

Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



“The Martyrdom of St Peter” (c. 1480-90)
Painted by the Master of the Florian Winkler Epitaph

Patronal Festival

Sunday 28th June 2020

Parish Mass, 10.30am

Live-streamed on St Peter's FaceBook Page

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, only congregations of up to 20 people are permitted to attend public worship, in addition to those officiating at the Mass. Our Archbishop has also advised that services should be led by an organist and cantor only, rather than a choir, and that we should keep congregational hymn singing to a minimum. So, our worship has certainly not yet returned to the way it was. If you can't come to Mass in person, we warmly invite you to join us online each Sunday. Today's Mass will be live-streamed on our FaceBook page, and the following day uploaded to YouTube (<https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB>).

Please stand for the procession from the West Door. Mass setting: Missa Cantata: A Chant Mass arr. and adapt. Geoffrey Cox.

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:
cleanse 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:

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
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 presiding bishop 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.

*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,*

Glory to God in the highest
 and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God and Father;
 we worship you
 we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu 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.*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father;
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us.
 You are seated:
 at the right hand of the Father
 receive our prayer.

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
 Tu solus Dominus,
 Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe
 Cum Sancto Spiritu
 + in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

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 for the day.

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul
Glorified you in their deaths as in their lives:
Grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and
example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit,
May ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

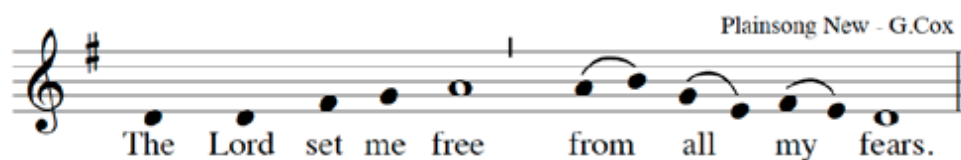
THE FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 *read by Helen Drummond*

In those days, King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased some of the people, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread. When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the people were expecting."

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

The cantor leads the singing of the Psalm. All are invited to join in the response.

Psalm 34



THE EPISTLE: The Second Letter Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

The cantor leads the singing of the antiphon (Colin Mawby). 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.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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

Sermon: The Rt Rev'd Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of the Marmingatha Episcopate

The Nicene Creed.

Priest *All*

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the al - migh - ty,
ma - ker 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,
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 bu - ried. On the third day he rose a - gain
in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scen - ded 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 li - ving and the dead and his king - dom will have no end.

We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the gi - ver 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 spo - ken through the pro - phets.
 We be - lieve in one ho - ly ca - tho - 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 - rec - tion of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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.**

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE

The Bishop: 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 Propers or a Motet is sung as the altar is prepared, in place of the offertory hymn. No offerings are collected at this point, due to new COVID-19 restrictions, but there will be a retiring collection at the end of the service.

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:

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	God of power and might,
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra</i>	heaven and earth are full
<i>gloria tua.</i>	of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is he who comes
<i>in nomine domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord
<i>Hosanna in excelsis</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith . . .


All



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant: We worship you, Father Almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise.

