

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL
Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846



“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” Matt 17.5

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

5 MARCH 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass

(Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays).

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday in the Handfield Chapel.

This is also live streamed on Facebook.

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Janine Stewart, Shelley Young, John Stewart, Roger Kelly, Terry Maher, Jenny Pickering, Reynaldo Castillo, Paulie Loughnan, John Hall, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Bp John Parkes,

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Eleanor Hamilton, Piyaporn Srikantha

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- March 5 Ralph Franklin Jones, Sister Phyllis CSC
6 Sister Agnes CHN, Edward Cullingford, Lilian Iris,
Gladys Joyce, Marie Morrison, Marjorie Stanmore-Alford,
Maud Wray
7 William Barker, Roger Bryce, Frederick Howell,
Alexander King
8 John Browne, Lydia Crompton, Alice Holmes,
Edward King BISHOP, Alice McAdam, Frederick McAdam,
Violet O'Brien
9 Verion Stroud
10 John Bryant, Walter McCurdy
11 George Arnoldt, Lesley Jeffries, Claude Longfield PRIEST,
Frederick Righton, Ridwan Russ

Please contact Fr Greg at the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

Mass setting: Alonso Lobo: Missa Maria Magdalene

Introit Hymn NEH 59 Now is the healing time decreed

Mass begins on page 4.

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.

Cantor **All**

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:
wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. **Fine**

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:
All
ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.
Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:
Cantor
and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:
All
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,
Repeat antiphon
and for e - ver. A - men.

The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.

Please kneel

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.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all 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 Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy**

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 12.1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis

The LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33



The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. **R.**

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

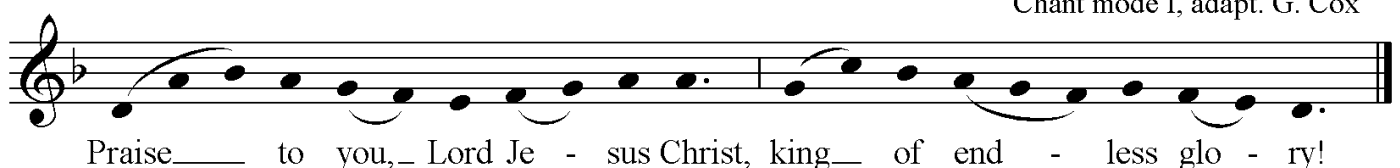
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Chant mode I, adapt. G. Cox



From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [17.1-9].

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Philip Gill

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. 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.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [*Sung by the choir*]

I will delight in your commands, which I love exceedingly; and I will lift up my hands to your commands, which I love.

Offertory hymn NEH 310 We hail thy presence glorious

THE LITURGY OF THE 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 Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

At 9.30am the Sanctus is sung by the people. At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

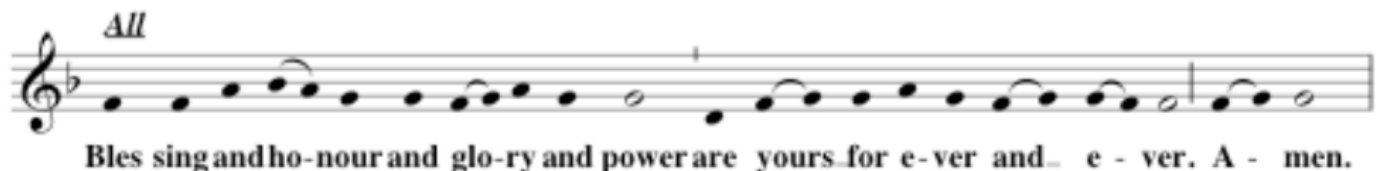
**+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:



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
 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 Agnus Dei is said at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.

*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 *Sung by the choir at 11.00am*

Howells: Psalm 121

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 177 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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.**

Notices are given here.

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS

At 11.00am only The Angelus is led and sung by the Celebrant.

The church bell rings three times during the recitation of the Hail Mary, and nine times during the final Collect.



The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



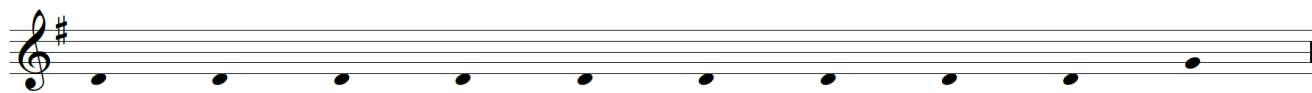
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



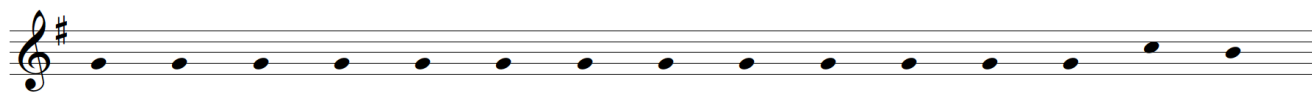
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



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

And the Word was made flesh: And dwelt a - mong us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:

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

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.

