

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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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Sunday 3 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: 457 NEH

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

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 good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10.11

**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:
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

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, 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 Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were

together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2.42-47

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

Psalm 23 (said antiphonally)

1. The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
2. **He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**
3. He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
4. **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**
5. You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
6. **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,

to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',

and 'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall. 'They stumble because they disobey the

word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,

in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of

darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.1-10

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 724 A&M

1. Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from thy hand.
2. Loving Saviour, thou didst give
Thine own life that we might live,
And the hands outstretched to bless
Bear the cruel nails' impress.
3. I would praise thee every day,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above
Happy in thy precious love.

4. Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

5. Where thou leadest I would go,
Walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Words: Jane Elizabeth Leeson, 1809-1881
Ancient & Modern
Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

chapter 10 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

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.

Good Shepherd, you are the shepherd of many flocks:
hear our prayers for all the peoples of the world.
We pray for all who are hungry and without shelter;
for those who are frightened or bewildered;
for those in the clutches of unscrupulous and uncaring leaders.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness,
that your people everywhere may be freed from want.
Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you call us each by name and claim us as your own:
hear our prayers for your worldwide church.
We pray for all who are shepherds to your flock,
for all who have lost their way or strayed from your path,
for all who have heard your voice and come at your call.
Guide us in your ways, that following you
we may tread the path that leads to abundant life.
Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, each of your flock is precious in your eyes:
hear our prayers for the communities in which we live.
We pray for the very old, the very young
and those unable to care for themselves;
for the unemployed and those who cannot provide for their families:
for all whom we love, for our families, our friends and for ourselves.
Protect your people from all danger and harm,
that they may know your goodness and mercy in their lives.
Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you seek especially your lost and wounded ones:
hear our prayers for all in trouble or need.

We pray for those who are anxious,
those with no clear direction in life;

for the lonely and those who grieve for loved ones;

for the sick and the dying and for all who give them care.

Comfort us on each dark and stony path,
that in your presence we may not be afraid.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you long to bring all your flock safely home:
hear our prayers for your followers of every age.

We give thanks for all who have heard your call
and followed where you have led,

and we remember those from this parish
whom you have gathered into your fold.

Be present with us through all our days
and at our life's end bring us safely through

the valley of the shadow of death,
that we may come to dwell in your house for ever.

Loving God, 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.**

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: 800 A&M

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
And he anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

*And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in you alone,
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

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.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

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.

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

Words: Stuart Townsend (b. 1953)
based on Psalm 23
Ancient & Modern
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On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.

He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together

to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:
Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Christ
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be 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.**

Dismissal Hymn: 799 A&M

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green; he leadeth me
 The quiet waters by.
 In pastures green; he leadeth me
 The quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness,
 E'en for his own name's sake.
 Within the paths of righteousness,
 E'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 Yet will I fear none ill;
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 And staff my comfort still.
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 And staff my comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnishèd
 In presence of my foes;
 My head thou dost with oil anoint
 And my cup overflows.
 My head thou dost with oil anoint
 And my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
 Shall surely follow me;
 And in God's house for evermore
 My dwelling-place shall be.
 And in God's house for evermore
 My dwelling-place shall be.

Words: Scottish Psalter 1650
 Ancient & Modern
 Hymns & Songs for Refreshing Worship

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 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7.55-60	Psalms 31.1-5, 17-18	1 Peter 2.11-25	John 14.1-14
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PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

Allan Liebe – 5 May
 Joan Leslie – 6 May



† Year's Mind

Olive Hartley – 9 May



Dear People of St Matthew's,

It is a great joy to write to you as your vicar! I am now settled very comfortable into the vicarage and am enjoying the huge amount of work that has been done to renovate it. I am sure I will be very happy there. Particular thanks to Sue Polites who I believe has been the main overseer of the work.

It was strange to be commissioned with so few of us in the church but I was grateful to be surrounded by your prayers and support; the Communion of Saints in Cheltenham. I was also very happy to have an online presence from Parish Council and the Incumbency Committee plus my children and some very dear friends. I hope it will not be too long before the video of the event will be available on our website.

Thank you so much for the letters and photos that greeted me on my first day in the office. It has been lovely to read a little bit about you and to begin to hear stories from the parish. I look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.

A word of thanks also to Claire Johnston for making me welcome in the office and answering the many, many questions I have each day.

One of the joys of these first few days in the parish has been to sit in the chapel and pray Morning and Evening Prayer. I will pray my way through the parish roll, naming some of you each day, present with me as part of the Body of Christ.

There are difficulties in beginning a new ministry under these circumstances but, to paraphrase St Paul, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us trust that God's Holy Spirit is present with us and will bless us as we persevere in faith.

Pax et bonum,
Colleen

The Shepherd and His Sheep

His sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:4b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV).

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John 10:1-10

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