

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



“St John” illumination, Mesrop of Khizan Isfahan, Iran (1615)

## **Second Sunday after Christmas**

**High Mass with Children's Church**

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020  
10.30am

# WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

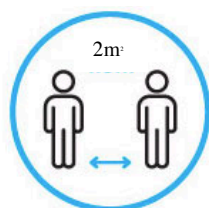
COVID-19 restrictions have once again been tightened, and clearly the virus has not yet been eradicated; we must still remain vigilant. If you prefer, do join us online: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill) or [www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill).

For those attending Mass in person, please read carefully and observe all the requisite COVID-Safe guidelines below:

- **If you are feeling unwell, especially with COVID-19-type symptoms, you must not be at church; please go home now and get tested.**
- our current density quotient at St Peter's allows for up to 110 people in the pews, and a total congregation (including choir, servers, children's church, overflow etc) of up to 174 people.
- If you have booked a pew, a sidesperson will tick off your name on arrival.
- If you have not booked, that's fine, you can scan the QR Code on your smart phone, or just give us your first name and phone number.
- **Masks are once again obligatory in church. Other than those leading the service, everyone must wear a mask at all times.**
- The new 2sqm spatial distancing essentially means keeping an elbow's distance from others at all times (other than partners and immediate family members, of course).
- Please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter or leave church.
- Communion will continue in one kind only, with no common cup.
- Do not to shake hands, hug, or kiss others beyond your immediate family.
- All service booklets are single-use only, so please take yours home.

Please note: we have a busy program of worship and social service at St Peter's Eastern Hill, seven days a week, but the church and hall are cleaned and sanitised daily, under WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of our buildings and furnishings.

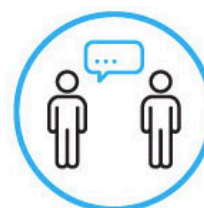
We have a COVID-Safe Plan and are committed to keeping you safe



Physical Distancing



Sanitising and washing hands



Please be kind and care for one another in these stressful times of change



## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.*

*Prelude: J. Demessieux (1921-68) *Adeste Fidelis*.*

*Mass setting: O. de Lassus (1432-94) *Missa: Triste départ*.*

*Processional carol:*

1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let every age adoring fall,  
Such birth befits the God of all.

2. Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
The Saviour, now to man displayed.

3. The virgin womb that burden gained  
With virgin honour all unstained,  
The banners there of virtue glow,  
God in his temple dwells below.

4. Forth from that chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run.

5. From God the Father he proceeds,  
To God the Father back he speeds,  
Runs out his course to death and hell,  
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

6. O equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness glow with newborn light,  
No more shall night extinguish day,  
Where love's bright beams  
their power display.

8. O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

NEH 19 (ii)

Words: St Ambrose (340-97)

Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66)

Music: M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

*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 sings the collect for purity. Please kneel as the choir sings:*

Kyrie eleison      *Lord have mercy*

Christe eleison      *Christ have mercy*

Kyrie eleison      *Lord have mercy*

*The deacon introduces the confession:*

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. Please then stand for the Gloria:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae  
voluntatis. Laudamus te,  
benedicimus te,  
adoramus te,  
glorificamus te  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam  
gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius  
Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus  
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
+ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen

*Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace to men 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. Please then sit for the readings.*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

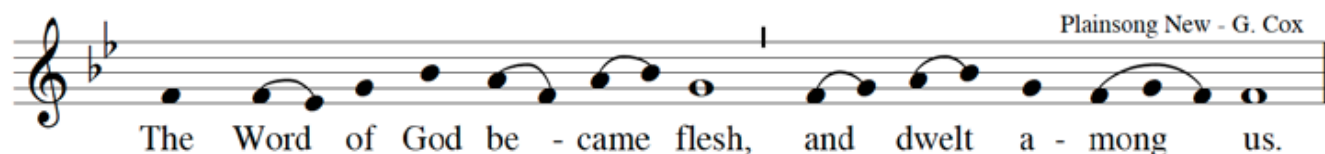
**SIRACH 24:1-4, 8-12** read by Helen Drummond

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honoured

people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage; in the company of the holy ones is my abode.”

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

**PSALM 147:12-15, 19-20** *led by the cantor, please join in the refrain.*



**EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19** *chanted by the sub-deacon*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand. The cantor leads the Alleluia. Please join in the response:*



*Preacher:*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-18)

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the

darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

*Sermon:* Fr Roger Prowd

*Please stand for the Credo.*

*Celebrant* *All*

v 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.

