

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



The Peasant Wedding, Painted by Pieter Breughel the Elder (1525-1569), Oil on panel, Painted in 1567, © Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
15TH OCTOBER 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

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 (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

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

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Lisa Myers, Dulcie O'Brien, Col Robinson, Baby Penelope Hocking, Jennifer Lamont, Trevor Brooks, Michael Malady, Lena Sheridan, Michael Messina, Roger Boey, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Fr Noel Whale, Margaret Lugg.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- October 15 Herbert O'Hara Drysdale, James Likeman, Norma Moorehouse, Donald Redding BISHOP
- 16 Terence (Terry) Virgo Allen
- 17 Colin Holden Snr, Katherine Watson-Horoi
- 18 George Alexander Crowley, Isobel Jenkins, Adam Robert Maclean, Shirley Mary Nam
- 19 Roger Armour, Florence Elden, Alice Caroline Garner, Peter John Holloway, Myra Minetta Rayment
- 20 Roy James Bennie, Gwyneth Jean Rhys Harrison, Jacqueline Kemp, Winifred Rogers
- 21 Mihaly Boka, Doris Cleugh, Albert Hanchette, Elizabeth Hill, Arthur Nankivell, Eric Starbrook, Robert Stewart Thompson

Please contact 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: Charles Wood (1866-1926) *Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode*

Introit Hymn: NEH 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

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:

Fine

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow.

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.

Priest

People

O Lord, show your mercy u-pon us And grant us your salva - tion

Priest

People

O Lord, hear our prayer And let our cry come to you

Priest

People

The Lord be with you And also with you

Priest

Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-last - ing God,

and may it please you to send your holy angel from heaven to keep, cheer, guard, visit and defend all who are gathered together in this holy place

through Jesus Christ our Lord A - men

The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant censes the altar during the Introit.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

V. Out of the depts I have cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

If you, O Lord...

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.

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

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

**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.
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.
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 prays the Collect.

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 25.1-9

A reading from book of the prophet Isaiah.

²⁵O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

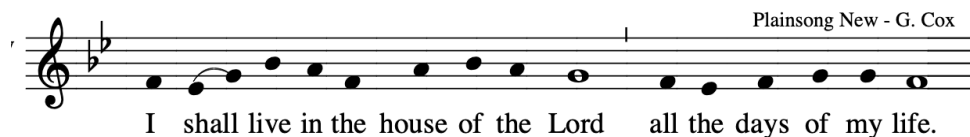
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 4.1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

⁴Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 22.1-14**

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

22Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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*]

Remember me, O Lord, you who rule above all power; and give a well ordered speech in my mouth, that my words may be pleasing in the sight of the prince.

Offertory hymn NEH 311 We pray thee, heavenly Father (T 698 – supplement)

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 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



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.

The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:

All

Bles sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power are yours for e - ver and 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 Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

**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.**

*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.*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) *Da nobis pacem, Domini (Verleih uns Frieden,
gnädiglich)*

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

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.**

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

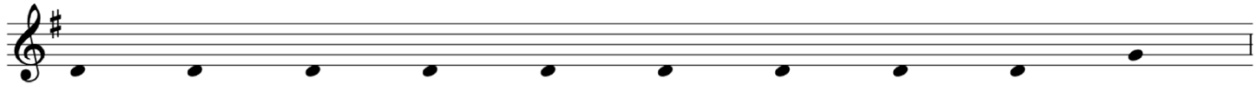
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS



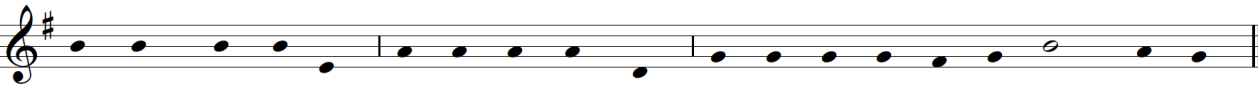
The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



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:



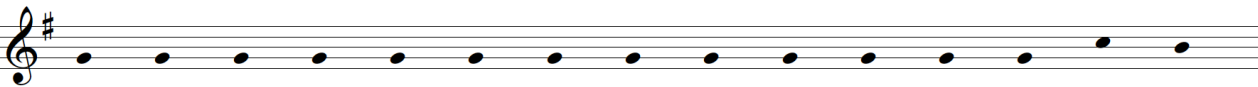
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. **A - men.**



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,



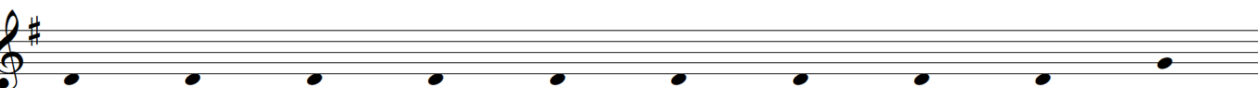
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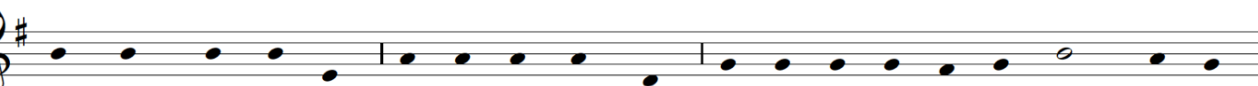
And the Word was made flesh: **And dwelt a - mong us.**



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) *Fugue in D minor (BWV 539)*

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 October 22nd Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost OS 29

Isaiah 45.1–7; Psalm 96.1–9 [10–13]; 1 Thessalonians 1.1–10; Matthew 22.15–22

NOTICES

For your Diary

Ethics of Health Care Funding – A Conversation and Book Launch (Wednesday 1 November 2023 4.00pm)

Our own Stephen Duckett will be having his book launch on this date, please go to Trybooking for more details and to book.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE>



Pledge envelopes for 2023-24 now available

The new financial year for the parish starts 1 October.

If you would like a box of pledge envelopes for your offering, contact Pete Wild after mass or on peterwild1957@gmail.com

Pledge forms

Please consider completing and returning the pledge forms as it would greatly assist the parish to budget and plan for 2024. Envelopes are available if required.

Another music excursion!

Are you interested in a choral extravaganza? The Australian Chamber Choir is staging a concert on 12 November 3pm, Scots Church with a program including favourites from Vaughn Williams, Parry, Byrd, Britten. (It's called Buckingham Palace, so that gives you a flavour of what's on offer, more info here <https://www.auschoir.org/buckingham-palace/>).

We have booked 10 'regular' seats at \$70 each, first come, first served. If you want to sit in front eight rows, please book your own premium seat. If there is interest we'll have a collective meal after High Mass (?in Chinatown) or drinks afterward at my place or both. Please let me know of your interest (Stephen.j.duckett@gmail.com)

Stephen Duckett

Welcome home Fr Michael

We welcome our Vicar Fr Michael back from his well-deserved break. And Thank you! Mthr Kathryn for seamlessly stepping in to care for us, and to everyone who have supported the parish while Fr Michael was away.

Nov 1st (Wednesday 7.00pm) - All Saints

Nov 2nd (Thursday 7.00pm) - All Souls

Nov 26th - Christ The King

Weekly Reflections

From Philip Harvey

What to do? This past week the world has watched the obscene violence out of Gaza and the predictable and obscene retaliation. The world, as we call it, has responded with the mixture of responses such warfare elicits: horror, dismay, anger, resignation, watchfulness. But also, in many quarters, side-taking, name-calling, temperature-raising, ultimatum-making, unholy noise. What to say?

In these circumstances, reading Scripture is not an academic exercise. Names and places that are biblical are suddenly frontpage, their message very direct to our own experience, even if we have never been to the Holy Land. We know that the very meaning of these places exists in competing versions of scriptural interpretation. Where to begin?

Isaiah, in one breath, speaks of cities that “will never be rebuilt” while privileging a God who has been “a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress.” The prophet is versed in “ruthless nations”, yet he speaks with sureness that they will come to fear the Lord. Furthermore, he then speaks of how “the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast,” not just some peoples, all peoples. He will “destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples.” What to think?

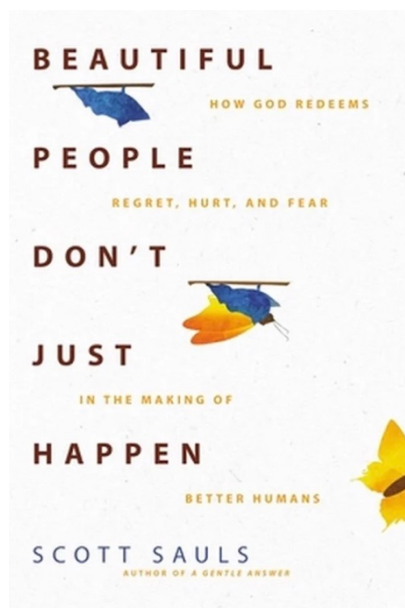
Today’s psalm is famously an acknowledgement of presence, comfort, and mercy. The song asserts the sovereignty of the good, goodness that “shall follow me all the days of my life.” Yet the words arise in a place called “the darkest valley”, where evil exists for real and not just in some notional fashion. The singer holds steadfast, aware that even though enemies are all about, “I shall not want”. There is a clear confirmation of stillness, no matter what stupidity and chaos may be going on. Indeed, to go towards and find that place of stillness, is to value its availability, whether we find ourselves in a disaster zone, or are just processing the bad news online at home.

Today’s Gospel, the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, offers another way of understanding the feast in Isaiah and the all-you-can-eat-and-drink welcome of the psalm. But are we dressed for the occasion? Are we ready? What to do?

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

It's a festival of Anglican Synods for the Bookroom. We have been representing St Peter's and selling at the Melbourne Diocese this weekend. Next weekend we are attending the Ballarat Synod and offering there our wonderful selection of Anglican and spirituality titles.

NEW RELEASE !



Beautiful People Don't Just Happen: *How God Redeems Regret, Hurth, and Fear in the Making of Better Humans*

We all carry regret, hurt, and fear. These are burdens that weigh us down and make us feel trapped.

In twenty-five years of ministry, Scott Sauls has come alongside countless individuals and communities through weary seasons and circumstances. From his own seasons of regret, hurt, and fear--including battles with anxiety and depression--he knows what it's like to be unfinished and on the mend under Jesus' merciful, mighty healing hand.

Beautiful People Don't Just Happen reads like a field guide that can help you:

- Find hope in how God is drawn toward you, not appalled by you, in your sin and sorrow.
- Practice emotional health with joy, gratitude, and lament.
- Quiet shaming, wearying thoughts with God's divine counter-voice.
- Discover how the defining feeling of faith is not strength but dependent weakness.
- Learn what the Bible calls "the secret of being content" in every circumstance.

Dare to embrace the contentment, hope, and fullness God wants for you--offered to all who will receive it.

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