



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021



8:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The people stand as a bell is rung

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words, then a sentence of Scripture is read

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.**

We say together:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

**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.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

Lord of life,
by submitting to death you conquered the grave;
by being lifted up on the cross, you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and throughout eternity.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter addressed the people,

‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One

and asked to have a murderer given to you,

and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

To this we are witnesses.

And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know;

and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance,

as did also your rulers.

In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

Repent therefore, and turn to God

so that your sins may be wiped out,

so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

Acts 3:12–20

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.
2. Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies? **R.**
3. Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.
4. Tremble, and do no sin:
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still. **R.**
5. Offer the sacrifices that are right:
and put your trust in the Lord.
6. There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.' **R.**
7. Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
than they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.
8. In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of John:

Do not love the world or the things in the world.
The love of the Father is not in those who love the world;
for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh,
the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—
comes not from the Father but from the world.
And the world and its desire are passing away,
but those who do the will of God live for ever....

See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.
And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness;
sin is lawlessness.
You know that he was revealed to take away sins,
and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins;
no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

1 John 2:15-17; 3:1-6

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them,
'Peace be with you.'

They were startled and terrified,
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them,

'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see;
for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'

And when he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering,
he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'
They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them,
'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—
that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets,
and the psalms must be fulfilled.'
Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
and he said to them,
'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer
and to rise from the dead on the third day,
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed
in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:36b–48

For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**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

Deacon: Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Lay Ministry; St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley (Dianne Sharrock, Greg Wong); St Luke's Mulgrave - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Agnes' Glenhuntly – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Williamstown – Confirmation Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for Val, Jenny, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Ann, Leon, Erica, Josh, Eric, and members of the Parish in hospital facing surgery or recovering from an illness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for Geoffrey Aitken Hall, Keith Warne Lester, Ronald Wagstaff, Gretta Hall, Dorothy Tidy, Rudolph Bailey, Kathryn Simos, Arthur Clark *whose anniversary of death we remember this week.*

President: 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

Deacon: Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence is 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 lie;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Jesus stood among the disciples and said,
'My peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you.' Alleluia!

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you. Alleluia!
And also with you. Alleluia!

*Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way.
[Throughout the Easter season, it is customary to use the greeting:
'Christ is Risen. Alleluia!', to which the response is 'He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!']*

The people's gifts are now brought forward, and the altar prepared.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

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.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

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:

**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.**

The President continues the prayer until the deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

A brief silence is kept.

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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We say together:

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

Communion is distributed.

After Communion, silence is kept.

All stand

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

President: 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 glories 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.**

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday 20 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Wednesday 21 April <i>Anslem of Canterbury</i>	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Thursday 22 April	9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
Friday 23 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Saturday 24 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Next Sunday St George, Patronal Festival 25 April, 2021	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist with Hymns Eucharist with Meditation

BIBLE READINGS: ST GEORGE	25 April 2021
Revelation 12:7–12	11 Timothy 2:3–13
Psalms 126	Mark 16:1–8

Please note: Morning and Evening Prayer have now reverted to being held in St Martin's Chapel.

Please join us, if you are able, and hear the continuing unfolding of salvation history.

FROM THE CURATE

A Ghost?

Our chief guide through the Easter season is the writer of John's Gospel, but today we pause to hear Luke's sequel to John's story that we heard read last week. This next appearance of the crucified and risen Christ also opens up a new and limitless horizon for the followers of Jesus ... they are to bear witness to him by preaching, "repentance for the forgiveness of sins ... to all the nations".

Likewise, we, all the baptised, are extended this 'missionary' mandate. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that we each have encountered the Love of God in Christ Jesus ...

You could say that we are no longer 'disciples' and 'missionaries', but rather we are, and always will be, 'missionary disciples' ...

challenged to be actively engaged in evangelism ... indeed, those who have truly experienced God's saving Love don't need much training or prompting to give witness to, and proclaim that Love to others.

Today is the only day in the three year cycle that we say / respond to Psalm 4. It is a short prayer for help and deliverance from one who is in trouble ... partly addressed to God and partly addressed to the writers enemies. The response, 'Lord, let your face shine on us', echoes the central petition in Aaron's blessing [Numbers 6.24-26]. I encourage us all to make this our own heartfelt prayer.

