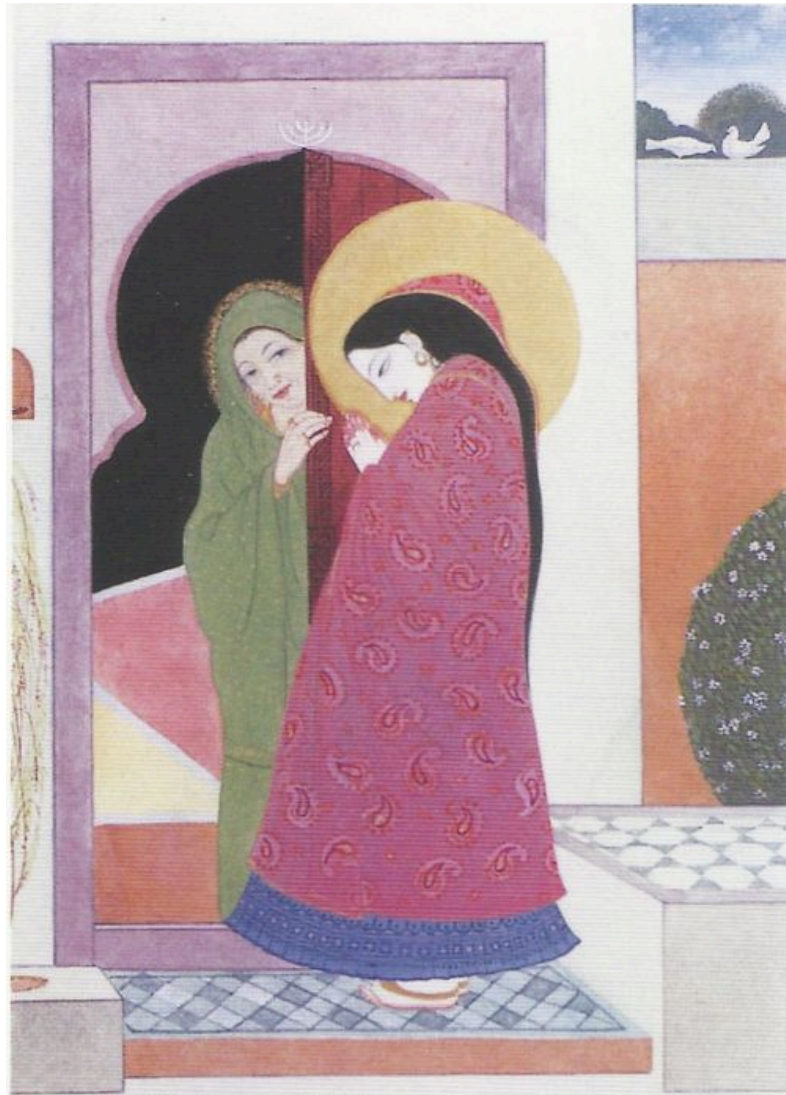


WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth (miniature), Frank Wesley (1923-2002)

PEW SHEET
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
19TH DECEMBER 2021

WEEKLY MUSINGS

Recently I heard a radio interview in which drew listeners back to this time last year when Christmas and New Year wishes flowed saying good riddance to 2020 and here's hoping for a brighter and better 2021! How soon those sentiments changed! Over the past two years there have been many uncertainties and unforeseen circumstances - and uncertainty **is** stressful!

Today in our Advent journey we focus on the faithfulness of Mary. She shares the joy of her vocation with her cousin Elizabeth. Her acceptance of the shattering transitions that God wrought in her life serve as a model for us all. Her initial response to the angelic message that she would be the mother of our Lord was simply, 'How can this be?' How can this be indeed! How can it be that God would come among us. How can it be? Mary asks that question filled with wonder, awe and fear. She bears all the pain of the parent whose life is poured out for others.

There will come the time that Jesus goes missing from the family as they return from the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. They eventually find him in the temple, deep in discussion with the elders. She sees him ridiculed by their neighbours and towns folk. The ask, how can he speak like this when we know his mother, his family, his trade, we know his story!

She comes with other family members to see Jesus but cannot get to him because of the crowds. I wonder if she heard what Jesus said when he was told his family was there: 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.'

Then at the foot of the cross while most of the others had abandoned Jesus, she hears her son entrust her into the care of John the beloved disciple. Mary is there to care for the body of her son at the end.

Luke tells us that Mary is with the others in the upper room following the ascension of Jesus. In Mary, God has truly lifted up the lowly – from simple country peasant girl to Mother of our Lord. Advent reminds us that amid all the uncertainty in the world and in our lives, we wait faithfully, with some awe and wonder, to see what God is doing for us, with us, and among us.

Fr. Philip Gill

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:

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| Sun | 19 th | Peter Robert Marks-Chapman, Jeanne Lawler Marsden,
Charles Schwieger PRIEST, Joseph Henry Thorne |
| Mon | 20 th | Margaret Hauser |
| Tue | 21 st | John Langton, William Keith Morrow, Bruce Gilbert Stevenson |
| Wed | 22 nd | George Andrew, Joyce Alice Cooke, Phyllis Eleanor Frost |
| Thu | 23 rd | Alice Priscilla Cook, Sr Elizabeth Gwen CHN,
William Jurgen (Bill) Ondaatje, John Ormond Randell |
| Fri | 24 th | Bette Bennison, Philip Henry Job, James Ernest Watts |
| Sat | 25 th | Leslie Cula PRIEST, Mavis Errey, Elizabeth Gordon Robinson |

MASS PROPERS & MUSIC

Mass setting: *Missa Alma redemptoris mater*, Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Hymn: O glorious Maid, exalted far

NEH #183

INTROIT

Rorate cæli desuper et nubes pluant
justum: aperiat terra et germinet
salvatorem.

Vs. Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera
manuum ejus annuntiat firmamentum.
Gloria Patri &c.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the
skies pour down righteousness: let the earth
open,*

*Vs. The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.
Glory be etc.*

FIRST READING *read by Stuart Hibberd*

Micah 5.2-5a

The Lord says to his people: “You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judea, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.” Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

PSALM 80

Plainsong New - G. Cox



Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us. **R.**

Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand has planted. **R.**

But let your hand be upon the one at your right,
the one whom you have made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name. **R.**

SECOND READING *chanted by the sub-deacon*

HEBREWS 10.5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God.'" When Christ said, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

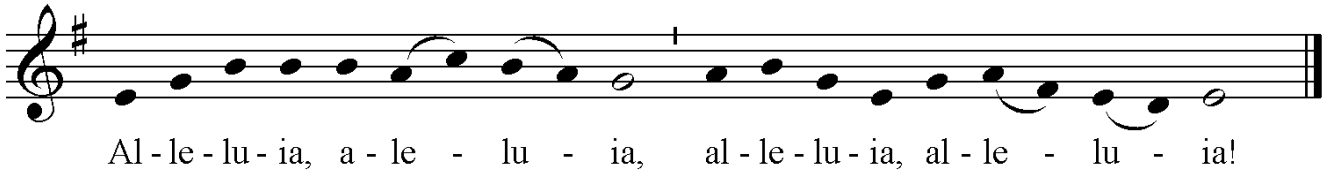
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GRADUAL

Prope est Dominus omnibus
invocantibus eum, omnibus
invocantibus eum in veritate.
Vs. Laudem Domini loquetur os meum;
et benedicat omnis caro nomen
sanctum ejus.

*The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon
him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
Vs. My mouth shall speak the praise of the
Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy
Name.*

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1.39-45)

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

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among 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.

Hymn: Ye who own the faith of Jesus

NEH #188a

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son : and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

COMMUNION MOTET: *Ave Maria*, Franz Xaver Biebl (1906-2001)

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae
et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Maria dixit:
Ecce ancilla Domini
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria ...

Et verbum caro factum est
Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria ...

Sancta Maria, mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

*The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary
And she conceived by 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.*

*Mary said:
Behold the handmaiden of the Lord.
Do to me according to your word.*

Hail Mary ...

*And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary ...

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

Hymn: Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned above

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above,
O Maria!
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O
Maria!

2. Our life, our sweetness here below,
O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O
Maria! [Refrain]

Refrain:
*Triumph, all ye Cherubim;
Sing with us, ye Seraphim.
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina.*

3. To thee we cry, poor sons of Eve,
O Maria!
To thee we sigh, we mourn, we
grieve, O Maria! [Refrain]

4. Turn then most gracious advocate,
O Maria!
T'ward us thine eyes compassionate,
O Maria! [Refrain]

5. When this our exile is complete, O
Maria!
Show us thy Son, our Jesus sweet, O
Maria! [Refrain]

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: *La vierge et l'enfant from La Nativité du Seigneur* by Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

UPDATE FROM THE INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE

The parish representatives on the incumbency committee, with the support of +Genieve, have now conducted preliminary interviews via Zoom with our short-listed candidates, each of whom are strong contenders with many, though differing, gifts. We feel fortunate to have such a pool of priests who are willing to engage with us in our process of discerning who God is calling to lead us at St Peters. In the New Year we will be proceeding to face to face interviews with candidates.

