



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

20TH MARCH, 2022



For they drank from the spiritual rock... and the rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:4

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.

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for we have sinned against thee.**

Lord, we beseech thee, from thy throne of glory:
Bow down thine ear to hear our cry of sorrow,
Look down in mercy on our sore transgressions.

**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.

followed by

Hol - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im -
4
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.

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 prophecy of Isaiah:

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:1-9

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

Second Reading

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink.
For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them,
and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them,
and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us,
so that we might not desire evil as they did.

Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written,
'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'
We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did,
and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did,
and were destroyed by serpents.

And do not complain as some of them did,
and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example,
and they were written down to instruct us,
on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength,
but with the testing he will also provide the way out
so that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

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Gospel Acclamation

The cantor sings the refrain which we repeat

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

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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 La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; The Diocese of Bendigo; St Mark's Fitzroy and Tintern Grammar.

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, Luke 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 Arthur Corless and Keith Dempster; and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Leonard Dixon, Arthur Emery, Jillian Gosper, Estelle Gregory, Laura Gregory, Margaret (Peg) Horsburgh, Robert Howard, Howard Jenkins, Violet Mansell, Helen Liliias McGee, Maria Mercer, Mary Newton, Marie Perry, John Brooke Scott, Alastair Reginald Stephen.

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 70

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.

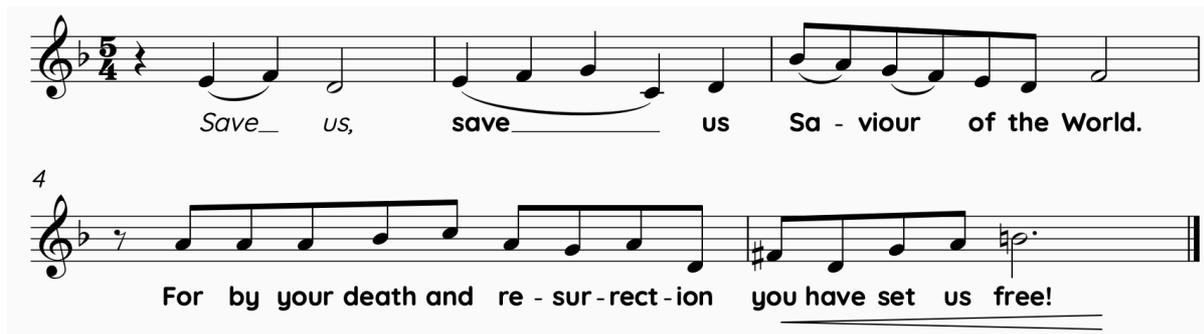
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,
7 ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might! Hea-ven and Earth are full of your
13 glo-ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is he who
18 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:

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Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Words: Psalm 42 vv. 1–3
Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices are given

We stand to sing a final hymn

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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

Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder (*Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am*)
J.S. Bach (1685–1750) BWV 742

Scripture Readings next week

Joshua 5: 2–12
2 Corinthians 5: 16–21

4th SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalm 32
Luke 15: 11–32

*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, 21 March <i>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr</i>	Psalm 50 Jeremiah 32:1–15 Hebrews 10:5–18	Psalm 119:41–64 Genesis 46:26–47:12 Luke 15:1–10
Tuesday, 22 March <i>Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Teacher</i>	Psalm 51 Jeremiah 32:16–35 Hebrews 10:19–31	Psalms 52; 53 Genesis 47:13–31 Luke 15:11–32
Wednesday, 23 March Lent Study Group at 7:30 p.m.	Psalms 54; 55:1–12 Jeremiah 32:36–33:9 Hebrews 10:32–39 Via Zoom (details below)	Psalm 55:13–28 Genesis 48 Luke 16:1–13
Thursday, 24 March <i>Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr</i> Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m. <i>followed by Lent Study Group</i>	Psalms 56; 57 Jeremiah 33:10–26 Hebrews 11:1–12 Jeremiah 7:23–28;	Psalms 123; 131 Proverbs 8:1–21 Matthew 1:18–23 Ps. 95:6–11 Luke 11:14–23
Friday, 25 March The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.	Psalm 85 1 Samuel 2:1–10 Hebrews 2:5–18 Isaiah 7:10–14; Ps. 40:6–13	Psalm 89:1–4, 19–38 Genesis 3:8–15 Romans 5:12–21 Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1: 26–38
Saturday, 26 March	Psalms 65; 70 Jeremiah 35 Hebrews 11:29–40	Psalm 66 Genesis 50:7–26 Luke 17:20–37
Next Sunday, 27 March Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Mothering Sunday</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

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Lent Study

7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Meeting ID: 926 3986 2120; Passcode: 551393

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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

TOMORROW 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.

Tomorrow at 1: 30 p.m., the Book Group meets in the North Room

LENT STUDY GROUPS

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

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: \$1,525

Church Expenditure for the week: \$7,394

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.

THE FLOWER GUILD wishes to express sadness at the death of Brian Corless, a member of the Guild for many years. Brian had a natural talent for flower arranging and we shall remember him especially when using pink roses, sim carnations and gypsophila which he nearly always included in his arrangements. He will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace Brian.

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.