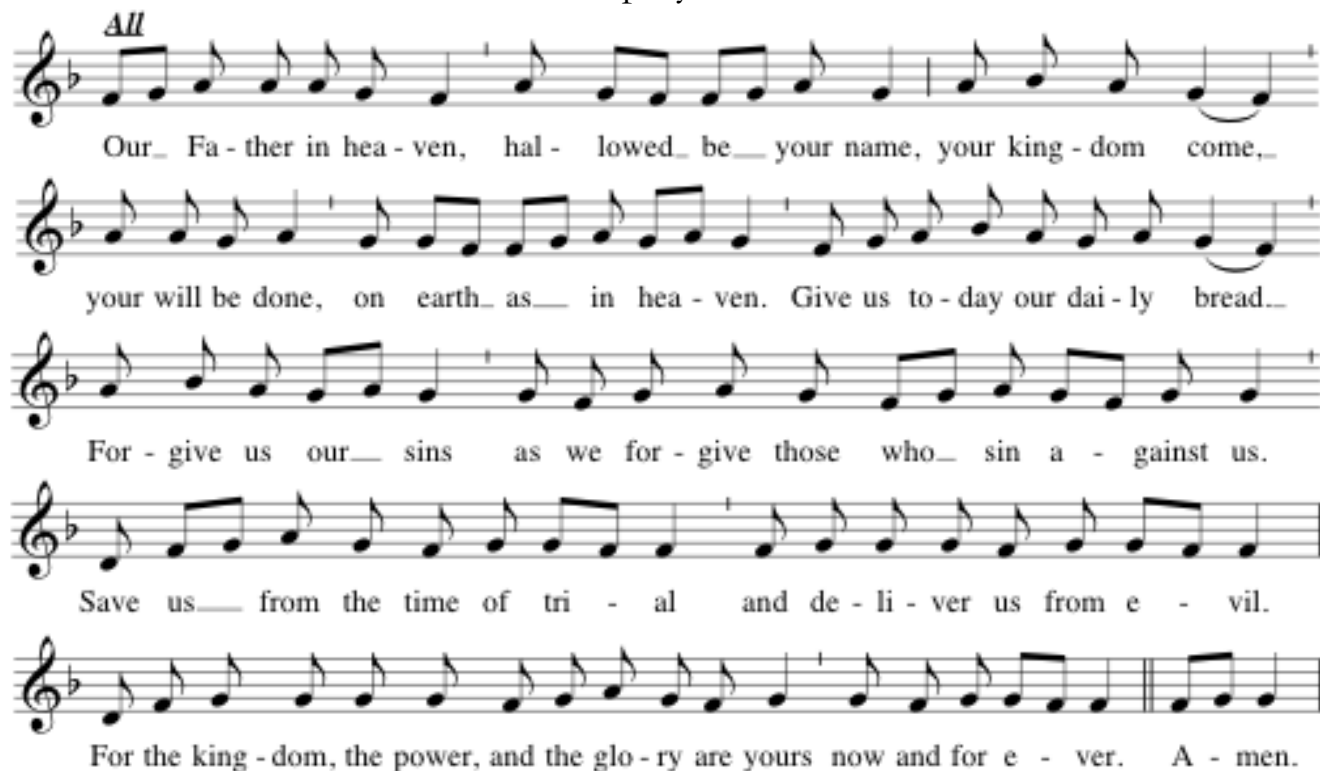
All



Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and e - ver. A - men.

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to pray.

All



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 - li - ver us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours now and for e - ver. A - men.

Celebrant: We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the cantor sings:

<i>Agnus Dei,</i>	Lamb of God,
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi:</i>	you take away the sin of the world:
<i>miserere nobis.</i>	have mercy on us.
<i>Agnus Dei,</i>	Lamb of God,
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi:</i>	you take away the sin of the world:
<i>dona nobis pacem.</i>	grant us your peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins 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 sacrament is shared, in one kind (due to the pandemic we no longer share the common cup). Those who are accustomed to making their communion in any Christian tradition are most welcome to receive. All are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. Please observe spatial distancing of 1.5m at all times, approaching the altar rail via the centre aisle and returning via the side aisles.

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

All then stand to join in singing the hymn:

**1. 'Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
the Son of God, most high!
For ever be adored
That name in earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail.**

**2. O surely he was blest
With blessedness unpriced,
Who, taught of God, confessed
The Godhead in the Christ;
For of thy church, Lord, thou didst own
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.**

**3. Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
The bitter lesson learnt,
That heart for thee, O Lord,
With triple ardor burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.**

**4. O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
And make us go where thou shalt call.**

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Words: W. Walsham How (1823-97)

Music: William Croft (1678-1727)

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 Peter, St Paul 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 bishop pronounces the blessing:

God give you the grace to follow St Peter, St Paul
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: Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) Prelude and Fugue in G (BuxWV 147)

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES – ATTENDING IN PERSON

The West Door of the church is once again open to the public, for congregations of up to 20 people. But our worship is by no means back to the way it was before the pandemic. Many parishioners are choosing to remain at home, and join the Mass by YouTube or on FaceBook.

If you would like to come back to church, however, you are welcome to join us in person for one or more of the following Masses:

- Monday - Friday 7.15am
- Wednesday 1.15pm
- Saturday 9.00am
- Sunday 10.30am (the “**book a pew**” service)

Now that we can have 20 people at Mass, the weekday services have plenty of capacity, so you don't need to let us know if you are coming. Sadly this is not yet the case on Sundays, because of the limited numbers allowed to attend public worship. So, you must “book a pew” for Sunday Mass at this stage. Booking your pew is a very simple procedure, but you must plan ahead, or you may risk being turned away from church (something none of us would want to happen).

Very important: you need to “book a pew” at least 48 hours (2 days) in advance of any service you would like to attend.

To “book a pew” just e-mail the Parish Office (sphoffice@stpeters.org.au) or phone our Administrator, Kosta Soteriou on (03) 9662 2391. Make sure to leave your name and phone number, indicate which service you hope to attend, specify the date or dates of the service(s) you would like to attend. If all the places are taken, don't worry, we will call you to let you know. If you don't hear back from us, just come.