

## 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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## DAY OF PENTECOST

## WHITSUNDAY



**Sunday 31 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: 310 AHB*

1. Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong  
With which the soul will long  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.



Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena d 1434  
Tr. R.F. Littledale 1833-90  
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*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Sentence of Scripture*

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

John 7:38

*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

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us then open our hearts and confess 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.**

*'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*

Almighty God,

at the feast of Pentecost

you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,

filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:

empower us with that same Spirit

to witness to your redeeming love

and draw all people to you;

through 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*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,  
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each  
of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other  
languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in  
Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one  
heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking  
Galileans?

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and  
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and  
visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's  
deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'  
But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the  
morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2.1-21

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

*Psalm 104.26-36 (said antiphonally)*

26. Lord, how various are your works:  
in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.
27. **There is the wide, immeasurable sea:  
there move living things without number, great and small;**
28. There go the ships, to and fro:  
and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.
29. **These all look to you:  
to give them their food in due season.**
30. When you give it to them, they gather it:  
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
31. **When you hide your face, they are troubled:  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
32. When you send forth your spirit they are created:  
and you renew the face of the earth.
33. **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.**
34. If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:  
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
35. **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:  
I will praise my God while I have any being.**
36. May my meditation be pleasing to him:  
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

*A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12.1-13

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

*The Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

*The Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
chapter 20 beginning at verse 19  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent

me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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.

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit, saying  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,  
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to help us understand better your will for us.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit given on Easter Day.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.  
Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,  
**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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.

**In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.**

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

**And builds up our common life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

*Offertory Hymn: 320 AHB*

1. Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love  
And do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God;  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.



Words: Edwin Hatch 1835-89 alt  
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.**

God of surprises, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation  
and lived among your chosen people  
in wilderness, exile and promised land.

Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception  
and came upon him like a dove at his baptism.

When Christ died on the cross  
your power raised him from the tomb on the third day,  
and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace  
on those who had deserted him.

On the day of Pentecost you sent your Spirit  
upon the fearful disciples,  
filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy,  
and making them your church.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels  
and all the company of heaven,  
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.**

God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us  
in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness.

Come among us now through the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be transformed into your image  
and that these gifts of bread and wine may become 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.**

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us  
your gifts of wisdom, knowledge and faith;  
of healing, discernment and interpretation,  
that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son.

Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life,  
and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water.

Speak your Word to all who are alone and in fear or despair,  
and let each one of your children hear your voice  
in their own language,  
whether that language be art or science, work or play.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe  
may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew,  
that we may love what you love and do what you would do,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **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*

Giver of life and love, we thank you that in this heavenly banquet you invigorate and renew us. Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to continue your work in 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: 328 AHB*

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
The infant church confessed its risen Lord:  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
No less your power of fellowship display.
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
That unity may be our great desire:  
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
And readiness in each to work for all.
3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
In your strong care the men of every race:  
Like wind and fire with life among us move  
Till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.



Words: J. R. Peacey 1896-1971  
The Australian Hymn Book

*The priest says*

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

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.**

## The Day of Pentecost

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