Postlude: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) *An Wasserflüssen Babylon (pedale doppio)* (BWV 653b)

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 for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent are:

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

NOTICES

[See page 18 for *Weekly Reflections*]

Lent Study Program 2023

Fr Michael's Lenten addresses commence today at 1pm in the church. They are titled *'The Eucharist makes the Church.'* This Lent series will also be live streamed and recorded. To access the live stream or recorded session please go to the St Peter's site on Youtube or Facebook. Apologies that the planned commencement of this Lenten series had to be delayed.

Fr Michael's booklet on what we do in church and why, titled, *'The Ritual Reason Why – A Guide to Catholic Anglican Worship'* is available from the Bookroom for \$5.00 a copy.

An Appeal A New Sound System and Streaming Equipment for St Peter's

Thank you to all who have donated to our new sound system and streaming equipment that is now in place. Donations are of course still welcome.

Donations for this project are invited to the **St Peter's Eastern Hill Charitable Foundation** (which makes them tax deductible), earmarked 'sound system'. You can donate via the Foundation website www.spechcf.com.au and receive a tax deductible receipt or you can transfer your donation directly to the Foundation with the following account information.

St Peter's Charitable Foundation: BSB 033 009 Account no. 505321

Please note: It is essential that you include in the notation: 'sound system'. For a receipt please advise the Parish Office of your donation and a receipt will be forwarded to you. Email office@stpeters.org.au or call 03 9662 2391.

News from our Social Enterprise

Our wonderful Operations Manager Liam is leaving us early April. Do you know a barista who would like this special job? Maybe someone who likes working with people less fortunate. Please contact Fr Michael. Next time you have a coffee at our special caravan please thank Liam who has done an outstanding job. We will miss him.

Important Dates!

Friday March 24th – 7pm

Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 2nd

Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

8.00am Low Mass

10.30am Procession of Palms and High Mass

6.00pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm High Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Please note: No 8am Mass)

Good Friday

12noon The Liturgy of Good Friday

7pm Tenebrae

Holy Saturday

8.00pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Day

8am Low Mass

10.30am Procession and High Mass

6.00pm Evensong and Benediction

St Peter's Bookroom

LENTEN READING

Are you looking for that Lenten read that's just right for you? We have a wide selection of Lent books this year, including the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommendation: **Failure: What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Things** up by Emma Ineson (\$32.95).

Another Lenten book we are also highly recommending is **Hope and the Nearness of God** by Teresa White (\$23). This is a book about hope, which the author argues is central to the meaning of Lent and in turn of Easter. Hope, quite different from optimism, is the most precious spiritual gift. We are surrounded by so many desolate, unhappy, hurting people. They need hope. This is not simply confidence in the future, but confidence that the past, present and future are held in God's hands and that God, in his providence, never abandons us. Hope means to take the next step on the untidy human journey as we discern the 'footprints of God in creation'. It is the realistic way of perceiving the scope of our real human possibilities. Implying courage and patience, it accepts there are things that we cannot change; encourages living constructively in the face of disappointment and discouragement.

St Peter's Bookroom **Autumn Book Fair**

As-new and second-hand

Saturday **22 April 2023**

10am-4pm

Sunday **23 April 2023**

10am-2pm

St Peter's Hall
15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Stephen Duckett writes ...

Each of us has a different Lenten journey, the commonality is that Lent is a time of special reflection as we walk towards the Cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

Lent is sometimes seen as being about giving up things, but increasingly it is also seen as about doing things differently. I have a bit of a problem with both these approaches, as it could be seen that you only have to live an earth-sustaining life, or follow the teachings of Jesus, for forty days a year when, in reality, we should be doing so for 365 days. But habits die hard, and maybe it is good to make a special effort in Lent.

The three readings today remind us of the continuity of Scripture: the role of and promises to Abraham are called out in the reading from Genesis and in the Epistle, and the Matthean Transfiguration story places Jesus alongside Moses and Elijah.

We are truly surrounded by great cloud of witnesses, sent to teach and guide us, and serve as exemplars.

For more than a decade now my Lenten journey has included a mix of reflection and fun called 'Lent Madness' (lentmadness.org/). Every weekday morning, I get an email inviting me to vote on which of two saints, interpreted broadly, should progress to the next round, 'the Saintly Sixteen', and eventually on to the 'Golden Halo'.

The fun part comes in one of the rounds where we learn about the kitsch which surrounds the saints. It is not for everyone, but it is another way we can make our Lenten reflections different from other times of the year.

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Office Hours: 10am to 1pm, Tuesday – Friday

Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass
6pm Low Mass [1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2nd & 4th Sundays]

Weekday Services

Mon-Fri Mass at 8.00am (9.00am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1:15pm Mass; Saturday 12noon Mass
Special Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham on the 4th Saturday of the month
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

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We are an inclusive and welcoming church, built on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving Christ in the world".