

## St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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### 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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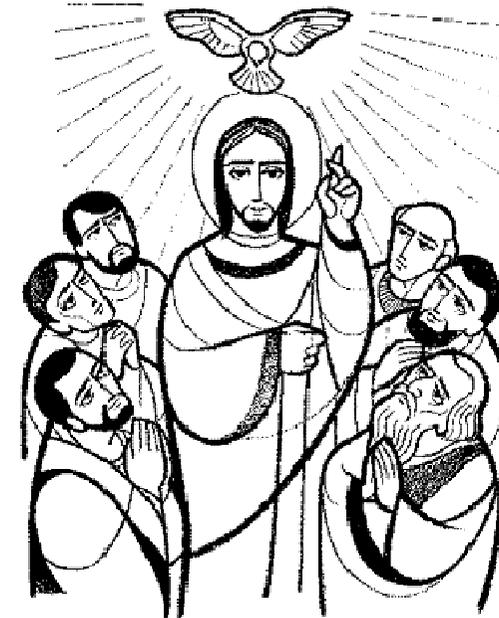
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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday 17 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: 475 NEH*

1. Ye holy angels bright,  
Who wait at God's right hand,  
Or through the realms of light  
Fly at your Lord's command,  
Assist our song,  
For else the theme  
Too high doth seem  
For mortal tongue.
2. Ye blessed souls at rest,  
Who ran this earthly race,  
And now, from sin released,  
Behold the Saviour's face,  
God's praises sound,  
As in his sight  
With sweet delight  
Ye do abound.
3. Ye saints, who toil below,  
Adore your heavenly King,  
And onward as ye go  
Some joyful anthem sing;  
Take what he gives  
And praise him still,  
Through good or ill,  
Who ever lives!
4. My soul, bear thou thy part,  
Triumph in God above:  
And with a well-tuned heart  
Sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days

Till life shall end,  
Whate'er he send,  
Be filled with praise.

Words: Richard Baxter 1615-91 and others  
The New English Hymnal

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*

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14.23

*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.**

*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*

O God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
joys beyond our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love for you,  
that, loving you above all else,  
we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their

existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Acts 17.22-31

Hear the Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 66.7-19 (said antiphonally)*

7. O bless our God, you peoples:  
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8. Who has held our souls in life:  
who has not suffered our feet to slip.**
9. For you have proved us, O God:  
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10. You brought us into the net:  
you laid sharp torment on our loins.**
11. You let our enemies ride over our heads,  
we went through fire and water:  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
- 12. I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:  
and I will pay you my vows,**
13. The vows that opened my lips:  
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
- 14. I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,  
with the sweet smoke of rams:  
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.**
15. Come then and hear, all you that fear God:  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**16. I called to him with my mouth:  
and his praise was on my tongue.**

17. If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:  
the Lord would not have heard me.

**18. But God has heard me:  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**

19. Praise be to God:  
who has not turned back my prayer,  
or his steadfast love from me.

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter*

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called – that you might inherit a blessing. For

"Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when

God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

<sup>1</sup> Peter 3.8-22

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

*The Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. Alleluia!

*The Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
chapter 14 beginning at verse 15  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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.

God of earth and heaven, we give you thanks and praise that you listen when we call on you; hear the prayers we bring for your people.

We give you thanks and praise for the beauty of the world that you have made, for the intricate detail and design of each interlocking part.

We pray for the world: for respect for its creatures, for wise stewardship of its resources, for just sharing of its bounty.

Loving God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise for the diversity and richness of human life, for the creative and sustaining power of human mind and spirit.  
We pray for the nations: for peace and good will among peoples, for wise and just government, for food for the hungry and shelter for the homeless.

Loving God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour, whom you sent to live among us and have raised from death to life.

We pray for the church: for a spirit of repentance, of faithfulness and obedience, for power to proclaim your gospel in sacrament, deed and word.

Loving God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise that you are the centre and source of our being, the provider of all we have to share.

We pray for this community: for compassion for the vulnerable, for acceptance for the outcast,

for relationships of unselfishness, forgiveness, understanding and love.

Loving God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise that throughout the ages you have loved your people, caring for them in times of trouble and despair.  
We pray for all in need: for consolation for the sad, for companionship for the lonely, for comfort for those who are in pain and strength for all who care for them.

Loving God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise that you prepare a dwelling place for all who love you, and offer your children the joys of everlasting life.  
We remember your faithful servants of every age. Help us to follow their example, that loving you we may set aside all that is displeasing in your eyes, keep your commandments and grow in your ways.  
With all your saints, bring us home to your eternal presence, that we may live for ever in you and with you.

God of earth and heaven, 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: 112 NEH*

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
Can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia!
2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling breath,  
When we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluia!
3. Jesus lives! for us he died;  
Then, alone to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluia!
4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
Nought from us his love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
Tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia!
5. Jesus lives! to him the throne  
Over all the world is given;  
May we go where he is gone,  
Rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia!

*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.**

Unknown yet revealing God,

it is our duty and joy to thank and praise you,

because from one ancestor

you made all nations to inhabit the earth,

and you allotted their times and boundaries,

so they would search for you,

in whom they live and move and have their being.

While our lives are circumscribed

by the limitations of our minds and bodies,

your life is beyond our reach and outside our imagining.

Yet in your mercy you embodied all your promises to your people

in the sending of your Son, and through his dying and rising

you have brought us to your throne of grace.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels

and all who with your ascended Son sit at your right hand on high.

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.**

Sending and accompanying God, you do not leave us orphaned  
but in Christ you make us your adopted children  
and in your Spirit you send an Advocate to be with us for ever.

By the power of that same Spirit, take the fragile flesh of your people  
and transform it into the resurrected glory of your church;  
and come down upon these gifts of bread and wine  
and make them be 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.**

Sanctifying God, from the abundance of your limitless glory,  
bless your children who suffer for doing right.

Give to those who stand trial the gentleness and reverence of your Son.

As in Christ you proclaimed your Word to the spirits in prison,  
make yourself known to all who find themselves incarcerated  
in body, mind or spirit.

Be close to any who live with public shame

and all who carry the humiliation of others in their hearts.

Breathe your power upon your people

where they face persecution, oppression or false charge,  
that in truth you shall lead us to all truth,  
until that day when the whole earth is judged in righteousness  
by the one you have appointed and raised from the dead,

and we stand before you, forgiven, loved and free,  
ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **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: 154 TIS*

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,  
In you no shadow of turning we see;  
You never fail and your love is unchanging:  
As you have been you for ever will be.

*Great is your faithfulness,  
Great is your faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies we see;  
All we have needed your hand has provided:  
Great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in unspoken witness  
To your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is your faithfulness,  
Great is your faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies we see;  
All we have needed your hand has provided:  
Great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,  
Your living presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
These are the blessings your love will provide.

*Great is your faithfulness,  
Great is your faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies we see;  
All we have needed your hand has provided:  
Great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

*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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PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

Happy Birthday!

Norma Williamson – 21 May



† Year's Mind

Ben Orchard – 19 May

Harold Toussaint – 20 May



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1.6-14	Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 5	John 17.1-11
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Contact Details

The Rev'd Colleen's work days are Saturday to Thursday. She is available by phone from 9:30am – 4:30 pm on any of those days or by appointment at the Parish Office from Monday to Thursday. In an emergency, you can contact her out of hours on her mobile number.

Colleen is not available on Fridays which are her day off. If you need a priest urgently on a Friday please contact Claire in the Parish Office.

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# Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



**John 14:16**

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ASK	COMMAND	LIVE	SPIRIT	LOVE
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