We ask for your prayers at this time and invite you to pray this prayer for the work of the committee and for the candidates.

Loving and gracious God, grant your wisdom and grace to the members of the incumbency committee: give them a sure vision of your plan and purpose as they interview candidates. Encourage their faith, fill them with joy and hope, and sustain them as they serve you and your church here at St Peter's, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Rachel Ellyard, Carol O'Connor, Craig Wilson

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

Please note that the Parish office will be closed Dec 25th – January 3rd 2022. Regular office hours will resume January 4th 2022.



CHRISTMAS

at St Peter's Eastern Hill

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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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“ST PETER’S CARES” CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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

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- 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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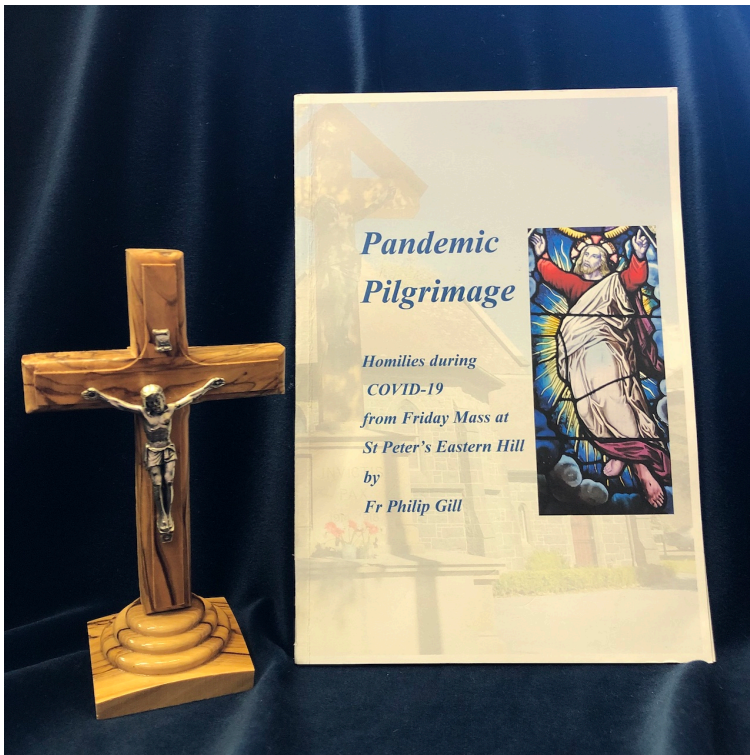
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- Feeding over 500 a week
- Every day of the year
- Training and employment assistance whenever possible



ST. PETER’S EASTERN HILL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
an outreach of the Anglican parish church of the city of Melbourne

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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For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.

TS Eliot, *Little Gidding*

We will be closed between Christmas and New Year, reopening Tuesday 4th January, 2022. Looking forward to seeing all our customers and friends then.



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COVER ART DETAILS

Art analysis by Naomi Wray, with bibliographic information after that.

Elizabeth meets Mary at the door of her courtyard, with rounded arch the shape of a Moghul dome. Tipping the arch is a Menorah candlestick, reminding us that Elizabeth's husband is the priest Zechariah. That it is the courtyard door and not the house door is indicated by the wall at the right, above which trees and sky can be seen.

To the left of the door is a tree with dry branches, brown and lifeless as Elizabeth's former barren-ness. Two doves on the side wall represent the holiness of both women.

Mary wears a red and purple robe, signifying joy and dignity. The halo around her head indicates God's presence with her. Unbound hair tells us she is still a maiden, while the elderly Elizabeth has her head fully covered and wears a green garment suggesting new life within. Around her head is a very thin speckled halo.

Indians can understand the need for a pregnant woman to visit her family with the news. In this context, Mary's action in going to visit Elizabeth would suggest that Elizabeth is her nearest female relative.

Frank Wesley began studying at the government school of Arts and Crafts in Lucknow in 1943 continuing to postgraduate study, later joining the teaching staff. Further studies included four years at the Kyoto Art University in *Japan* (1954-58) where he studied art and wood block printing. In 1958 he joined the Art Institute of *Chicago* where he studied modern art. He returned to India in 1960.

His work has been internationally recognised. He designed the urn for Mahatma Gandhi's ashes. Five of his paintings were included in the 1950 *Holy Year Exhibition* at the Vatican. His "The Blue Madonna" was used as the first UNICEF Christmas card.

In 1973, he emigrated to *Australia* with his family. He continued to paint prolifically until his death in 2002.

http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main_page.htm

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Weekday Services

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