

# Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Sassetta, "Saint Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio"  
from the San Sepolcro Altarpiece (1444)

## **St Francis' Day**

4<sup>th</sup> October 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:* E. Bairstow (1874-1946) *The Service for the Office of Holy Communion*

*Prelude:* J. MacMillan (b. 1959) *White Note Paraphrase*

*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:*

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

*Silence*

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing  
our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**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 be to God on high  
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
    we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
    we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
    that takest away the sins of the world,  
    have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
    have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
    receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
    have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
    thou only art the Lord;  
    thou only, O Christ,  
    with the Holy Ghost,  
    art most high  
+ in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*The celebrant prays the Collect.*

O God, by whose gift St Francis  
Was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility, grant that,  
By walking in St Francis' footsteps, we may follow your Son,  
And, through joyful charity, come to be united with you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

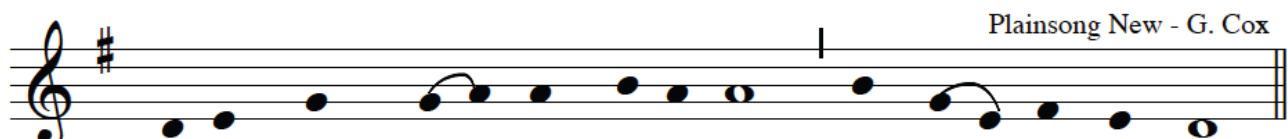
## THE FIRST READING: Baruch 1: 15-22

And you shall say: The Lord our God is in the right, but there is open shame on us today, on the people of Judah, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on our kings, our rulers, our priests, our prophets, and our ancestors, because we have sinned before the Lord. We have disobeyed him, and have not heeded the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in the statutes of the Lord that he set before us. From the time when the Lord brought our ancestors out of the land of Egypt until today, we have been disobedient to the Lord our God, and we have been negligent, in not heeding his voice. So to this day there have clung to us the calamities and the curse that the Lord declared through his servant Moses at the time when he brought our ancestors out of the land of Egypt to give to us a land flowing with milk and honey. We did not listen to the voice of the Lord our God in all the words of the prophets whom he sent to us, but all of us followed the intent of our own wicked hearts by serving other gods and doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord our God.

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

## PSALM 148: 7-14

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



Plainsong New - G. Cox

I will praise your name for ev - er, my king and my God.

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command! **R.**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds! **R.**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike,  
old and young together! **R.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord! **R.**

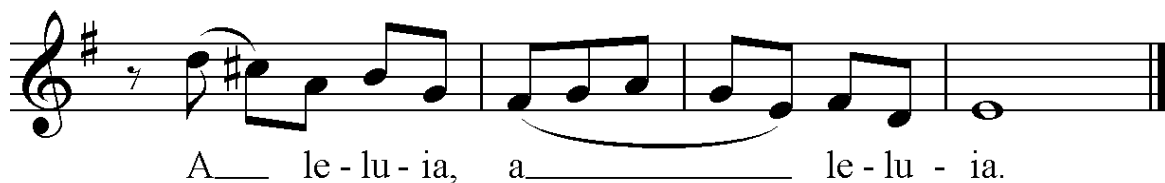
**THE EPISTLE:** Galatians 6: 14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 11: 25-30

*The cantor leads the singing of the antiphon (Philip Carmody). 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.**

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.” Then turning to his disciples, Jesus said: “All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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

*Sermon:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Fr Hugh offers a blessing of the animals.*

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.  
 You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land.  
 You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.  
 We ask you to bless these animals +  
 May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.  
 Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures. **Amen.**

*Fr Hugh asperges the animal(s) present and, symbolically, all those at home.*

Creator God, you have made the world and all that is in it,  
 And entrusted us to be stewards of your creation.  
 Give us the grace to see all animals as gifts from you  
 And to treat them with respect.  
 We pray for all animals suffering as a result of neglect.  
 May the beauty of creation be once again restored to the whole world  
 Through the intercession of St. Francis  
 And the merits of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
 Now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the Nicene Creed.*

*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 - -

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## 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*

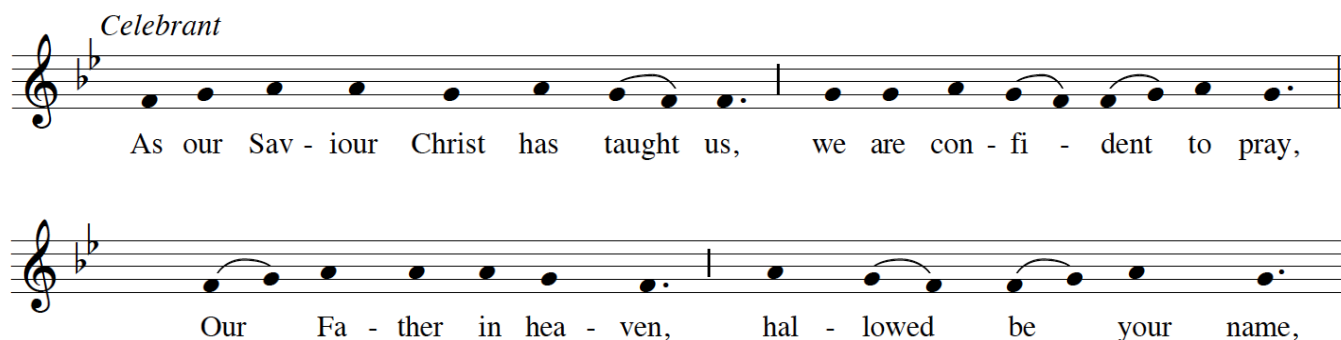
*Celebrant:* . . . forever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
+ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

