St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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SERVICE DETAILS

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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LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday
23 February
2020

Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Geoff Cheong (**Assisting Priest**: Fr Russell Joyce OAM)

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Geoff Cheong

Organist: Mr Rob Stove

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 26 February – Ash Wednesday:

10am Mass: Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes – Fr Geoff Cheong

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 23 February:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER - 23 FEBRUARY

	8 AM	10 AM				
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons	f Simmons Sidespeople:				
	Marilyn Simmons					
Reader:	Vicki Hutton	Reader:	Deborah Polites			
Chalice:		Chalice:				
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly			
Intercessions:	Cliff Simmons	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard			

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER - 1 MARCH

	8 AM		10 AM
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Kath Daly
Reader: Chalice:	Fr Geoff	Reader: Chalice:	Kath Daly
Server: Intercessions:	Fr Geoff	Server: Intercessions:	Harold Daly Fr Geoff

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis	Psalm	Romans	Matthew
2.15-17; 3.1-7	32	5.12-21	4.1-11

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 234 NEH (10am only)

- Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- Visit then this soul of mine,
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 Fill me, radiancy divine,
 Scatter all my unbelief;
 More and more thyself display,
 Shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Matthew 17.5

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' (8am only)

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

'Lord, have mercy' (10am only)

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, 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

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children: make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24.12-18

Hear the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God. Psalm 2 (said antiphonally)

- 1. Why are the nations in tumult: and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
- The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together: against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- 'Let us break their bonds asunder: let us throw off their chains from us.'
- 4. He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord will hold them in derision.
- 5. Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
- 6. I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken: 'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.
- 7. 'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance: the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
- 8. 'You may break them with a rod of iron: and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 9. Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
- 10. Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling: lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
- 11. For his wrath is quickly kindled: blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from

heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1.16-21

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

Gradual Hymn: 390 AHB (10am only)

- How good, Lord, to be here!
 Your glory fills the night;
 Your face and garments, like the sun,
 Shine with unborrowed light.
- How good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold, Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
- Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be: We hail your body glorified, And our redemption see.
- Before we taste of death,
 We see your Kingdom come;
 We still would hold the vision bright,
 And make this hill our home.
- How good, Lord, to be here!
 Yet we may not remain;
 But since you bid us leave the mount Come with us to the plain.

Words: Joseph Armitage Robinson 1858-1933 alt. The Australian Hymn Book We stand for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew chapter 17 beginning at verse 1
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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.

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 the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

His Spirit is with us.

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: 385 NEH (10am only)

 Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.

- Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Saviour of mankind!
- 3. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
- 4. But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but his loved ones know.
- Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, And through eternity.

Words: Latin c 12th century Tr Edward Caswall 1814-78 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 always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

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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.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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

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

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

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

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.

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 413 NEH (10am only)

- Now thank we all our God,
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom his world rejoices;
 Who from our mother's arms
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours to-day.
- O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessèd peace to cheer us;
 And keep us in his grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and him who reigns, With them in highest heaven, The One eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

The priest says

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Words: German, Martin Rinkart 1586-1649 Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 The New English Hymna

From A Prayer Book for Australia



You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

t Year's Mind Muriel Dickson - 23 February



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD						
Mon 24 Feb	1.30pm	Friends of St Francis				
Wed 26 Feb	10am	Ash Wednesday Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes Mothers' Union follows the 10am Mass				
Fri 28 Feb	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Autumdale Lodge – Fr Andre				
Sun 1 Mar	8am 10am	First Sunday in Lent Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Sung Eucharist				

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS



Ash Wednesday Service – this Wednesday

First Mass of Lent including the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes this Wednesday, 26 February, at 10am.



Bible History Chat

Please note that due to the Mothers' Union meeting there will be <u>no</u> Bible History Chat this week. It will resume on Wednesday 4 March.

New roster available!

The new roster for March to May is now in the Narthex.
Please collect your copy.
If you can help 'fill' one of the blank spaces please let the Office know.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The February edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex.

Don't forget to pick up your copy!



Corryong Bushfire Appeal

If you would like to donate please put your money in a 'Corryong Bushfire Appeal' envelope and place it in the Offertory plate.

Donations need to be received by Sunday 1 March so that we can arrange to send the funds.

Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group will hold their first meeting for 2020 tomorrow, Monday 24 February, at 1.30pm at the home of Shirley Marriott, 8 Ramsay Court, Cheltenham.

We will be planning the year's program. All very welcome.

CHN Day of Prayer & Reflection



The Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name invite you to a Day of Prayer & Reflection on Thursday 5 March at the Community House, 40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham.

10am – 3pm, BYO lunch (tea and coffee provided).

Working Bee

Our next working bee to tidy the gardens around the Church will be held on Saturday 7 March at 9am (weather permitting!)

Helpers are needed so please come and join us!

Morning tea provided.



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Mothers' Union



Mothers' Union will meet this Wednesday, 26 February, for the 10am Mass.

New members welcome. Contact Sandra on 9515 3381.

Lenten Reflection Booklet



Anglican Overseas Aid have produced a Lenten Reflection Booklet with the theme 'Learnings for Life'. It contains reflections that may probe, stretch and challenge – but hopefully in positive and life-giving ways.

Booklets are available in the Narthex so please take one and use it for your preparation for your journey to Easter.

The Canterbury Singers

The Canterbury Singers will join our 10am Worship congregation on Sunday 15 March, followed by a pleasant morning tea in the Hall. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate of food for our morning tea.

The Canterbury Singers is a church choir that joins different churches across the greater city of Melbourne once a month. We are delighted they will join and lead our music on this occasion.

Please invite others to join us. For further information please see Fr Geoff.

Mothering Sunday

As is our custom we will bless and distribute Simnel Cake at both services on Mothering Sunday – 22 March. If anyone can provide a Simnel Cake please let Fr Geoff or the Office know.



This is an opportunity to bring your mother to church or indeed someone in your community who is a mother as we give thanks for the mothering we have received in and through our Mother Church.

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9

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