

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday 26 April 2020

Locum Vicar: Fr Geoff Cheong

153 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 113 NEH

1. Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids him rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
3. Lives again our victorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

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

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2.38-39

**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.'

'Lord, have mercy'

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

or

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

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88
The New English Hymnal

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,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work;
who is alive 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 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

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

Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18 (said antiphonally)

1. I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 **Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.**
3. The cords of death encompassed me,
the snares of the grave took hold on me:
I was in anguish and sorrow.
4. **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'**
11. How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?
- 12 **I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.
14. **Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.**
15. O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.
16. **I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
17. I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,
18. **In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

A Reading from the First letter of Peter

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during

the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

but the word of the Lord endures forever."

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

1 Peter 1.13-25

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 397 NEH

1. Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

2. Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

3. He with all-commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

4. He the golden-tressèd sun
Caused all day his course to run:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

5. And the hornèd moon by night,
Mid her spangled sisters bright:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

6. All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

7. Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

Words: John Milton 1608-74
The New English Hymnal

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
chapter 24 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified

him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

The Sermon

Silence may follow

The Apostles' Creed may be said

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

**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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**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.**

or this Affirmation of Faith may be used

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Risen God, faithful and merciful, we bring to you our prayers for all your people; hear our prayers and answer us when we call on you.

We pray for your world, for leaders of nations,
for your people in places of fear, confusion, persecution and strife.
As you came in peace to your frightened and bewildered disciples,
make yourself known today to all who feel abandoned and afraid.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for all theologians, teachers and pastors
and all who in deed or word proclaim your gospel.
As you opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the Emmaus road,
make yourself known today through your Holy Word.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who search for you, for all who look for meaning
in the emptiness of life.
As you made yourself known to the women who sought you at the tomb,
make yourself known today to those who long to find you.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our community, for those with whom we work and learn,
for our families, our friends and for ourselves.
As you made yourself known by breaking bread with your friends,
make yourself known today in those with whom we share our lives.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need of your comfort, reassurance and hope,
for all who suffer anguish, loneliness or despair.
As you made yourself known to those locked behind doors of pain and grief,
make yourself known today to those who are in sorrow or distress.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We remember all who have died in your love, those from this parish
who have gone before us and all who are dear to us.
As you have made yourself known to your followers in every age,
make yourself known to us today, that, with Mary Magdalene and all your

saints, we may recognise you in our midst and, through eternity, worship you.

Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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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.**

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.**

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: 121 NEH

1. This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow,
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:
*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*
2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:
*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*
3. Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

Words: G.R.Woodward 1848-1934
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.

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

He is the true Paschal Lamb
who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.
And now we give you thanks
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

By his death, he has destroyed death
and by his rising to life again
has restored us to eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying / singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

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

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. 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

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world.

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.**

or

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.**

Dismissal Hymn: 106 NEH

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls to-day;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's Resurrection.
4. Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

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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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Acts	Psalms	1 Peter	Luke
2.42-47	116.1-4, 11-18	1.13-25	24.13-35

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

Marilyn Simmons – 29 April
 Kath Daly – 1 May
 Graham Whitehead – 3 May



† Year's Mind

Ronald Johnson – 30 April
 Eddie Bennetts – 1 May
 Shelley Williamson – 3 May



Thank you and welcome!

We thank Fr Geoff for his time as our Locum priest over the last 12 months.

We wish him and Jane all the very best for the future.

Although we cannot be gathered together please think of Colleen as she is
 Commissioned as Priest-in-Charge of St Matthew's this Tuesday, 28 April.

We extend a warm welcome to her and look forward to her ministry
 in our parish.

On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
 Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).

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