

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
12TH NOVEMBER 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: Malcolm Delbridge, Frances O'Neil, Julie-Anne Bird, Janine Harris, Athol Leach, Susanne Marsden, Col Robinson, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Barbara Ure-Smith, Sophia Errey, Michael Malady, Margaret Ong, Ginny Anderson, Jennifer Lamont, Noel Whale Pr.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- November 12 Percy Hume, Sarah McDougall, Margaret Mildred Sawers, Lawrie Styles PRIEST, Stanley Graham Wells
- 13 Doreen Ata, Joseph Blakson
- 14 Cyril Briggs, Sylvia Isabel Lacey, Owen Ingram Richards
- 15 Richard Lowther Horne Armstrong, Roy William Armstrong Beck, Wilfred Felthouse, Margaret Jefcott, Ivan Francis Southall
- 16 Helen Mills, Francis Morze PRIEST
- 17 Ernest Haisman, Grace Walters
- 18 Eda Bennie

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: T. Tertius Noble (1859-1953) Communion Service in B minor

Introit Hymn: NEH 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name (omit *)

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.

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.

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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

Wisdom 6.12–16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

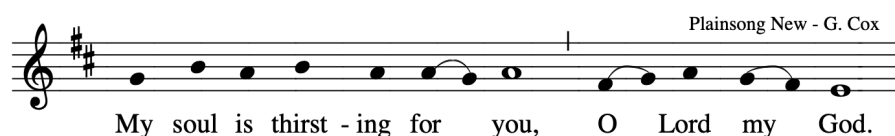
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's

thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63



O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**

I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since

we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Be watchful and ready:
you do not know when the Son of Man is coming.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 25.1-13**

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

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do

not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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*]

Direct my steps, O Lord, according to your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me, O Lord my God.

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 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:

All



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

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 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.*

Thomas Tallis (1505-85) *Audivi vocem de coelo*

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 18 Ye servants of the Lord

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:

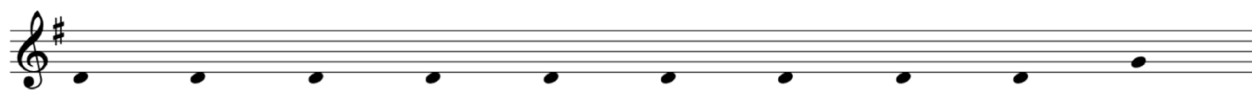
Go in the peace of Christ.

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,



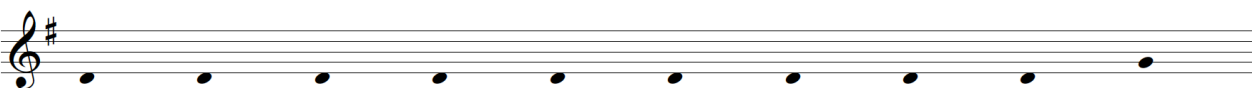
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



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,



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



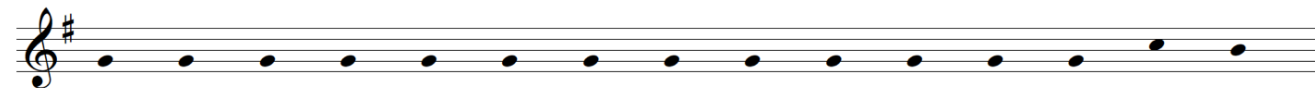
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



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: Philip Moore (b. 1943) Paean

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 November 19th

Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1–1; Matthew 25.14–30

NOTICES

For your Diary

The Anglican Historical Society will present the annual James Grant Memorial Lecture at Holy Trinity, East Melbourne (corner Clarendon and Hotham streets) on **Wednesday, 15 November, commencing at 7pm**. The lecturer will be **Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC**. All are welcome to attend. For further information, contact the Secretary, Roger Meyer at roger.meyer@big-pond.com

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26 November 2023 at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall, as required by the regulations of the *Parish Governance Act 2013* For all queries and apologies to the AGM, please notify myself either on 0414 648 837 or email danielm@arty.com.au

Daniel Mitterdorfer
HON. SECRETARY

Advent Study Group: *The Meaning is in the Waiting* by Paula Gooder

With Carol O'Connor, Wednesday, 2.15pm (after the 1.15pm Mass). In the Vicarage. Wednesdays: 29th November; 6th 13th & 20th December, 2023.

'One of the oddest features of Advent is that it requires us to wait for something that has already happened, as well as something that has not.'

What does it mean to mark time for an event that happened two thousand years ago? To wait for the birth of Christ that we experience year after year? More awkwardly, how does the anticipation of 'end times' fit into this double vision of Advent?

Come along this Advent and join us to engage with a biblical view of time reflected upon by Paula Gooder. Each candle on the Advent wreath represents a biblical character or characters in the long run-up to Jesus' life. In her book, *The Meaning is the Waiting*, Paula Gooder explores who they are and why they matter.

Please let Carol in the Bookroom know if you are interested in coming along and order a copy of Paula Gooder's book.

Revised Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham Mass Times

The Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is now on the **First Saturday** of each month at 12.00pm

Nov 26th - Christ The King & Annual Parish Meeting

Dec 24th – Christmas Eve

Dec 25th – Christmas Day

Dec 31st – Holy Family & Nine Lessons & Carols

Jan 1st – Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Weekly Reflections

Wisdom, radiant and unfading, will be found sitting at the gate: giving her gifts to those worthy of her, to those who seek her. Easily discerned by those who love her, she seeks to give her gifts to everyone who seeks her.

