



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
13TH MARCH, 2022



*Abram believed the LORD;
and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.*

Genesis 15:6

10:00 am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

During Lent, we sing the ancient 'Lent Prose' as an Introit.

The choir sings the refrain, which we repeat, and the choir sings a verse before we repeat the refrain.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
for we have sinned against thee.**

Head of the Corner, right hand of the Father,
Way of salvation, gate of life eternal,
wash thou away the stain of our offences.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
for we have sinned against thee.**

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

Whose mercy endures forever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words then reads 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 sing together

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,
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Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

During Lent, the ancient Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis, is omitted. Instead, we use another ancient refrain, the Trisagion:

Hol - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im -
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mor - tal, have mer - - - cy on us

The President says

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, before the President “collects” the communal prayer in the prayer of the Church for the day and for the season.

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book Genesis

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision,

‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield;

your reward shall be very great.’

But Abram said, ‘O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’

And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’

But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’

He brought him outside and said,

‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’

Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’

And Abram believed the LORD;

and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him,

‘I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’

But he said, ‘O LORD God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’

He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old,

a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’

He brought him all these and cut them in two,

laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses,

Abram drove them away....

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram,

and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot

and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,

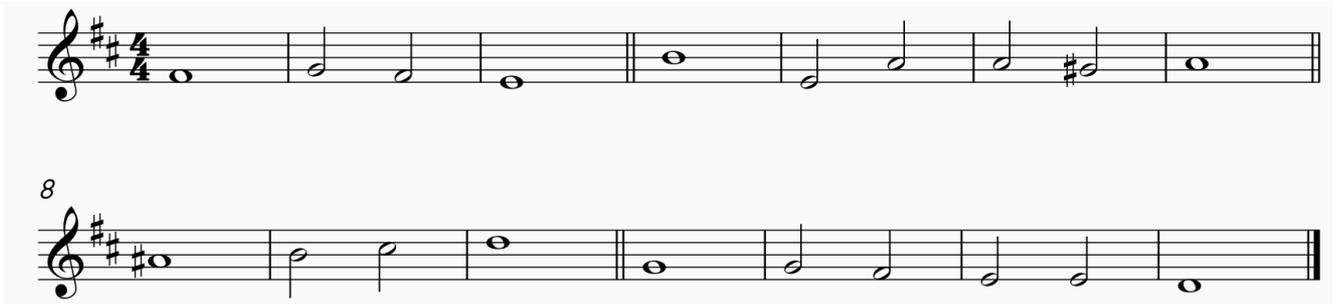
‘To your descendants I give this land,

from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates....’

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Reader Hear the Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 27



Chant: James Turle (1802–1882)

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then /shall I /fear?:
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then /shall I /be a/fraid?
2. When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me/to de/vour me:
they shall /stumble /and /fall.
3. If an army encamp against me, my heart shall /not . be a/fraid:
and if war should rise a/gainst me, /yet . will I /trust.
4. One thing I have asked of the Lord, which /I . will re/quire:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord /all the /days . of my /life,
5. To see the fair /beauty . of the /Lord:
and to /seek his /will . in his /temple.
6. For he will hide me under his shelter in the /day of /trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent
and set me /high u/pon a /rock.
7. And now he will lift /up my /head:
above my /ene.mies /round a/bout me.
8. And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with /exul/tation:
I will sing, I will sing /praises /to the /Lord.
9. O Lord, hear my /voice when . I /cry:
have /mercy . up/on me . and /answer me.
10. My heart has said of you, /‘Seek his /face’:
your /face, Lord, /will I /seek.
11. Do not hide your /face from /me:
or thrust your /servant a/side in . dis/pleasure.

12. For you have /been my /helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me, O /God of /my sal/vation.
- +13. Though my father and my /mother . for/sake me:
the /Lord will /take me /up.
14. Teach me your /way, O /Lord:
lead me in an even path, /for they /lie in /wait for me.
15. Do not give me over to the /will . of my /enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and /those who /breathe out /violence.
16. But I believe that I shall surely see the /goodness . of the /Lord:
in the /land /of the /living.
17. O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will /strengthen . your /heart:
and /wait, I /say, . for the /Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Philippi:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me,
and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ;
I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.
Their end is destruction; their god is the belly;
and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.
But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will transform the body of our humiliation
so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Reader Hear the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor sings the refrain which we repeat

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Repent and believe the gospel,
that you may bear good fruit for the Lord.

