



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Jesus preaching on the plain

February 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Setting: *Missa Gratia* Calvin Bowman (b.1972)
see accompanying handout of the music

Please stand as the choir enters.

Introit: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Words: Matthew 5:8
Music: Patrick Hawes (1958–)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–)
Music: 'Woodlands', Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

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.

The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words, followed by a sentence of Scripture

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:

Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah:

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind

and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Jeremiah 17: 5–10

Psalm I



1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel /of the . un/godly:
nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their /seat a/mongst the
/scornful.
2. But their delight is in the /law . of the /Lord:
and on that law will they /ponder /day and /night.
3. They are like trees planted beside /streams of /water:
yielding /fruit in /due /season.
4. Their leaves also /shall not /wither:
and look! What/ever . they /do . it shall /prosper.
5. As for the ungodly, it is not /so with /them:
they are like the /chaff . which the /wind /scatters.
6. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand /up . at the /judgement:
nor sinners in the congre/gation /of the /righteous.
- +7. For the Lord cares for the /way . of the /righteous:
but the /way of . the un/godly . shall /perish.

Chant: George Elvey (1816–1893)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the church in Corinth:

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
If there is no resurrection of the dead,
then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised,
then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.
We are even found to be misrepresenting God,
because we testified of God that he raised Christ—
whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.
If Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15: 12–20

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

1. Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.
2. For God, the living God,
Stooped down to our estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.

3. Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.

Words: G. W. Briggs (1875–1959)

Music: 'Christchurch', Charles Steggall (1826–1905)

GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place,
with a great crowd of his disciples
and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem,
and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;
and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

And all in the crowd were trying to touch him,

for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Luke 6: 17–26

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

The Sermon

After 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

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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Armidale; University of Divinity; Casey Anglican Dinka Congregation; St Hilary's Kew.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for Ann, Sam, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Erica, Peter, Leon, Josh, Vincent, John, Margaret, Andrew, Joan, Thea, John, Brian, Lloyd, Jackie and Barry, John, George, Ella, David, Nicoll and Jill and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently: Hector Milroy Anderson; and Ann Stewart, whom we especially recall today; and those anniversary of death occurs this week: Marguherita Burrell, Lydia Constance (Connie) Checucci, Alfreda Cruth, Cassandra Duffield, Ninette Duncan, Ada Emery, Jacqueline Marjorie Harris, Ivan Mercer, Erina Villers Pringle, Gwenthelleyean (Gwen) Richards, John Richards, James Wearing Smith.

The President concludes

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: God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence is kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, 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 life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

Offertory Hymn

1. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluya, bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

Music: 'Hyfrydol', Richard Huw Pritchard (1811–1887)

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 the prayer, 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:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

We sing:

**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 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.

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Words: John 3:16
Music: Bob Chilcott (1955–)

Communion Hymn

1. Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead:
2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826)
Music: Rendez À Dieu, Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510–61)
Harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand.

The President offers a prayer, concluding with:

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.**

Please sit for notices.

Please stand.

Final Hymn

1. Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.
2. Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.
3. Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.
4. Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Words: Maria Willis (1824–1908)
Music: 'Sussex', English Traditional Melody,
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE BLESSING

The Choir sings:

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you.

Words: trad. adapted by John Rutter (1945–)
Music: John Rutter

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Postlude: *Fête*
by
Jean Langlais (1907–91)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Genesis 45: 3–11, 15
I Corinthians 15: 35–50

Psalm 37:1–11, 40–41
Luke 6: 27–38

Missa Gratia

The story of its commissioning

In 2019, the Stewart family gave a generous gift to the St George's choir in loving memory of Ann. The final decision regarding how best to use this gift reached a natural end-point combining the intentions of the Stewart family and the 150th celebrations of St George's church in the commissioning of a new mass setting by Dr Calvin Bowman. Dr Bowman's role was especially fitting as he had been Director of Music at St George's when Ann first joined its choir in 2011. It has been a privilege to see this new work brought to life in memory of Ann, who shared her joyous approach to life and singing with all the choristers at St George's.

The title was chosen for the dual reflection of grace and gratitude in the Latin 'Gratia'. This duality captured everything relevant to the history of this commission. Ann's name is associated with grace, and the celebratory commissioning of this setting evolved as an expression of gratitude for the life of Ann, as well as for 150 years of parish life at St George's.

