

Welcome to St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



William Holman Hunt, "The Light of the World" (1853-4)

OrdAdvent Sunday

29th November 2020

Parish High Mass, 10.30am

Live-streamed on the St Peter's FaceBook page & YouTube channel

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

COVID-19 restrictions permit a limited number at public worship. The sidespeople are required to check your name off against their list, if you have booked in advance, or otherwise you must leave them with your name and phone number (you may do this by using the QR code at the door). For those unable to attend today in person, the service will be live-streamed and recorded online through FaceBook (www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill).

Please read carefully and observe all the requisite COVID-Safe guidelines below. If you have any questions, the sidespeople will be able to help you.

- *If you are feeling unwell, you should not be at church; go home and get tested immediately.*
- *For COVID-19 symptomatic persons (or close contacts) and those self-isolating, you must not under any circumstances come to church.*
- *For the safety of others, you must maintain spatial distancing of 1.5m at all times – the only exception being your immediate family (e.g. marriage partners & dependent children).*
- *When in church you must wear a mask at all times. Service leaders and readers may remove their mask while speaking, and similarly the cantor while singing.*
- *Please make use of the hand sanitiser, by the West Door, as you enter and leave church.*
- *Do not to shake hands, hug, or kiss others beyond your immediate family.*
- *All service booklets are single-use only, so please take yours home.*

Note: the church and hall are cleaned and sanitised daily, according to WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of our buildings and furnishings.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude: J.S. Bach (1685-1750) *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 659).

Mass setting: C. de Morales (c.1500-1553) *Missa Quæramus cum pastoribus*.

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass, which starts today with the Litany and procession.

Deacon: God the Father ... **have mercy on us.**
From all evil ... **good Lord, deliver us.**
Hear our prayers, O Lord our God ... **Hear us good Lord.**
Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed
... **Lord, have mercy.**

Give us true repentance;
Forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
And our deliberate sins;
And grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
To amend our lives according to your holy word.
Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal:
Have mercy on us.

The deacon introduces the confession. Please sit or kneel.

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins 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 celebrant chants the collect for the day:

Eternal God, through long generations

You prepared a way for the coming of your Son,

And by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:

Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ

To rule our thoughts and claim our love;

To whom with you and the Holy Spirit,

Be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8 *read by Daniel Ferguson.*

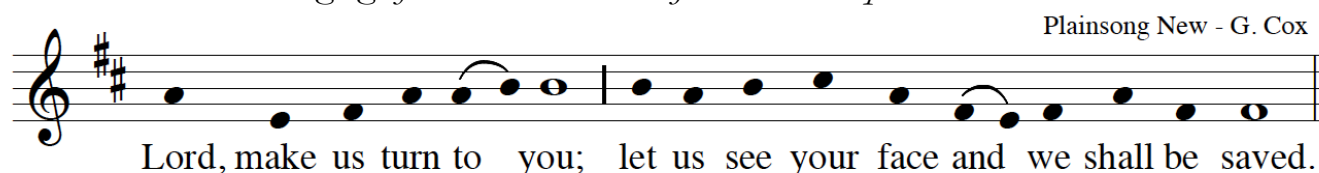
You, O Lord, are our father; “Our Redeemer from of old” is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,

so that the mountains would quake at your presence. When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

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

PSALM: 80:1, 2, 14-15, 17-18

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



Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us. **R.**

Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand has planted. **R.**

Let your hand be upon the one at your right,
the one whom you have made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

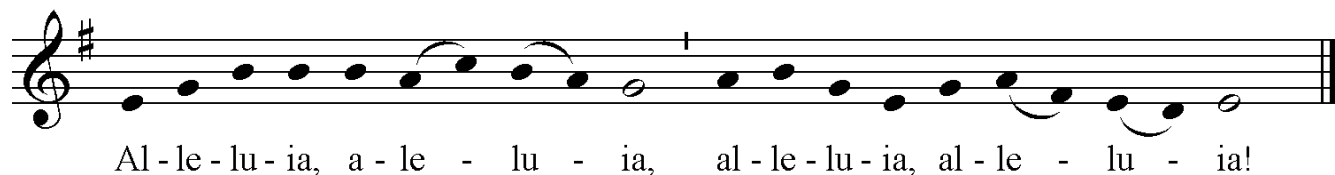
My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any

spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:31-37

The cantor leads the singing of the antiphon. Please stand and join in the response.



