

WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST GEORGE
EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE



**EVENSONG ON THE
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

John Keats, romantic poet, d. 1821

5PM SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021

THE SERVICE

Officiant	Canon John Sanderson
Speakers	Mr David Morgan OAM & Ms Marion White
Hymns	294, 292, 388
Postlude	<i>Prelude in G Major, Op 37 No. 2</i> (F. Mendelssohn)
Organist	Roger Brown

This service is incorporated into an occasional service at this parish church of St George, a service of Evensong, which follows the custom of churches with a great choral tradition, where much of the service is sung by the Choir alone.

In those parts the congregation is invited to ordinarily make its offering of praise by responding to the beauty of the Choir's music. This service has been modified to accommodate restrictions imposed as a consequence of COVID-19.

After a welcome by the Vicar the service continues with responses sung by the Choir. The roots of the Christian faith in the Old Testament are acknowledged by the singing of a Psalm and the reading of the First Lesson from the Old Testament. The Choir then sings Magnificat, the song of the Virgin Mary when she had received the promise of the birth of Jesus. The Second Lesson is from the New Testament, to which the choir respond by singing Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon, when he saw the child Jesus and recognized in him the fulfilment of the promises to Israel. After an affirmation of faith in the Creed there are further sung prayers. This ends the formal service of Evensong. There follows hymns sung by choir, prayers, and an Address, which are more directly addressed to this particular occasion.

This is a specifically Christian service in the Anglican tradition, as are all services at St George's, but it is hoped that members of other Christian bodies, those of other faiths, and all those of good will who are dedicated to the service of their fellow citizens will be able to find in it something that speaks to them and supports their aspirations.

John Keats - Romantic Poet

John Keats was born in London on 31 October, 1795. He was never robust in health and was subject to all kinds of maladies throughout his short life. He developed tuberculosis in 1819 and died in Rome on 23 February, 1821.

He was one of the greatest of the so-called 'romantic poets': a movement which flourished throughout Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries. There were many aspects to the school, but one of the greatest was the upholding of beauty almost to the point of veneration.

This evening we welcome two parishioners, Marion White and David Morgan, who will read some of Keats's poetry and give a brief commentary on his life and experience.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the clergy and servers move to their places.

All remain standing.

WELCOME

The Reverend Canon John Sanderson, MA

Vicar

The minister reads the sentences

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

I PETER 1.3

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

PSALM 96.9

The minister introduces the service

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

All kneel and pray

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desire
of our own hearts.**

We have offended against thy holy laws.

**We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;**

**and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;**

and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.

**Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name.**

Amen.

Fr John says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live;
and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the absolution and remission of their sins;
he + pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent
and unfeignedly believe in his holy gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his holy Spirit,

that those things may please him which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

All remain kneeling. The Officiant and choir stand to sing

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

All **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

+ O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All **The Lord's Name be praised.**

All sit. The choir sing

PSALM 84

SETTING: ANGLICAN CHANT

THE FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 7.7-13

Here beginneth the seventh verse of the seventh chapter of the Book of Moses called Deuteronomy.

The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them. Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers: And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

Hear endeth the First Lesson.

All stand to sing the Office Hymn.

At the conclusion of the hymn the people remain standing as the choir sing the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55).

MAGNIFICAT

+ MY soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The people sit.

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 2.1-11

Here beginneth the first verse of the second chapter of the Book of the Revelation of Saint John the Divine.

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Hear endeth the Second Lesson.

All stand. The choir sing

NUNC DIMITTIS

+ LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:

thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

All remain standing and face the Altar to Chant

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

All **the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead:
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost:
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins:
the resurrection of the body;
and the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

All sit or kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father,

All **which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

In earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Then the Priest standing up shall sing.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy holy Spirit from us.**

The Priest sings the Collects.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who has given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Parish Notices

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn

THE HYMN

AHB 292 OUR LORD IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD,

THE ADDRESS

Ms Marion White and Mr David Morgan OAM

All stand as the cantors sing

THE HYMN

AHB 388 THE DAY YOU GAVE US, LORD, IS ENDED,

All remain standing

THE BLESSING

The clergy and choir depart

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G major, Op 37 No.2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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2021 EVENSONG PROGRAM

16 May 2021

Theme: Johannes Kepler (astronomer) b. 1571. A presentation by Ian Bentley, former head of science at Carey Baptist Grammar School and former lecturer in education at La Trobe University.

20 June 2021

Theme: HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, b. 10 June, 1921.
Speaker: Professor David Flint AM, national convener of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy.

1 August 2021 (following on from the Open House Melbourne weekend)

Theme: Robin Boyd (architect) d.1971.
A presentation of the architectural history of the church by Tony Lee, former executive director of the Robin Boyd Foundation.

26 September 2021

Theme: Celebration of the 50th anniversary in 1971 of the ordination of the Revd Noel Whale, a former incumbent of St George's. Fr Noel will preach the sermon. The Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, will be in attendance.

28 November 2021 - Advent

Theme: Michael Praetorius (Renaissance composer) b.1571. Presentation of music of Praetorius and commentary on his life and influence by Peter Bandy, renowned musicologist and commentator, currently director (among other musical ensembles) of the Heidelberg Choral Society.

St Cecilia (patron saint of Music), whose commemorative day is 22 November, will be recognised in music.

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