

WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF

ST GEORGE

EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE



EVENSONG ON THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Johannes Kepler, Astronomer

Launch of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"

5PM SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021

THE SERVICE

Officiant	The Vicar, Canon John Sanderson
Speaker	Mr Ian Bentley
Hymns	502, 468, 258
Anthem	<i>O gladsome light, O grace</i> (L. Bourgeois)
Postlude	<i>Freu dich sehr, o meine Steele, Op. 65 No. 5</i> (S. Karg-Elert)
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.

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.

Johannes Kepler - German Astronomer

Johannes Kepler, German astronomer who discovered three major laws of planetary motion, conventionally designated as follows: (1) the planets move in elliptical orbits with the Sun at one focus; (2) the time necessary to traverse any arc of a planetary orbit is proportional to the area of the sector between the central body and that arc (the “area law”); and (3) there is an exact relationship between the squares of the planets’ periodic times and the cubes of the radii of their orbits (the “harmonic law”).

This evening we welcome Mr Ian Bentley, former head of science at Carey Baptist Grammar School, who will deliver a short talk of this great astronomer.

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 24

SETTING: ANGLICAN CHANT

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 12.1-4

The call of Abraham

Here beginneth the first verse of the twelfth chapter of the Book Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear endeth the First Lesson.

All stand to sing the Office Hymn.

OFFICE HYMN

AHB 502 ABIDE WITH ME

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.

Setting: T. Morley in Fauxbourdon

The people sit.

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 1.35-51

The call of the first disciples.

Here beginneth the thirty-fifth verse of the first chapter of the Gospel of John.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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.**

ANTHEM

O gladsome light, O grace

Louis Bourgeois (1510-59)

The Parish Notices

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn

THE HYMN

AHB 468 GLORY TO THEE, MY GOD, THE NIGHT

THE ADDRESS

Mr Ian Bentley

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

AHB 258 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

All remain standing

THE BLESSING

The clergy and choir depart

POSTLUDE

Freu dich sehr, o meine Steele, Op. 65 No. 5 Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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2021 EVENSONG PROGRAM

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.*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from 16 - 23 May 2021 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

The material for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family.

Meditation on this evening's Readings

The start of the journey is an encounter between a human being and God, between the created and the Creator, between time and eternity.

Abraham heard the call: "Go to the land I will show you". Like Abraham we are called to leave that which is familiar and go to the place that God has prepared in the depths of our hearts. Along the way, we become more and more ourselves, the people God has wanted us to be from the beginning. And by following the call that is addressed to us, we become a blessing for our loved ones, our neighbours, and the world.

The love of God seeks us. God became human in Jesus, in whom we encounter the gaze of God. In our lives, as in the Gospel of John, God's call is heard in different ways. Touched by his love, we set out. In this encounter, we walk a path of transformation – the bright beginning of a relationship of love that is always started anew. One day you understood that, without your being aware of it, a 'yes' had already been inscribed in your innermost depths. And so you chose to go forward in the footsteps of Christ.... In silence in the presence of Christ, you heard him say, "Come, follow me; I will give you a place to rest your heart."

The Sources of Taizé (2000) p. 52

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Sunday 16 May 2021 5pm Choral Evensong at St Georges East Ivanhoe

Tuesday 18 May 9.15am Mass at St John's Catholic Church Heidelberg

Wednesday 19 May 11am Morning Service at Ivanhoe Baptist Church

Thursday 20 May 5pm at Mother of God Catholic Church East Ivanhoe

Friday 21 May, 9am Mass at St Pius X Catholic Church in Heidelberg West

Saturday 22 May 5pm Mass at St Pius X Catholic Church in Heidelberg West.

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