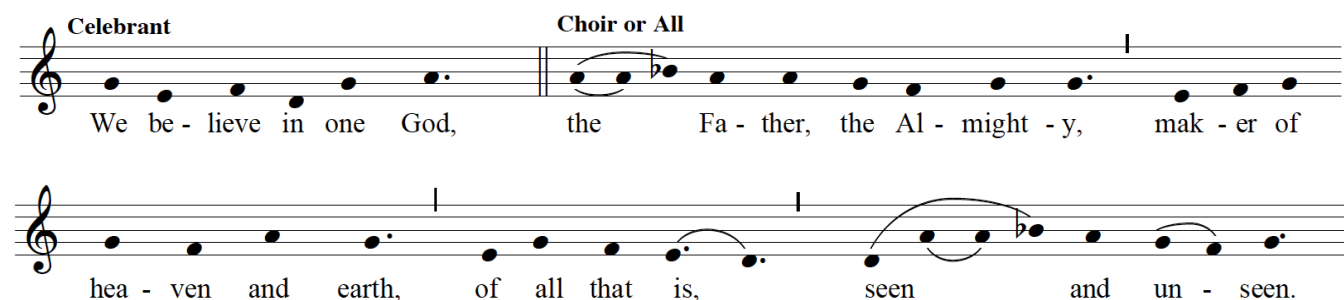
The celebrant: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

Sermon: Fr Hugh Kempster

Please stand for the Nicene Creed, sung by the choir.



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 heav'n,
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 ca - tho - lic
and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism
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.

Text: English Language Liturgical Consultation (1988)
Music: Sarum Chant, adapted by G.Cox (1984; rev. 2015)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit or kneel. The intercessions are led by Elizabeth Pemberton.

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

Please stand.

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.

Please be seated for the preparation hymn, sung by the choir:

NEH 16 “Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling”

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

Please sit or kneel.

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 of Great Thanksgiving, leading to:

Celebrant: ... forever praising you and saying:

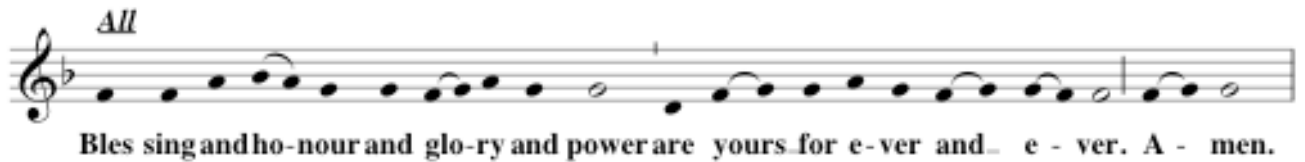
<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	God of power and might,
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra</i>	heaven and earth are full
<i>gloria tua.</i>	of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is he who comes
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



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



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 Blessed Sacrament is shared.

Communion motet: T. Tallis (c.1505-1585) *Audivi vocem de cælo.*

Those viewing from home are invited to join in spiritual communion (for more detail see 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 sit for the post-communion hymn, sung by the choir.

NEH 5 "Hark! A herald voice is calling"

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant chants the post-communion prayer:

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us
With the bread of life and the cup of salvation;
As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful,
That we may be ready to stand before him
On the day of his coming.

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 blessing: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
And make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
And the blessing of God ...

The deacon dismisses the congregation.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: J.S. Bach (1685-1750) *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (BWV 645).