The gate of a city in the ancient Near East isn't what we would expect: once designed for defence of the city walls, for most cities and villages this is the space where the people gather, where sales are transacted, where civic business takes place and local gossip is shared. The gate of an ancient city is perhaps the busiest part of it – and this is where wisdom waits for her people. Wisdom waits in the midst of such busyness, in all the nobilities and injustices of human experience.

Of course, wisdom is more than knowledge and cleverness, more than even insight and discernment. Wisdom in the ancient world is the presence of God in creation. In the book of Proverbs (8.11-31) Wisdom herself tells us that she was with God at the beginning of creation, working alongside like a master worker as the heavens and earth are wrought from nothing. The earliest Christian tradition tells us that this Wisdom figure is Jesus, the Word, who was with God and was God, and all things came into being through him (John 1.1-3). This is the figure who is found by those who seek, who sits in the busiest and most demanding parts of our lives waiting for us.

Keep awake, Jesus tells us in this week's gospel. The kingdom of heaven is open to the wise, the careful, to those who are prepared. This is, of course, a parable: designed to be a stark contrast, a challenge to the Pharisees' own arbitrary determination of who is worthy of God's love, a determination based not on God's will but on their own. The Kingdom, Jesus tells us, is not for those who, like the Pharisees, try to shore up their own position by taking from others. It is for those who are wise: who have found Wisdom who has, all this time, been sitting in the most obvious place possible.

Where do we find that creative presence of God's love in our own lives? In a world that seems increasingly to be tearing itself apart, we find that love of God in those small actions of human care and love and sacrifice so often overlooked. We find it in God's presence in the suffering, in God's attempts to break through the hard hearts of warlords and rulers. We find it in the prayers of our heart and of our community. We find it in the silent, central presence of the Eucharist and the community of love which forms around it. We find it in the city gate: in the demands of a busy and hurting world. We find it wherever we look for it, because it has already called us, already claimed us.

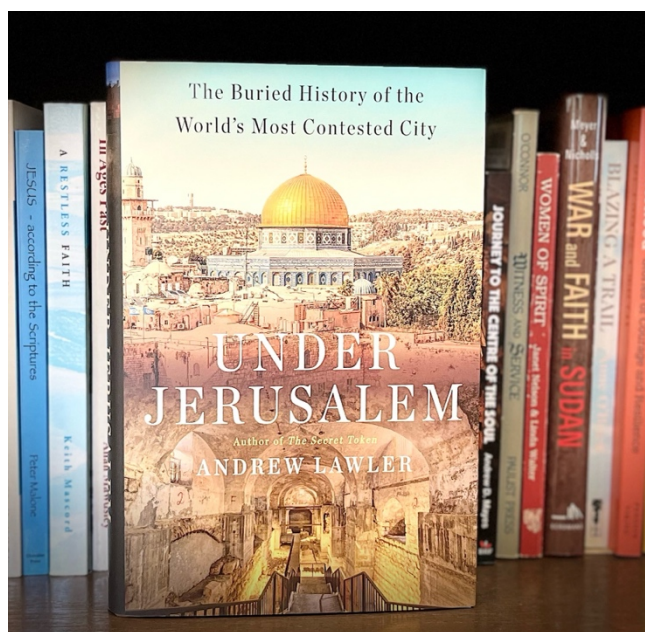
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, easily discerned by those who love her – for Wisdom, the very presence and love of God will be found sitting in the gate.

Naomi Johnson (Sacristan, Klingner Scholar)

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

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NEW RELEASE RECOMMENDATION



Under Jerusalem by Andrew Lawler

In 1863, a French senator arrived in Jerusalem hoping to unearth relics dating to biblical times. Digging deep underground, he discovered an ancient grave that, he claimed, belonged to an Old Testament queen. News of his find ricocheted around the world, evoking awe and envy alike, and inspiring others to explore Jerusalem's storied past.

In the century and a half since the Frenchman broke ground, Jerusalem has drawn a global cast of fortune seekers and missionaries, archaeologists and zealots, all of them eager to extract the biblical past from beneath the city's streets and shrines. Their efforts have had profound effects, not only on our understanding of Jerusalem's history, but on its hotly disputed present. The quest to retrieve ancient Jewish heritage has sparked bloody riots and thwarted international peace agreements. It has served as a cudgel, a way to stake a claim to the most contested city on the planet. Today, the earth below Jerusalem remains a battleground in the struggle to control the city above.

Under Jerusalem takes readers into the tombs, tunnels, and trenches of the Holy City. It brings to life the indelible characters who have investigated this subterranean landscape. With clarity and verve, acclaimed journalist Andrew Lawler reveals how their pursuit has not only defined the conflict over modern Jerusalem, but could provide a map for two peoples and three faiths to peacefully coexist.

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St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair 2024 - storage space

High quality book donations are already starting to arrive for the next Book Fair in September 2024.

We are in great need for dry and safe storage spaces. Do you have an empty garage or know of a space we could use? It needs to be relatively close to the city for access.

Please let us know in the Bookroom if you can assist.

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