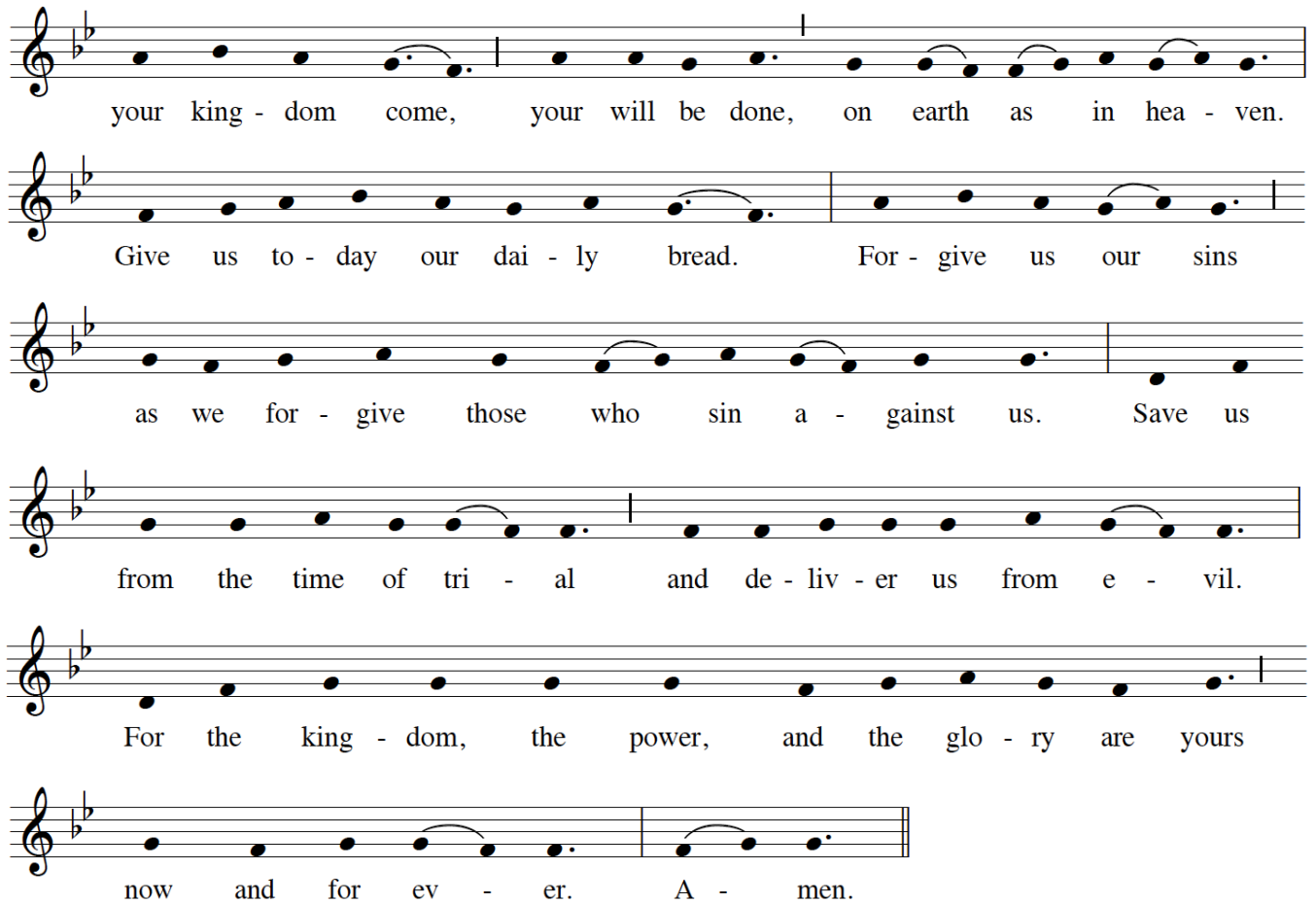
*Celebrant:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith . . .  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*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  
 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.*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
 Have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
 Have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
 Grant us thy 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.**

*The Blessed Sacrament is shared. Those viewing from home are invited to join in spiritual communion (for more detail see [bit.ly/2DnGZoU](http://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.*

*Please then stand for the hymn.*

**1. All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

*Refrain:*

*O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

**2. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show: [Refrain]**

**3. And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care: [Refrain]**

**4. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him! Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One: [Refrain].**

NEH 263 (vv. 1,4,5 & 7)  
Words: St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)  
Trans. William Draper (1855-1933)  
Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The celebrant sings the post-communion prayer:*

God, the source of all holiness:  
May we who have shared at this table  
As strangers and pilgrims on earth  
Be welcomed with St Francis and all your saints  
To the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

**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 pronounces the blessing:*

God give you the grace to follow St Francis and all the saints  
In faith and hope and love;  
And the blessing ...

*The celebrant dismisses the congregation:*

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

*Postlude:* Johann Fischer *Prelude.*