



**St George's Anglican Church, Malvern**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**



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

*Genesis 15:6*

**8:00 am**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*The people stand as a bell is rung.*

*The President greets the people:*

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 say together:*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy 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**

**Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

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 afraid?
2. When evildoers come upon me to eat up my flesh:  
 it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.      **R.**
3. Though an army should encamp against me: yet my heart shall not be afraid.
4. And though war should rise up against me: yet will I put my trust in him.      **R.**
5. One thing I have asked of the Lord, one thing I seek:  
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
6. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek him in his temple.      **R.**

7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me in his shelter:  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock. **R.**
8. Even now he lifts up my head: above my enemies round about me.
9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness:  
I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R.**
10. Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call:  
have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and see, 'Seek my face':  
your face, Lord, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me:  
Nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R.**
13. You have been my helper:  
cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14. Though my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord will sustain me. **R.**
15. Show me your way, O Lord:  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me:  
and also those who speak malice. **R.**
17. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord:  
in the land of the living!
18. O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong and he shall comfort your heart:  
wait patiently for the Lord. **R.**

## 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

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

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

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

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.*

## 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:

**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 prayer continues recalling the Supper our Lord shared with his disciples, until we say together:*

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The prayer concludes with a triumphant song of praise:*

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

*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.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, who takes away 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.*

*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.**

## **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.**

### **Scripture Readings next week**

Isaiah 55: 1–9

I Corinthians 10: 1–13

### **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

Psalm 63: 1–9

Luke 13: 1–9

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Weekdays Monday – Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer Evening Prayer</b>
<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u></b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u></b>
<b>Monday, 14 March</b>	Psalm 34 Jeremiah 29:1–23 Hebrews 7:11–25	Psalm 119:17–40 Genesis 43:1–15 Luke 12:49–59
<b>Tuesday, 15 March</b>	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
<b>Wednesday, 16 March</b>  <b>Lent Study Group at 7:30 p.m.</b>	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
<b>Thursday, 17 March</b> <i>Patrick, bishop and missionary to Ireland</i>  <b>Requiem Eucharist for Brian Corless at 10:30 a.m.</b>	Psalm 40 Jeremiah 31:1–14 Hebrews 9:1–10	Psalm 27 Genesis 44:18–34 Luke 13:22–35
<b>Friday, 18 March</b> <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
<b>Saturday, 19 March</b> <i>Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  <b>Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.</b>	Psalm 1 Joel 2:27–32 Ephesians 6:1–4	Psalms 92; 101 Hosea 11 Matthew 2:13–23
<b>Next Sunday, 20 March</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Meditation</b>

### Morning Prayer

**9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:  
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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.*

