

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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ASCENSION DAY



Sunday 24 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: 293 AHB

1. God is gone up on high,
With a triumphant noise;
The clarions of the sky
Proclaim the angelic joys!
Refrain:
Join all on earth, rejoice and sing;
Glory ascribe to glory's king.
2. God in the flesh below,
For us he reigns above:
Let all the nations know
Our Jesus' conquering love!
Refrain
3. All power to our great Lord
Is by the Father given;
By angel hosts adored,
He reigns supreme in heaven:
Refrain
4. High on his holy seat
He bears the righteous sway;
His foes beneath his feet
Shall sink and die away:
Refrain
5. His foes and ours are one,
Satan, the world, and sin;
But he shall tread them down
And bring his kingdom in:
Refrain
6. Till all the earth, renewed
In righteousness divine,
With all the hosts of God
In one great chorus join.
Refrain

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88
The Australian Hymn Book

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

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

Matthew 28.19-20

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 has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

Silence may be kept

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

**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

Eternal God,
by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory,
and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all:
lift up our hearts to heaven,
where he 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

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Acts 1.1-11

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 (said antiphonally)

1. O clap your hands, all you peoples:
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.
2. **For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is a great king over all the earth.**
3. He cast down peoples under us:
and the nations beneath our feet.
4. **He chose us a land for our possession:
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**
5. God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.

6. **O sing praises, sing praises to God:
O sing praises, sing praises to our king.**
7. For God is the king of all the earth:
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.
8. **God has become the king of the nations:
he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.**
9. The princes of the peoples are gathered together:
with the people of the God of Abraham.
10. **For the mighty ones of the earth
are become the servants of God:
and he is greatly exalted.**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1.15-23

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations.
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
chapter 28 beginning at verse 16
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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.

Jesus Christ, risen and ascended, all creation sings your praise:
hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

From the throne of heaven you rule the world and all creation sings your praise.

We pray for the nations of the world:

for all who govern and for all in positions of civic responsibility;
for all who are trapped in lives of misery, degradation or despair.

Give us your spirit of wisdom and truth, that all your people may enjoy good
government and a just share of the earth's resources.

Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,
hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

From the throne of heaven you rule the world and all creation sings your praise.

We pray for your body, the church:

for all church leaders, for theologians

and pastors and all your ministers;
for tolerance, respect and unity between Christians.

Clothe us in the power of your spirit, that our lives may show forth your love and
proclaim to the world that you are ruler of all.

Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,
hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

From the throne of heaven you rule the world and all creation sings your praise.

We pray for this community:

for all who are without work, food or shelter,
for the abandoned and forgotten;
for our families and friends, for our neighbours and for ourselves.

Enlighten our hearts with your spirit of generosity, that we may be a caring and
compassionate community and live together in love for one another.

Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,
hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

From the throne of heaven you rule the world and
all creation sings your praise. We pray for all who are in need:

for all who grieve for lost loves or shattered lives;
for those sick in mind or body, for the dying and those who wait with them.

Cast out our fears and fill us with your hope, that in confidence and faith we may
entrust our lives to your unfailing care.

Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,
hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

From the throne of heaven you rule the world and all creation sings your praise.

We pray for all who have died in the faith, for good and holy people of every age
and for those of this parish who have gone before us.

Help us to follow their example, that with all your saints we may come into our
inheritance and, in this life and the next, raise us up to share with you in glory.

Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,
hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

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: 439 AHB

1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Hallelujah! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.'
2. Hallelujah!, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Hallelujah! he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?
3. Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
And on earth our food, our stay;
Hallelujah! here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Hallelujah! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Hallelujah! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
You within the veil have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
You on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix 1837-98
The Australian Hymn Book

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.

Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets and the psalms
you showed your purpose for your people
and your love for your world.

In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart.

In his passion and death we saw the consequences of our rejection
and the depth of your yearning.

Yet you raised Jesus from the tomb.

In his resurrection you invite us into the company of your eternal joy,
and in his ascension on high you seal as complete his work among us.

So with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we praise you for ever, 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.**

Gracious God, your Son at his ascension promised the disciples
they would be clothed with power from on high.

Send now your Holy Spirit,
that we may know the presence of your Son among us
and that bread broken, and wine outpoured
may be for us his body and blood.

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.

Generous God, your Son told his disciples
to stay in the city until they were clothed by the Spirit.

Give courage to those whom you call to stay
in places of danger and confusion
when their hearts are full of doubt and disillusion.

Your Son withdrew from the disciples
when they did not know what the future would hold.

Be close to all who face an uncertain future
and deeply know their need of you.

Your Son's disciples were continually in the temple praising you.
Give your church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit
and make it a blessing to all the children of your earth;
until the completion of your Son's ministry
becomes the completion of your whole creation,
and you are all in all, 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

God of glory
you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world
to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

Strengthen us who share this meal
to continue his mission
by living the good news we proclaim.

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: 84 AHB

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| <p>1. Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run.</p> <p>2. Glory be to him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and
stain;
Glory be to him who bought us,
Made us kings with him to reign;
Glory, glory
To the Lamb that once was slain.</p> | <p>3. Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heaven and earth, your praises
bring;
Glory, glory,
To the King of Glory bring.</p> <p>4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
Thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
Thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!</p> |
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Words: Horatius Bonar 1808-89
The Australian Hymn Book

The priest says

Christ our exalted king
pour upon you his abundant gifts and
bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among 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 Koher
Canterbury Press, 2016

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

Happy Birthday!

Val Fielder – 24 May
June Martin – 26 May



† Year's Mind

Renee Stella Sampson – 24 May
Joy Bennetts – 27 May
Denham Toussaint – 30 May



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – DAY OF PENTECOST / WHITSUNDAY

Acts 2.1-21	Psalms 104.26-36	1 Corinthians 12.1-13	John 20.19-23
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The Ascension of Jesus

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