Elizabeth-Anne Nixon (*Director of Music at St George's*)



Ann Stewart (nee Frost) (1946-2018)

Ann was born in England where she began her life-time involvement in choirs at the local Anglican Parish in Peacehaven. Ann's family migrated to Australia when she was 11, and she was very proud to describe herself as a 'Ten Pound Pom'.

In 1971 she married John Stewart, who was then training to be an Anglican priest. Together they lived and worked in a number of places through 48 years of married life. In every parish, Ann was involved in the choir. It was her way of offering worship to the God she loved, and an important way of contributing to the worship of the communities in which she lived.

She is also lovingly remembered by all who sang with her, and who shared laughter and smiles with her. This gift of new music will keep her memory alive in our hearts, minds and voices.

Calvin Bowman (b. 1972)

Calvin Bowman is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and, as a Fulbright scholar, he was the first Australian to graduate with a Doctor of Musical Arts from Yale University. Dr Bowman is a distinguished composer and performer. He is also well known for his extraordinary 17 hour marathon performance of the complete organ works of J.S. Bach for the Melbourne International Festival of 2009. Sir Neville Marriner has described one of his songs as "an absolute gem of twenty-first century imagination."

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 14 February <i>Ss Cyril and Methodius, missionaries to the Slavic peoples</i>	Psalms 108; 109:20–30 Proverbs 29:1–16 1 Timothy 3	Ps 119:105–128 Genesis 26:34–27.29 Luke 6:1–11
Tuesday, 15 February	Psalm 104:1–25 Proverbs 29:17–30.6 1 Timothy 4	Psalm 104:26–37 Genesis 27:30–46 Luke 6:12–26
Wednesday, 16 February Reflections on the Lections at 7:30 p.m.	Psalm 105:1–22 Proverbs 30:5–14 1 Timothy 5:1–16 via Zoom: see details below.	Psalm 105:23–45 Genesis 28 Luke 6:27–38
Thursday, 17 February Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m. and at MECWA at 3:00 p.m.	Psalm 106:1–24 Proverbs 30:15–28 1 Timothy 5:17–6.2b James 2:1–9; Ps. 34:4–10;	Psalm 106:25–50 Genesis 29:1–30 Luke 6:39–49 Mark 8: 27–33
Friday, 18 February	Psalms 107:1–22 Proverbs 30:29–31.9 1 Timothy 6:2c–10	Psalms 107:23–43 Genesis 29:31–30.24 Luke 7:1–10
Saturday, 19 February	Psalms 110, 111 Proverbs 31:10–31 1 Timothy 6:11–21	Psalms 112, 113 Genesis 30:25–43 Luke 7:11–23
Next Sunday, 20 February Seventh after Epiphany	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism Holy Eucharist & Meditation

Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRI dmIXWDQ4Zz09>

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRI dmIXWDQ4Zz09>

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on the Lections

Meeting ID: 926 3986 2120; Passcode: 551393

<https://zoom.us/j/92639862120?pwd=dkpiSXdmMa0VvZnVUYm5hUWFzWGcydz09>

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 16 February

NOTICES

Brenda's Final Sunday is next Sunday, February 20. It will be followed by a farewell morning tea after the 10:00 a.m. eucharist. Donations for a farewell gift for Brenda may be left in a collection plate available at all three services today and also next Sunday. Alternatively, donations can be left at the Parish Office. For any queries, please contact Helen Baddeley, Andrea King or Judy Mallinson.

Book Group will meet tomorrow Monday, 14 February at 2.00 p.m. in the North Room. The book for discussion is Sarah Winman's *Still Life*.

Knitting Group was to commence on Tuesday, 8 February but has been postponed to March...covid permitting.

Lenten Study Groups will be offered again this year, at times yet to be determined. To assist in ordering sufficient books, please inform the Vicar if you wish to be involved in this traditional preparation for Easter.

Anglican Identity in a Global Context

Trinity College Theological School is offering a seminar which looks at what might be entailed in being and living as a genuinely broad church, which is much more varied than its historical roots in the Church of England. It will ask which doctrines and practices are negotiable (or not), and how a variety of interpretive approaches to Scripture, tradition and reason might be held in tension.

Led by the Revd Dr Fergus King, Trinity College Theological School, Professor Charlotte Methuen, University of Glasgow (joining remotely), and the Most Revd Maimbo Mndolwa, Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania (joining remotely).

When: Saturday 26 February 2022, 9.30am–3.30pm

Trinity College, Parkville

\$50 | \$35 concession (pensioners and theological students)

For more information and to register go to www.trybooking.com/BVMVD or email: theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 9348 7127.

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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.