

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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Closed until further notice due to COVID-19

SERVICE DETAILS

Services cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer – 1st Sunday of the month)

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Please see pew sheet notices for dates regarding Parish Lunches and Breakfasts

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday 10 May 2020

Priest in Charge: The Rev'd Colleen Clayton

153 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 94 NEH

1. We sing the praise of him who died
Of him who died upon the cross;
The sinners' hope though all deride:
For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross – it takes our guilt away,
It holds the fainting spirit up,
It cheers with hope the gloomy day
And sweetens every bitter cup:
4. It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes all terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The priest greets the people.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence of Scripture

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14.6

Prayer of Preparation

[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 two Great Commandments

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**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.**

Words: Thomas Kelly 1769-1855
The New English Hymnal

The Absolution. The priest says

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.**

'Lord, have mercy' (Kyrie eleison)

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** Lord, have mercy.

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

**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 Collect of the Day

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Acts 7:55-60

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18 (said antiphonally)

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.
2. **O deliver me in your righteousness:
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**
3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
4. **Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,
for you are my strength.**
5. Into your hands I commit my spirit:
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
17. **All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.**
18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.11-25

Hear the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
chapter 14 beginning at verse 1
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes

to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Silence may follow

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Everliving God, we give you thanks that you sent your Son to be our way, our truth and our life: in confidence we bring to you our prayers for all your people.

We pray for your world:

for those who live in places scarred by conflict and war;
for those who live in places ravaged by disease and famine.

We give thanks for all whose lives manifest your spirit of reconciliation and peace; for peace-keepers, aid workers, conservationists and all who work for a just and sustainable world.

Righteous God, dwell in us, that our lives may proclaim your works.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church:

in places where the church struggles in the face of persecution or rejection;
in places where the church is faithless, divided or disobedient.

We give you thanks for those who risk their lives so that others may hear your good news, and for all who minister faithfully to your people.
Faithful God, dwell in us, that our lives may proclaim your works.
In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our community:

for our families, our friends and our parish family;
for all whose work sustains others in this community.

We give you thanks for those whose lives shine with your spirit of forgiveness and love; for welfare agencies and for all who in their daily lives bring your love to others.

Loving God, dwell in us, that our lives may proclaim your works.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need:

for those who know loneliness, anxiety or grief;
for those who know pain or sickness and for all who face death.

We give you thanks for those whose lives are filled with courage in the face of adversity and for those who bring your tenderness and consolation to others.

Compassionate God, dwell in us, that our lives may proclaim your works.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your followers of every age:

for Stephen and all who have given their lives for you;
for those whose lives have drawn others to you.

Lead us in your way and open us to your truth, that, with all your saints, we may be brought to the place of everlasting life, which you prepare for all your people.

Everliving God, dwell in us, that in our living and at our dying we may proclaim your works.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers may conclude with

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 PEACE

All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced

We are the body of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

His Spirit is with us. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The priest says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 420 NEH

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| 1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide. | 3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend. |
| 2. O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul. | 4. O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend. |

Words: John Bode 1816-74
The New English Hymnal

The gifts of the people having been brought to the Altar:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

We rejoice to give you thanks and praise, God of love.

because you called us to exist in your image,

you filled the earth with wonder and beauty and life

and you made the children of Abraham your covenant people

You made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood,

a holy nation, your own people,

and in the death and resurrection of Jesus

you show us the way, the truth and the life.

Once we were not a people, but now we are your people;

once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels

and all the company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

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.

Living God, you prepare a place for us

with the Holy Trinity in your kingdom banquet,

and you set a place for us at this table as we anticipate your glory.

Come among us now, in the power of your Holy Spirit,

that we may see your glory in the breaking of the bread

and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us

the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,

broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you

do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying.

'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Glorious God, you promise that those who believe in you
will do greater things than these.

Bestow upon your church the gifts of your Spirit,
that your people may be with the hungry, do beautiful things,
show grace amid hostility, witness to your story
and behold your glory.

Make us living stones and build us into a spiritual house,
that we may be your holy priesthood and that all creation,
suffering and flourishing, faithful and fallen,
may be suffused with your glory
and may overflow with your praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The invitation to receive Holy Communion

Behold what you are, become what you receive.
The body of Christ.

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the
communicant responds **Amen***

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

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.**

Dismissal Hymn: 359 NEH

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race, through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
3. Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811-1875
The New English Hymnal

The priest says

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,
give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest or deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher
Canterbury Press, 2016

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK



Happy Anniversary!

Lesley & Tony Boyd – 10 May

+ Year's Mind

Ernie Fuller – 14 May; William Devlin – 16 May



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts	Psalm	1 Peter	John
17.22-31	66.7-19	3.8-22	14.15-21

Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).



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ENOUGH	WAY	HEARTS	TROUBLED	TRUST
THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH