

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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The shop is closed until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.

SERVICE DETAILS

Services have been cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Sundays at 9.30am:

Eucharist – with hymns, a children's address and a homily. (Approx. 50 minutes)

Wednesdays at 10am:

Eucharist – without hymns, a very brief reflection on the Gospel. (Approx. 30 minutes)

Mondays-Thursdays at 9am:

Morning Prayer



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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday 19 July 2020

9.30am Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Colleen Clayton

153 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As we gather to worship the God of peace and reconciliation, we respectfully acknowledge the Boon Wurrung people as the traditional owners of this land.

Introit Hymn: 383 AHB

1. Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and praise and magnify?
3. Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.
4. God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.

† In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86.15

PENITENTIAL RITE

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

**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.**

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

† The God of love forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**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.**

Words: James Montgomery 1771-1854
The Australian Hymn Book

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray that our hearts may be open to the needs of all God's children.

Silence is kept

Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 Book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Genesis 28.10-19a

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24 (said antiphonally)

1. O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
2. **You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.**
3. For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
4. **You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.**
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
6. **Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?**
7. If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
8. **If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
9. Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.
10. **If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',**

11. The darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.
23. **Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**
24. Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8.12-25

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

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.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

A time for silent reflection is observed after the Homily

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us stand and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
† and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Faithful God, you have promised that there is no place on earth beyond your presence: hear our prayers for the world and its people.

We pray for all who live in places of war and oppression;
for prisoners of conscience and for refugees;
for the leaders of nations and all who make and administer laws.

Search out our hearts and lead us in your way, that we may work for an end to war and injustice.

Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you have promised to make us your adopted sons and daughters: hear our prayers for your holy, catholic church.

We pray for all who will be baptised or confirmed today;
for all who suffer persecution for their faith and for those whose faith is weak;
for pastors and teachers and all who lead your people.

Search out our hearts and lead us in your way, that by our lives we may proclaim your good news to the world.

Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you have promised to bless all the families of the earth: hear our prayers for our families, our friends and for all who live or work in this community.

We pray for all those who mourn the loss of Len Evans, especially for Vivienne.
We pray for all who are hungry or homeless, the marginalised and unwanted;
for those with too little work or too little reward for their labour;
for all who contribute to the well-being of this community.

Search out our hearts and lead us in your way, that we may live in love for you and for each other.

Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you have promised to be with us even in the darkest parts of life: hear our prayers for all who are in pain, sorrow or hardship.

We pray for those who do not know the joy of companionship and love;
for those whose minds are anxious and whose hearts are sad;
for the sick and the dying and for all who care for them

Search out our hearts and lead us in your way, that we may respond with generosity to the needs of others.

Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you have promised your people the hope of glory: hear our prayers for all who have died in this hope.

We give thanks for the lives of all good and holy people from this parish those who have gone before us, remembering today Jennifer Wilson.

Search out our hearts and lead us in the way everlasting, that we, with all your saints, may enter the gate of heaven and dwell for ever in your presence.

Merciful God,
hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

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 Hymn

1. Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
and find you kneeling at our feet.
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty

to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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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.

Glory and praise are yours, majestic God,
for you make a ladder between heaven and earth;
in Jesus you descend that ladder to bring us into your presence,
and in his death and resurrection you bring us with him,
ascending the ladder to your throne of grace.

You set creation free from its bondage to decay
and bestow upon your children
the freedom of the glory of your redemption.

You call your people to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.

And so we join the ladder of angels and archangels,
ascending and descending with all the company of heaven,
singing the song 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.

Liberating God, through the sonship of Jesus
you send your Spirit to create among your children the joy of adoption
and bestow upon us the gift of being your heirs.

Send that Spirit upon us now, that we might be what we eat,
Christ's body in your world;
and sanctify this bread and this cup that they may be for us
the blessed 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.

God of patience and hope, sower of all good seeds,
show those who suffer
the incomparable glory of what you have in store for them.
When your children's field is interlaced with weeds among the wheat,
when the labour pains of creation groan to highest heaven,
give us your heart to live in your time
and abide in the truth of what we do not yet see.
Bless your people that they may know that you are with them
and will keep them wherever they go,
that they shall exclaim that surely you are among them,
though they did not know it.
Bring all creation into the eternal joy of abiding in an awesome place,
your very house, the gate of heaven, where you dwell for ever,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
through all ages with power and glory. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ 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 for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body in Christ.
For we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy 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!**

All who are baptised, of any denomination, are welcome to receive Communion at Saint Matthew's, including children, who may receive at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward for a blessing.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God
which passes that passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord:
† and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Dismissal Hymn: 543 AHB

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

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Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher
Canterbury Press, 2016

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee,
that we fail not them nor thee!
5. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1959
The Australian Hymn Book

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK



† Year's Mind

Jennifer Wilson – 22 July;