The declaration at the start of the epistle, "I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning", I suspect may well catch your attention. This phrase is put in perspective by Jesus's teaching that follows: Jesus takes away not just our sins, but the sins of the whole world, and remains our advocate with the Father.

The Emmaus Road appearance lays the foundation for Jesus' appearance to his gathered disciples in today's gospel. The two disciples who saw Jesus on that occasion were telling "how (Jesus) had been made known to them in the breaking of bread". The apostles were ready to listen to this report, because Peter had also reported seeing the risen Christ. Given the presence and testimony of the Emmaus road disciples, we would think that the gathered disciples would be well prepared for Jesus to appear in their midst but, rather than gladdening them, Jesus' sudden appearance startles and

terrifies them. They assume that they are seeing a *pneuma*—a disembodied spirit or ghost.

Jesus presents two forms of evidence that he is not a ghost but, instead, has a resurrected body. First, he shows them his hands and feet and invites them to touch him. Second, he asks for food and eats it in their presence. Neither would be possible if Jesus were a disembodied spirit.

In relating this story, Luke establishes that Jesus has been raised from the dead with a physical body, a fact to which this rather large group of disciples will go on to bear eyewitness and to which we too continue to be called to witness ... to our neighbours ... and out to the nations.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Normal Regulations

The restrictions and rules for services often change in these times of Covid19 pandemic.

Please observe all the current guidelines:

- **If you feel unwell, you must not attend church.**
- Whilst it is not mandatory to wear a mask on the church site, or in the buildings, the Diocese **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** that **MASKS CONTINUE TO BE WORN WHILE SINGING.**
- **Sanitising of hands is mandatory as you enter AND as you leave the church.**
- The density quotient of **2** sq m per person, can only be used if **everyone registers electronically** prior to the start of the service. This allows **102** to attend the service, making a total of **120** including choir, clergy, servers etc. The 2 sq m spatial distancing rule means ensuring a minimum of an elbow's distance at all times.
- When people do not register electronically, prior to the start of a service, we are required to use the density quotient of **4** sq m per person. This allows only **51** people to attend and they must sit in alternate pews, maintaining a distance of 1.5m.
- You are reminded that shaking hands, hugging, kissing or any other kind of physical contact is not permitted **at any time**, with anyone not in your immediate family/household.
- There will be no passing around of the collection bowl to avoid multiple handling the bowl. The collection bowl/s are placed at the door as you arrive for your offering.
- Communion will remain in one kind only, that is no sharing of a common cup, for the foreseeable future.
- All Pew Sheets are single use only. Please do not leave them in the church or on site after the service, rather take them home for re-use or disposal.
- Please note that whilst we have multiple services some days and the premises are again being hired out again, the church, parish centre and offices are cleaned and sanitised following WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of the buildings and furnishings.

QR Code

From 23 April 2021, parishioners will be required to sign in for services via the electronic QR Code only. Alternatively, you can call the office each week, latest by Thursday, 12.30pm to confirm your attendance for the services.

Rosters

The current Roster Schedule ends on Thursday, 29 April. Parishioners on all and any rosters, please send their availability for the next 3 months (May, June and July) to Brenda at: curate@stgeorgesmalvern.org before next Tuesday, 20 April.

NB. If no details of lack of availability, are received from anyone, it will be assumed that you are available each week.

Please also be reminded that, if you are not available to fulfil a rostered shift, **it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with someone AND then inform the office of the change to the roster.**

Pastoral Care Group

The clergy are seeking to convene a group of parishioners who are willing to commit to work with them in regularly visiting parishioners who are no longer able to attend church services on a regular basis. These visits will be specifically to provide Pastoral Care +/- Home Communion. If you feel called to such a ministry, and are able to commit to a monthly Group Meeting as well as the monthly visits, please send your expressions of interest to Brenda by email: curate@stgeorgesmalvern.org. It is anticipated that the monthly meeting of Carers will be on Mondays in the late morning / early afternoon.

