



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3 July 2022



Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan... and he was clean.
(2 Kings 5: 14)

Hymns (NEH): 234; (at 10:00 a.m. only) 383 (omit v3); 295; 364 (tune 408)
Setting at 10:00 a.m.: A Parish Eucharist Michael Dudman (1938–94)

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book (APBA – the green book)

Collect

God of the covenant,
in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles,
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

(2 Kings 5: 1–14)

A reading from the second book of Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30

Response: The Lord has changed my mourning into dance.

1. I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up,
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2. O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.
3. You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. R.
4. Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.
6. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes with the morning. R.
7. While I felt secure, I said, ‘I shall never be disturbed.’
You, LORD, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains.’
8. Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. R.
9. I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with the LORD, saying:
10. ‘What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
will the dust praise you?, or declare your faithfulness?’
11. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me! O LORD, be my helper! R.
12. You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy;
13. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever. R.

SECOND READING:

(*Galatians 6: 1–18*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

(*Luke 10: 1–24*)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

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.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But at the judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’

Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, ‘Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Melbourne; Ecumenical Affairs Committee; St Thomas' Werribee.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially:
Ann, Cecily, John, Coral, Keith, Erica, Peter, Helen, John, Margaret, Joan, Thea, John, Ray, Kaye, Clive, Christina, Matthew, Gwyn, +George, +John, Wendy and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur this week: Mary Margaret (Peg) Blackman, Margaret Emma Elliott, Mary Diane Gibson, John Giggins, William Green, Margaret Hooper, Valda Konings, Prudence Julia Lanigan, Frank Mansell, Margaret Ilona Minchin, Margaret Osmond, George (Warwick) Ramsden, Eva Mary Reichardt, Sheila Elin Joyce Wikkramatileke.

During Communion (at 10:00 a.m.): *Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)* Jean Langlais (1907–91)

Postlude: *Chant de Joie (Song of Joy)* Jean Langlais

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Amos 7:7–17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25–37

NOTICES

Spiritual Café Returns

We are delighted to confirm that we are re-starting the St George's program offering a dinner with a guest speaker. Please "save the date" for Tuesday, 30 August when we will host Bishop Andrew St John (former Regional Bishop of our Diocese and friend of the parish) in Conversation. The venue is Giorgios Restaurant. Bookings will open about 3 weeks in advance.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes, June 21

A summary of the Minutes from the most recent Parish Council meeting are on the notice board in the entrance porch.

Choir

The choir is on its Winter recess today. It's a great chance to sing up from the congregation at 10:00 a.m. Choristers will be back as usual, singing from the heart, from next week-end. We'll be steadily re-introducing our previously well-known choral settings of the eucharist over the next few months - hopefully you will all enjoy welcoming back some old friends! It's been a few years now. . . .

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Day	Morning Prayer in Chapel and by	Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)
Monday, 4 July	Psalms 11, 12 2 Chronicles 21 Galatians 2:11–21	Psalms 13, 14 Ezekiel 12:21–13:23 John 3:1–21
Tuesday, 5 July	Psalms 15, 16 2 Chronicles 22 Galatians 3:1–14	Psalm 17:1–16 Ezekiel 14 John 3:22–36
Wednesday, 6 July <i>John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, martyrs</i>	Psalm 18:1–31 2 Chronicles 23: 1–17 Galatians 3: 15–26	Psalm 18:32–52 Ezekiel 15:1–16:15, 59–63 John 4: 1–15
Reflections on the Lections	Via Zoom: see details below	
Thursday, 7 July	Psalm 19 2 Chronicles 23:18–24:14 Galatians 3:27–4:7	Psalm 119:1–16 Ezekiel 17 John 4:16–26
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Hosea 11:1–9; Psalm 80:1–2,	14–19; Matthew 10:7–15
Friday, 8 July	Psalms 20; 21:1–13 2 Chronicles 24:15–25:4 Galatians 4:8–20	Psalms 24; 26 Ezekiel 18:1–32 John 4:27–42
Saturday, 9 July	Psalm 22: 1–22 2 Chronicles 25:5–26:1 Galatians 4:21–31	Psalms 22:23–32; 23 Ezekiel 19 John 4:43–54
Next Sunday, 10 July Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	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

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhUI3RWR1dmIXWDQ4Zz09>
Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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Reflections on the Lections
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 6 July

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=M1czZIJRempKL0hrQThORXBFefFBdz09>

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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.