The refrain is then repeated by all

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.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

He asked them,

‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

So he said to the gardener,

“See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?”

He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it.

If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

Luke 13: 1–9

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

A sermon is preached.

After the sermon, silence is kept.

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 Anglican Church of Melanesia; Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; St Margaret's Eltham; Church of the Ascension Burwood East; Parish of Queenscliff / Pt Lonsdale; Parish of Noble Park: St Michael's Grammar School.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially: Ann, Coral, Keith, Erica, Peter, Josh, Vincent, John, Margaret, Joan, Thea, John, Elsbeth, Ted, Charlotte, Sibella, Tom, and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently: Brian Corless
And those anniversary of death occurs this week: Wilma Cuming, Gladys Harris, Nellie King, Effie MacMeikan, Willard May, Patricia Mary Olney, Patricia Wuchatsch.

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.**

Let us pray:

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence is kept

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

The President pronounces absolution, and all respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 148 (vv. 1, 2, 7 and 8)

During the singing of this hymn, the altar is prepared and our offerings received.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

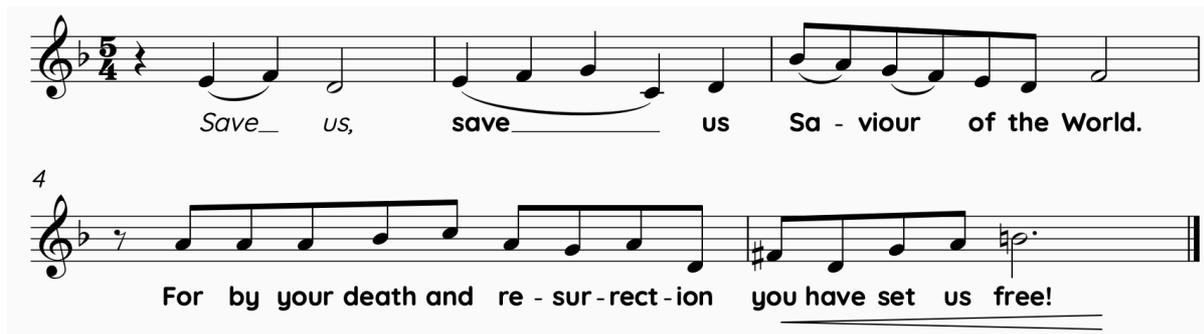
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer recalling God's saving acts, culminating 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
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ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might! Hea-ven and Earth are full of your
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glo-ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is he who
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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

The prayer continues recalling the Supper our Lord shared with his disciples, until:



Musical notation for the prayer continuation. The first staff is in 5/4 time, with lyrics: "Save us, save us Sa - viour of the World." The second staff is in 4/4 time, with lyrics: "For by your death and re - sur - rect - ion you have set us free!"

The prayer concludes with a triumphant song of praise:



Musical notation for the triumphant song of praise. The first staff is in 6/8 time, with lyrics: "Our God - Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are". The second staff is in 3/8 time, with lyrics: "yours, for e - ver and e - ver, A - men."

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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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.

Agnus Dei is sung:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, **have mer - cy** on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, **have mer - cy** on us.

13
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, **grant us your peace.**

The President invites people to the Lord's Table in suitable words.

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the sacrament. Others may come to receive a blessing.

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

Purest and Highest,
Wisest and most Just,
There is no truth save only in thy trust,
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
And bring thro' Christ to him for whom are all.
Eternal Glory, all men thee adore,
who art and shalt be worship'd evermore.
Us whom thou makest comfort with thy might,
and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)
Melody: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

After all have received the sacrament, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The President offers a prayer, ending with

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

We stand to sing a final hymn

NEH 286

Notices are given

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The President announces God's blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

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

POSTLUDE

Choral Paraphrase on 'Attende Domine' ('Hear us, Lord')

Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

Scripture Readings next week

Isaiah 55: 1–9

I Corinthians 10: 1–13

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalm 63: 1–9

Luke 13: 1–9

*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.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u>	<u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u>
Monday, 14 March	Psalm 34 Jeremiah 29:1–23 Hebrews 7:11–25	Psalm 119:17–40 Genesis 43:1–15 Luke 12:49–59
Tuesday, 15 March	Psalm 37:1–17 Jeremiah 29:24–30:9 Hebrews 7:26–8:6	Psalm 37:18–41 Genesis 43:15–34 Luke 13:1–9
Wednesday, 16 March Lent Study Group at 7:30 p.m.	Psalm 38 Jeremiah 26:1–19 Hebrews 4:11–5:6 Via Zoom (details below)	Psalm 39 Genesis 41:1–36 Luke 11:45–12:7
Thursday, 17 March <i>Patrick, bishop and missionary to Ireland</i> Requiem Eucharist for Brian Corless at 10:30 a.m.	Psalm 40 Jeremiah 31:1–14 Hebrews 9:1–10	Psalm 27 Genesis 44:18–34 Luke 13:22–35
Friday, 18 March <i>Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and teacher</i>	Psalms 41; 44:1–9 Jeremiah 31:15–26 Hebrews 9:11–22	Psalm 44:10–27 Genesis 45:1–15 Luke 14:1–14
Saturday, 19 March <i>Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.	Psalm 1 Joel 2:27–32 Ephesians 6:1–4	Psalms 92; 101 Hosea 11 Matthew 2:13–23
Next Sunday, 13 March <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Lent Study

7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Meeting ID: 946 3386 5839; Passcode: 292383

<https://zoom.us/j/94633865839?pwd=Y3VxZTYxWTgzQ0NudFV3eUtYMjUvQT09>

NOTICES

TODAY there will be our monthly collection for the work of St Mark's Fitzroy in its mission to the homeless at all services.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. is the next meeting of the Parish Council. Please keep members of Council in your prayers as they discuss matters of import for the parish and our mission and life.

Thursday 17th March at 10:30 a.m. Requiem Eucharist to give thanks for the life and ministry of Brian Corless will take place at St George's, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

LENT STUDY GROUPS

Continue on Thursdays after the eucharist, and on Wednesday evenings by Zoom.

IMPORTANT COMING EVENT – NOTE WELL

On Monday evening, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. all members of Parish Council, and those involved in some other ministries within the Church will meet to complete a Safe Ministry Training session. The opportunity for us to do this together as a parish solves the issue of individually registering and completing the course on the internet (with some attendant complications!). We are very grateful to the Diocesan Registrar (and our very own) Malcolm Tadgell for facilitating this. Please contact Nisha to confirm your attendance.

LENT provides an opportunity not only for 'reading and meditating' (as in our Study Group), 'self-examination, prayer and fasting' (as we heard on Ash Wednesday), but also for 'self-denial and acts of generosity' and also alms-giving! As mentioned last week, at the last meeting of the Parish Council, it was felt that some parishioners would be interested to learn how St George's is faring financially. From now until the end of Lent (at least) each week we will publish the offerings received in the last week as well as the budgeted costs for running the parish each week of the year. These figures are:

Offerings last week: \$1,117

Expenditure: \$6,612

Please remember that, for now, passing of the offertory plate is not recommended under Covid advice. Therefore, please remember to place your offering in the bowl as you enter the church and before you take your seat, so that it can be presented at the Offertory of the gifts. Alternatively, please use the direct debit facilities set up for regular pledges.

Contact Geraldine Powell: dgpowell@internode.on.net / 0414 – 831 968 for further details.

BOOK GROUP will meet on Monday, 21 March – 2:00 p.m. in the North Room.

JOCARE

Do you have a spare hour in your week or fortnight? We are seeking volunteers to assist in our community outreach program run by JoCare at St Joseph's Parish, Malvern. Our volunteers who come with an open heart, offer companionship to the many people who are isolated and disconnected from community, often on the margins of our society. Since the COVID-19 pandemic we have several people who have been referred to us seeking companionship. However, we do not have enough volunteers to meet the demand. Can you help us provide light in their lives? Training and ongoing support are provided.

For further information, please contact the JoCare coordinator, Kerri Anne:
0403 - 572 440, jocare@stjosephsmalvern.org.au.