important work helping the needy every day of the year
- To provide some Christmas cheer and dignity to those who have nothing – Christmas hampers and a BBQ Lunch



If you are in a position to give, please donate as generously as you can to our Christmas Appeal.

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CHRISTMAS

at St Peter's Eastern Hill

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Friday 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE	6:00pm	Family Mass with Pageant and the Arrival of St Nicholas
	11:00pm	Carol Singing
	11:30pm	Procession, Blessing of Crib and Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00am	Mass (BCP)
	10:30am	Procession and High Mass
Sunday 26th Dec HOLY FAMILY	9:00am	Mass (BCP)
	10:30am	Procession & High Mass
	6:00pm	Mass (APBA)
Sunday 2nd Jan 2022 MARY MOTHER OF GOD (tr. 1st Jan)	9:00am	Mass (BCP)
	10:30am	Procession and High Mass
	7:00pm	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Thursday 6th Jan 2022 EPIPHANY	6:15pm	Missa Cantata with Chalking Ceremony

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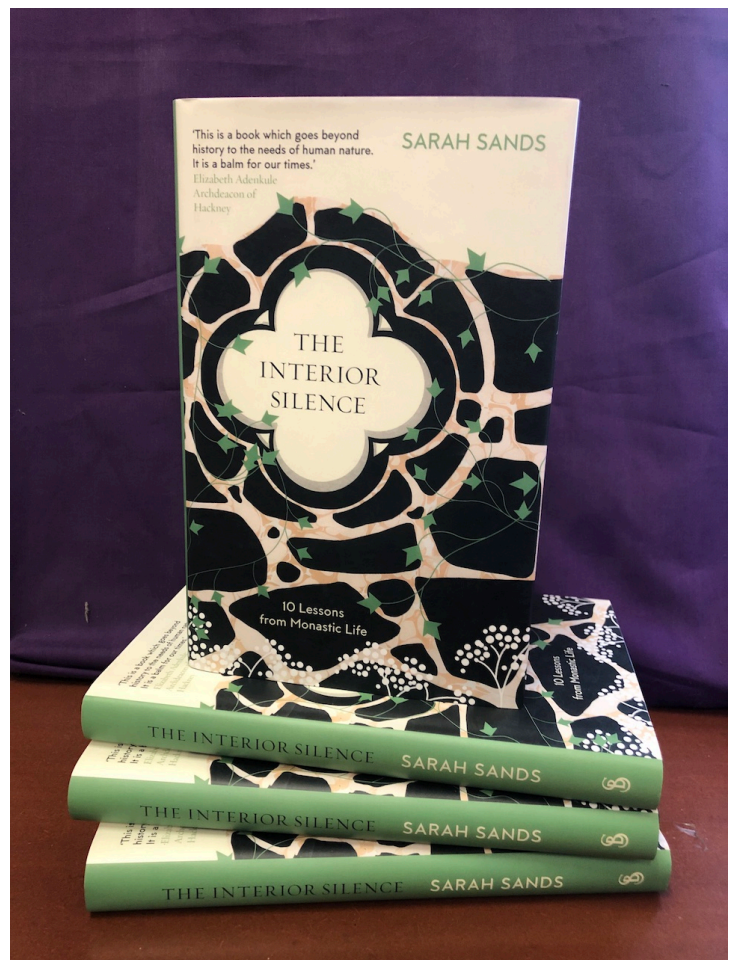
Lots of Christmas Cards still in stock! Nativities, calendars, Liberty hankies and cotton wrapped soaps, frankincense candles....

Recommended Reading and Christmas gifts for someone who loves to read spiritual works.

The Interior Silence: 10 Lessons from Monastic Life by Sarah Sands

\$33 - Hardback

At the heart of this book is a broken section of a 13th century monastic wall which is situated in Sarah Sand's garden in Norfolk, England. Marham Abbey, a Cisterican nunnery, was destroyed during the 16th century Dissolution of the Monasteries. The wall 'is the still small voice that provides a contrast to the needy, What'sApping, power-conscious world of politics and media.'



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