*Please kneel for the Prayers of the People, led by Di Clark. 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.**

*Please stand for the Greeting of 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 collection is taken during the offertory carol.*



1. How brightly shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar  
The Light in Judah shining.  
Thou David's son of Jacob's race,  
The Bridegroom, and the King of grace,  
For thee our hearts are pining!  
Lowly, holy, great and glorious,  
Thou victorious Prince of graces,  
Filling all the heavenly places!

2. Though circled by the hosts on high,  
He deigns to cast a pitying eye  
Upon his helpless creature;  
The whole creation's Head and Lord,  
By highest seraphim adored,  
Assumed our very nature.  
Jesu, grant us, through thy merit,  
To inherit thy salvation;  
Hear, O hear our supplication.

3. Rejoice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, reply;  
With praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,  
For this his incarnation.  
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,  
Ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,  
Till all know thy salvation.  
Amen, Amen! Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Praise be given evermore by earth and heaven.

NEH 27  
Words: P. Nicolai (1556-1608)  
Tr. W. Mercer (1811-73)  
Music: P. Nicolai (1556-1608)

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you, Lord God . . . **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, for 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.**

*Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Dominus Deus Sabaoth

*Lord God of Hosts*

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua

*Heaven and earth are full of Your glory*

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Hosanna in the highest*

+ Benedictus qui venit in nomine

*+Blessed is he that comes in the name of the*

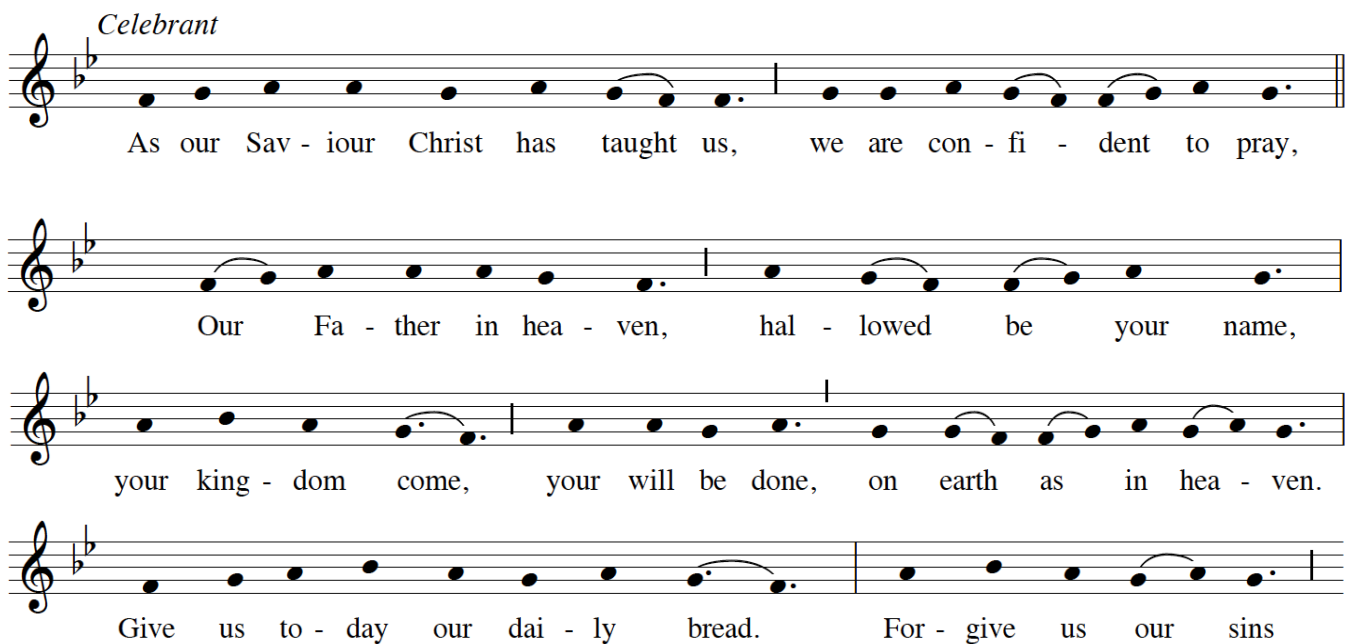
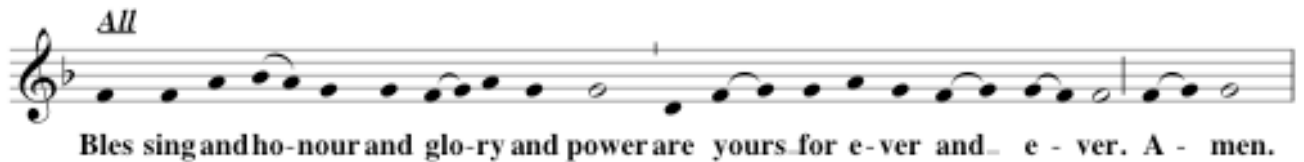
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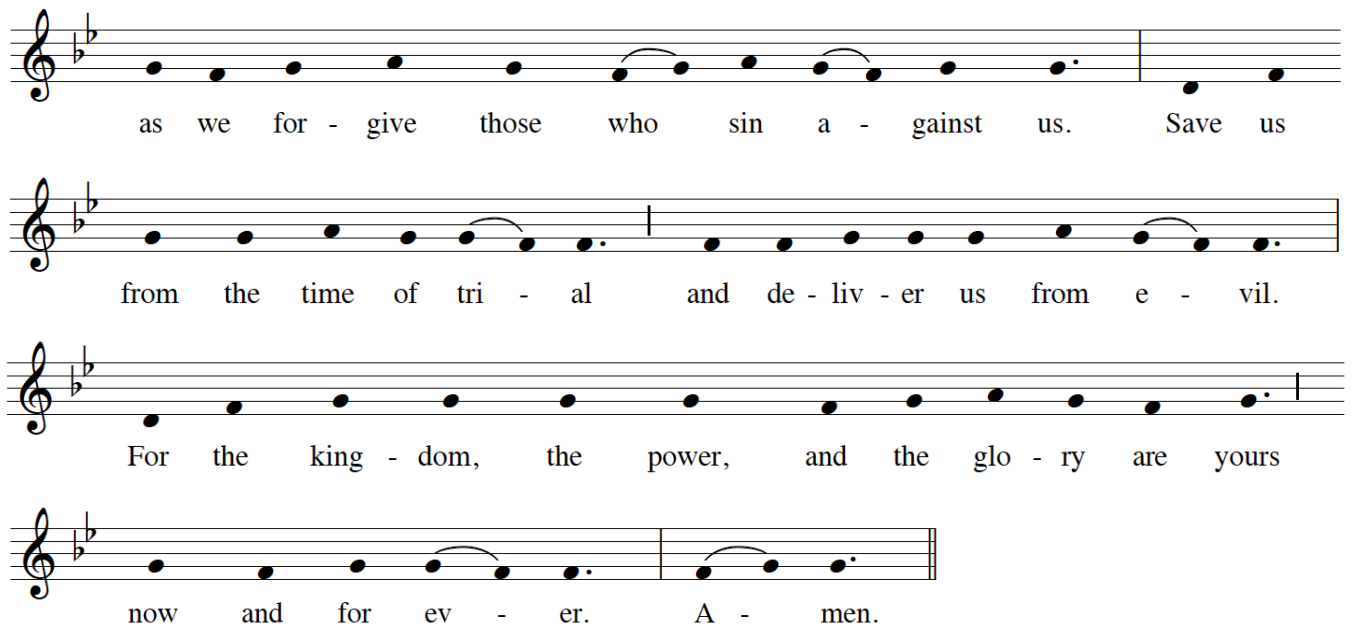
*Lord. Hosanna in excelsis*

