



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual
connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*

Patronal Festival

April 25, 2021



**Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving
for the life and witness of
George of Lydda, Martyr**

8:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

President: Let us proceed in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.
3. To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run. Amen.

*Words: Latin, c. 7th century tr J. M. Neale (1818–66)
Music: 'Westminster Abbey', by Henry Purcell (1659–95)*

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:

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading

A reading from the Revelation to John:

War broke out in heaven;

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.

The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated,
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent,
who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—
he was thrown down to the earth,
and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!’

Revelation 12: 7–12

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Response: The Lord has done great things for us.

1. When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing. **R.**
3. Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. Truly, the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced. **R.**
5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
6. Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.
7. They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness,
bringing their sheaves with them. **R.**

Second reading

A reading from the second letter to Timothy:

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs;
the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer.

And in the case of an athlete,

no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share
of the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all
things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—
that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship,
even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,
so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2:3-13

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

c.f. 1 Peter 4:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices,
so that they might go and anoint him.

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen,
they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another,
'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?'
When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large,
had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb,
they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side;
and they were alarmed.

But he said to them,

'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,
who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.
Look, there is the place they laid him.
But go, tell his disciples and Peter
that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him, just as he told you.'
So they went out and fled from the tomb,
for terror and amazement had seized them;
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16: 1-8

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 Church

We pray for the Church throughout the world, remembering today all churches and institutions dedicated to George, our Patron, and especially this day the Chapel of St George within Windsor Castle, praying for the Dean and Chapter. Also for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Ministries to Youth; Parish of Oakleigh -Holy Trinity & Emmanuel (Colleen Arnold-Moore); St Luke’s Frankston - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); RAFT Anglican Church Rowville – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); St John’s East Malvern – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

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 Jenny, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Sandy, Leon, Erica, Josh, Eric, Wendy and those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.

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

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for Florence Hale, Leslie Clifton Blackman, Henry Sullivan, Constance Jean Sawyer, Mary Frances Hewett, Brian Wilson Cherry, Edith Manning, George Bloom (HAA), Frank Oldfield, Barry Willard Kennedy, George Granger, Jan Akehurst, June Manders *whose anniversary of death we remember this week* and those from this parish who gave their lives in war.

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: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence is kept.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart, confident in God's forgiveness.

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

*During the following hymn, the people's gifts are now brought forward,
and the altar prepared.*

Hymn

1. Leader now on earth no longer,
Soldier of th'eternal king,
Victor in the fight for heaven,
We thy loving praises sing.

Chorus:

*Great Saint George, our patron, help us,
In the conflict be thou nigh;
Help us in that daily battle,
Where each one must win or die.*

2. Praise him who in deadly battle
Never shrank from foe or sword,
Proof against all earthly weapon,
Gave his life for Christ the Lord.
3. Who, when earthly war was over,
Fought, but not for earth's renown;
Fought, and won a nobler glory,
Won the martyr's purple crown.
4. Onward, till, our striving over,
On life's battlefield we fall,
Resting then, but ever ready,
Waiting for the angel's call.

Words: J.W. Reeks (1849–1900)

Music: 'Redhead No. 46', Richard Redhead (1820–1901)

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, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
grant us your peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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: God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with George and all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Hymn

1. Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand
Dominion rests on sea and land,
Before whose word of life or death
The strength of nations is but breath:
O King, enthroned all thrones above,
Give strength unto this church we love.
2. To George our Saint thou gavest grace
Without one fear all foes to face,
And to confess by faithful death
That Word of Life which was his breath.
O help us, helper of Saint George,
To fear no bonds humans can forge.
3. Arm us, like him, who in thy trust
Beat down the dragon to the dust;
So that we too may tread down sin
And with thy Saints a crown may win.
Help us, O God, that we may be
A church acceptable to thee.

Words: Laurence Housman (1865–1959) *alt.*
Music: Melita, J. B. Dykes (1823–76)

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 26 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday 27 April	8:45am 9:00am 5:00pm	Cabrini Ministry Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Wednesday 28 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Thursday 29 April	9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
Friday 30 April	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Saturday 1 May	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Next Sunday Easter 5 2 May, 2021	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist with Hymns Eucharist with Meditation

BIBLE READINGS: EASTER 5	2 May 2021
Acts 8:26–40 Psalm 22:26–32	I John 4:7–21 John 15:1–8

FROM THE VICAR

It is a great joy and privilege to be celebrating this Patronal Festival with you for the first time. Given St George's Day actually fell on Friday this year, it made sense to transfer the Feast to this closest Sunday. That today is also ANZAC Day is entirely appropriate; for, while there is not much that we can confidently say with any accuracy about the life (or even the death) of St George, it has been widely acknowledged, from the earliest keeping of his memory (in the early 6th century C.E.) that he was a soldier. He was martyred around 304. Throughout the Eastern Church, he quickly became known, and is still called, 'The Great Martyr'.

Already, by the 11th century, the remarkable monk and preacher, Peter Damian, was able to write the following in a sermon about this Feast day, and this shows, centuries before Gallipoli, the echoes of St George found in ANZAC day. I can't think of a better way of expressing our hopes this day:

“My dear people, today's feast increases our joy in the glory of Eastertide like a precious jewel whose shining beauty adds to the splendour of the gold in which it is set.

“St George, whom we commemorate today, moved from one kind of military service to another, exchanging the earthly office of tribune for the ranks of the army of Christ. Like a well-disciplined soldier, he first jettisoned the burden of his earthly possessions by giving all he had to the poor. Once free and unencumbered, and wearing the breastplate of faith, he was able to advance into the thick of battle like a valiant soldier of Christ. From this we learn a clear lesson, that we cannot fight properly and boldly for the faith if we are frightened of losing our earthly possessions.

“We are told that not only did St George fight against an evil emperor, but burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit and invincibly defended by the banner of the cross, he also defeated the Prince of this evil world in the person of his minion, encouraging the soldiers of Christ to bear themselves valiantly....

“So, my dear people, let us not merely admire this soldier of the heavenly army: let us also imitate him. Let us lift our minds to the contemplation of that heavenly reward, fixing our hearts on it, never flinching from it whether the world smiles on us with its blandishments or menaces us with threats....

“And so,...radiant with the brightness of our new way of life, let us celebrate the paschal mystery by truly imitating the example of St George and all the blessed martyrs.”

As we reflect on the sacrifice made by so many, let us also recall the pattern of life to which we are called. May our own 'witness' (the Greek of which is 'martyr') to the faith we profess, follow the faithful example of our Patron. May we all be 'Great Witnesses' in the community and land in which we live.

NOTICES

Sincere and warm thanks are extended from Bishop Peter and all the Hollingworth family (and equally from the Vicar) to all who assisted so brilliantly in preparations for and conduct of the Requiem for Ann Hollingworth on Wednesday. On this day we recall St George, it was a timely reminder of the remarkable generosity, hospitality and efficiency of this community to minister to all who come here.

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.

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'.

Notices and information for the pewsheets

Please be advised that all notices and information for the pewsheets should reach Nisha, latest by 9.00am on Thursday each week.

Trinity College Theological School - 2021 Continuing Education Program

I. 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

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