Parishioners no longer able to attend church regularly

The clergy are aware of approximately 18 parishioners no longer able to attend church regularly. As we are seeking to establish regular monthly visiting of these parishioners we ask that anyone who knows of such a parishioner, to please email their name [and contact details if possible], to Brenda, in order that a comprehensive list might be drawn up. Brenda would rather receive the same persons name from many people, than risk not knowing of someone who may be left out. So, please, send Brenda the names of any and all you are aware of, who may choose when contacted to be visited or not.

Brenda: curate@stgeorgesmalvern.org

Zoom Morning Prayer

Following exactly a year of providing this service each week, regardless of holidays, this service will no longer be provided by the clergy of the parish. The dedicated group who have attended this service each week have very much been enriched and blessed by this service and the fellowship of the attenders.

Access to the church

Please note that the church is now open from 9:00am to 5:30pm each day. People are encouraged to join the small group that gathers daily for Morning and Evening Prayer (at 9 and 5), but the church will remain open for personal prayer, reflection, or just some stillness between those services. If you come or just 'pop in', please continue to 'sign in'.

Anglican Historical Society

The next meeting will be on 21 April at 6.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, corner Hotham and Clarendon Streets, East Melbourne, to be addressed by the Reverend Walter McEntee:

“The Pastorate of Revd Ernest Hughes at St Peter’s Eastern Hill”.

Anzac Day Services – St Paul’s Cathedral

Sunday, 25 April

8:00am - Book of Common Prayer Eucharist

10:00am - Choral Eucharist

Both services will be streamed live, link via Cathedral website.

Preacher: Dr John Langmore, “Peace be with you”.

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John Langmore, et al, 2020, *Security Through Sustainable Peace: Australian International Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding*, University of Melbourne

If you have any questions regarding the service, please direct them to the Cathedral Secretary, Joel McFadyen by email at welcome@stpaulscathedral.org.au or by phone on 03 9653 4220.

Visit to the exhibitions at The Old Treasury Building, Spring Street, Melbourne

Thursday 6th May commencing travel at 12.00 – 12.15pm by tram #6 leaving from St George's.

The Old Treasury Building has free entry to several exhibitions all on at the same time. Those on presently for the visit include:-

- Yarra: Stories of Melbourne's River. (Very interesting and well displayed)
- Women Work for Victory in World War 2 (Work done by women in support of the war needs)
- Gold Vault displays. (Most interesting; real size replica of the "Welcome Stranger Nugget" ; excellent short videos and history)
- Melbourne:- Foundation of a city
- Melbourne as National Capital.

I intend to lead a group to the Exhibitions on a weekday Thursday 6th May for the exhibition afternoon entry opening at 1.00pm until it closes at 3.00pm.

Departure will be from St George's Church taking, at approximately 12.00 -12.15 pm, a tram #6 to Collins Street and another tram up the hill to Spring St. Anyone wishing to arrive by train should get off at Parliament station. This will not be a guided tour and you may wander around the different exhibitions in your own time and leave to go home whenever you wish to do so. You may take your own lunches. There are some places to sit in the entrance.

For my guidance, could anyone wishing to participate in joining me at St George's for the tram trip, let me know via email: ctegner@bigpond.net.au (don't forget Myki cards). Anyone not joining may of course visit separately at any time. The exhibitions are open Sunday to Fridays from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm and 1.00pm to 3.00 pm. Face masks should be carried and worn if required.

Hoping you will be able to join me.

Charles Tegner

Trinity College Theological School - 2021 Continuing Education Program

1. Taking Care of Business: reclaiming community among local businesses

Saturday 22 May | 10.00am – 3.40pm
Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade Parkville

Led by the Reverend Dr Richard Wilson, currently working on an initiative to create a public conversation between business and the church on common community concerns.

\$50 | \$35 concession

To book: www.trybooking.com/BPVFN

2. Proclaiming the Year of the Lord's Favour: Studies on Readings for Year C

Saturday 6 November | 10.00am – 3.30pm
Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade Parkville

A day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the readings from Luke and elsewhere in the Bible for the forthcoming Church Year C. Led by the Reverend Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker, Dean, and Dr Rachelle Gilmour, Senior Lecturer, at the Trinity College Theological School.

\$50 | \$35 concession

To book: www.trybooking.com/BPVXW

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NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 25

**ST GEORGE'S
PATRONAL FESTIVAL**