Welcome to

St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Ordinary Sunday 14

5th July 2020 Parish Mass, 10.30am

Live-streamed on St Peter's FaceBook Page Uploaded the following day on YouTube (https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB)

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 conregational 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).

Mass setting: James MacMillan (b. 1959) Mass of St John Henry Newman.

Please stand for the procession from the West Door.

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: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The celebrant introduces the confession:

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
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, and a collect for the octave of St Peter.

Let us pray:

Loving God, you are always more ready to bestow Your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them; And more willing to give than we desire or deserve: In our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, The Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ Gave your apostle Peter many excellent gifts, And commanded him earnestly to feed your flock: Enable, we pray, all bishops and pastors Diligently to preach your holy word, And your people faithfully to follow it, That they may receive the crown of everlasting life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

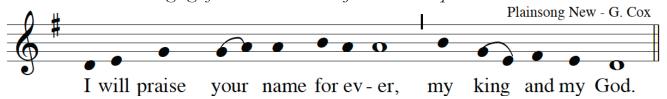
THE FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the warrior's bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

Psalm 145

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



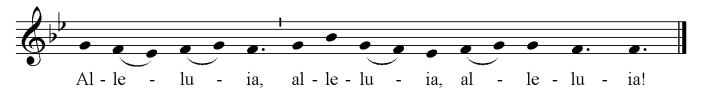
THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:9,11-13

My sisters and brothers, you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

The cantor leads the singing of the antiphon. 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





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. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes 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 Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are confident to pray.



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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us 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.

Communion motet: C. Saint-Saëns (1835-1921) O salutaris hostia.

At the conclusion of the communion of the people, there is a time of silent prayer. All then stand to join in singing the Post-communion hymn:

- 1. All ye who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress, Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guilt the soul oppress.
- 2. Jesus, who gave himself for youUpon the cross to die,Opens to you his sacred heart;O to that heart draw nigh.
- 3. Ye hear how kindly he invites; Ye hear his words so blest – 'All ye that labour come to me, And I will give you rest.'
- 4. O Jesus, joy of saints on high, Thou hope of sinners here, Attracted by those loving words To thee I lift my prayer.
- 5. Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood Which forth from thee doth flow; New grace, new hope inspire, a new And better heart bestow.

NEH 63 Words: 18th century Latin Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune: ST BERNARD

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant chants the post-communion prayer:

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love,
Which we have known in word and sacrament,
Continue you saving work among us,
Give us courage for our pilgrimage,
And bring us to the joys you promise.

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:

The peace of God ... And the blessing ...

The celebrant dismisses the congregation.

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

Postlude: A. Milner (1874-1972) Prelude on a Theme of Palestrina.

"MORNING TEA AT THE VICARAGE" BY ZOOM, SUNDAY, 12.30PM

After Mass we used to gather in the Hall for morning tea. As we can't do this in the same way during the pandemic, Fr Hugh is now hosting a virtual "Morning Tea at the Vicarage" every Sunday from 12.30pm. If you have not used Zoom before, or have difficulty connecting text: 0488 960 022. Once you are signed up join us by putting this link into the search engine on your computer:

https://bit.ly/2Lt6jds (no password required)

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 Fr Philip, Fr Greg, Fr Ken and Fr Hugh 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 (and probably extended to 50 next Sunday) the weekday services have plenty of capacity. But sadly, you cannot just turn up like you used to on a Sunday, because of the limited numbers allowed to attend public worship. So, you need to "book a pew" for each 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 must "book a pew" at least 48 hours (2 days) in advance of any service you would like to attend.

Just e-mail the Parish Office (sphoffice@stpeters.org.au) or phone 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.