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*





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  
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Celebrant:*

We who are many are one body. **For we all share in the one bread.**

*All remaining kneeling as the choir sings:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
 miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
 world: have mercy on us.*

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
 dona nobis pacem.

*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.**

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*Communion motet: O. de Lassus (1432-94) Omnes de Saba venient.*

*At the conclusion of the communion of the people, there is a time of silent prayer.*

*Please then stand for the final carol.*

**1. Unto us a boy is born!  
 King of all creation,  
 Came he to a world forlorn,  
 The Lord of every nation.**

**2. Cradled in a stall was he  
 With sleepy cows and asses;  
 But the very beasts could see  
 That he all men surpasses.**

3. Herod then with fear was filled:  
'A prince,' he said, 'in Jewry!'  
And all the little boys he killed  
At Bethlem in his fury.

5. Omega and Alpha he!  
Let the organ thunder,  
While the choir with peals of glee  
Doth rend the air asunder.

4. Now may Mary's son, who  
came  
So long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame  
Unto the joys above us.

NEH 39  
Words: Latin, 15<sup>th</sup> century  
Tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)  
Music: from *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

## SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:*

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 celebrant offers a blessing and the deacon dismisses the congregation:*

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

*Please stand as the sanctuary party departs.*

*Recessional: R. Edwards (b. 1943) Dawn Canticle.*

*If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome to the Parish Hall for refreshments after the Mass.*