



# ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

12 March, 2023

SETTING AT 10 A.M.  
AND HYMNS:

The Hadleigh Setting – Alan Ridout (1934–96)  
70, and see below

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (“The Green Book”)*

*At 10:00 a.m., we begin singing the Lent Prose:*

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

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God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

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

### **COLLECT (OF THE DAY AND 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, forever 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,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Exodus 17:1-7*

A reading from the book Exodus:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 95**

**Response (at 8 a.m.): O that today you will harken to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **R.**



8. O that today you would listen to his voice:  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
9. ‘When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my works. **R.**
10. ‘Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”
11. ‘So I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter into my rest.” **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 5:1-11*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Rome:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to

worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## For the Anglican Church

The Church of South India (United); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia;  
Footscray Parish; Angliss Health Services

## For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially:  
Angus; Ann; Charles; Coral; Heather; Ivan; Joan; John; John & Margaret; Judy; Keith & Erica;  
Leigh; Mancie; Peter; Roger; Ron; Rupert; +John Parkes; +John Stewart.

## For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Enis Peachman; Grant;  
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Wilma Cuming; Gladys Harris;  
Nellie King; Effie MacMeikan; Willard May; Patricia Mary Olney.

*During Communion, the Anthem is sung by choir:*

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.*

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

*Text: Psalm 42:1–3*

*Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525–94)*

## FINAL HYMN

*May this Lenten discipline,  
which we undertake with love,  
turn our minds to things above.*

1. Sin has sundered us from God,  
selfish we have grown and cold,  
foolish were the ways we trod,  
evil habits keep their hold.
2. Now we fast that we may feast  
where the Lord of Life presides:  
may our hunger be increased  
for the bread which he provides.
3. As we keep this Lent with prayer  
and from pleasures are withdrawn,  
minds and bodies we prepare  
for the joy of Easter dawn.

*Words: James Phillip McAuley (1917–76)*

*Music: 'Lindfield', Richard Connolly (1927–2022)*

*Postlude: Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

# NOTICES

## **LENT STUDY GROUPS**

Continue on Wednesday afternoons in the North Room; Wednesday evenings by Zoom; and on Thursday after the eucharist.

**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', including alms-giving!

Each week in Lent we will publish the amount received in offerings in the last week, as well as the budgeted costs for running the parish each week of the year. These figures are:

*Thanksgiving Pledges – \$165*

*Offertory Plate – \$588*

*Church Expenditure for the week – \$13,096*

Contact Geraldine Powell: [dgpowell@internode.on.net](mailto:dgpowell@internode.on.net)/ 0414 831 968 for details.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent. Traditionally, in the Western Church, this is known as *Laetare* or 'Refreshment' or 'Mothering' Sunday. It marks the 'mid-point' in Lent, and so the regular 'austerities' of Lent (which don't apply on Sunday anyway, as Sundays are *in* but not *of* Lent – each Sunday being a commemoration of the Resurrection!) were briefly suspended. In England, the tradition grew of giving servants (agricultural or domestic) the weekend that includes this Sunday "off", and they were encouraged to return to visit both their natural mothers, and the Church of their baptism – their 'mother Church'. Hence the tradition of 'Mothering Sunday'. Taking gifts for their mothers was encouraged – the origin of "Mothers' Day" (which is still observed on this day in the United Kingdom – we have unaccountably followed the American dating!). This giving of gifts is now marked symbolically with the giving of Simnel Cake, which will be blessed for distribution.

## **Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 28 March**

Professor Peter Sherlock is an Australian academic and inaugural Vice-Chancellor, University of Divinity since 2012.

His topic is "Voice, Treaty, Truth: Thinking Theologically towards the Referendum".

Those attending are encouraged to engage with some of the excellent resources available through the Victorian Council of Churches: <https://vcc.org.au/statement-from-the-heart/> or this from ABM: <https://www.abmission.org/resources/the-voice-referendum/>

As usual, the speaker will follow dinner at Giorgio's at 6:30 p.m.

For bookings, please email the office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

**The Book Club** will meet on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday) in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will be discussing *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. All welcome!

## **Note to Parishioners:**

Just a reminder that when any room in the parish centre is hired out, it is important that parishioners do not request to enter that room until the renter has vacated it, unless there is an emergency. (This applies particularly to Mini Maestros, where the renter has a duty of care regarding the children in the lessons.). Times and days of room hire are available from our Parish Administrator.



## **Nominations for SYNOD**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne will meet for three years, beginning in October of this year. This will be the Synod charged with electing members to sit on various Diocesan Committees, including the Committee which will be charged with presenting candidates to be elected by this Synod as the next Archbishop of Melbourne.

St George's is entitled to send 3 lay members to each session of Synod, and is also required to elect one 'alternate' lay member of Synod. These 3 will sit in Synod with the two clergy from the parish.

Nominations for election as a Lay Representative (or Alternate Lay Representative) open today. The nomination form, available at the back of the Church from this morning, must be completed and submitted to the office (electronically or by hand) **before the 8:00 a.m. eucharist on Sunday, March 19**. If an election is needed (i.e., we receive more than 3 nominations for Representative and more than 1 for Alternate), an election will be held **on Sunday, March 26**. **Please prayerfully consider this important ministry in the life of our diocese.**

## **Scripture Readings next week**

I Samuel 16: 1–13  
Ephesians 5: 8–14

## **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

Psalm 23  
John 9:1–41

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Weekdays</b> <b>Monday – Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>in Chapel and by</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <b>Zoom (details below)</b>
<b>Monday, 13 March</b> <i>Public Holiday, so Morning and Evening Prayer offered only by Zoom</i>	Psalms 35:1–17 Genesis 46:26–47:12 Luke 15:1–10	Psalms 35:18–29; 36 Jeremiah 32:1–15 Hebrews 10:5–18
<b>Tuesday, 14 March</b>	Psalm 34 Genesis 47:13–31 Luke 15:11–32	Psalm 119:17–40 Jeremiah 32:16–35 Hebrews 10:19–31
<b>Wednesday, 15 March</b>  <i>Lent Study Group at 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>Lent Study Group at 7:30 p.m.</i>	Psalm 37:1–17 Genesis 48 Luke 16:1–13  North Room Via Zoom (details below)	Psalm 37:18–41 Jeremiah 32:36–33:9 Hebrews 10:32–39
<b>Thursday, 16 March</b>	Psalm 38 Genesis 49:1–21 Luke 16:14–31	Psalm 39 Jeremiah 33:10–26 Matthew 1:18–23
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b> <i>followed by Lent Study Group</i>	Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:6–11; Luke 11:14–23	
<b>Friday, 17 March</b> <i>Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland (d. 461)</i>	Psalm 40 Genesis 49:22–50:6 Luke 17:1–19	Psalms 42; 43 Jeremiah 34:8–22 Hebrews 11:13–28
<b>Saturday, 18 March</b> <i>Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and teacher (d. 386)</i>	Psalms 41; 44:1–9 Genesis 50:7–26 Luke 17:20–37	Psalm 44:10–27 Jeremiah 35 Hebrews 11:29–40
<b>Next Sunday, 19 March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> <i>(Laetare, or Refreshment, or ‘Mothering’ Sunday)</i>	<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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

### Evening Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

### Lent Study

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

**7:30 p.m. Wednesday**

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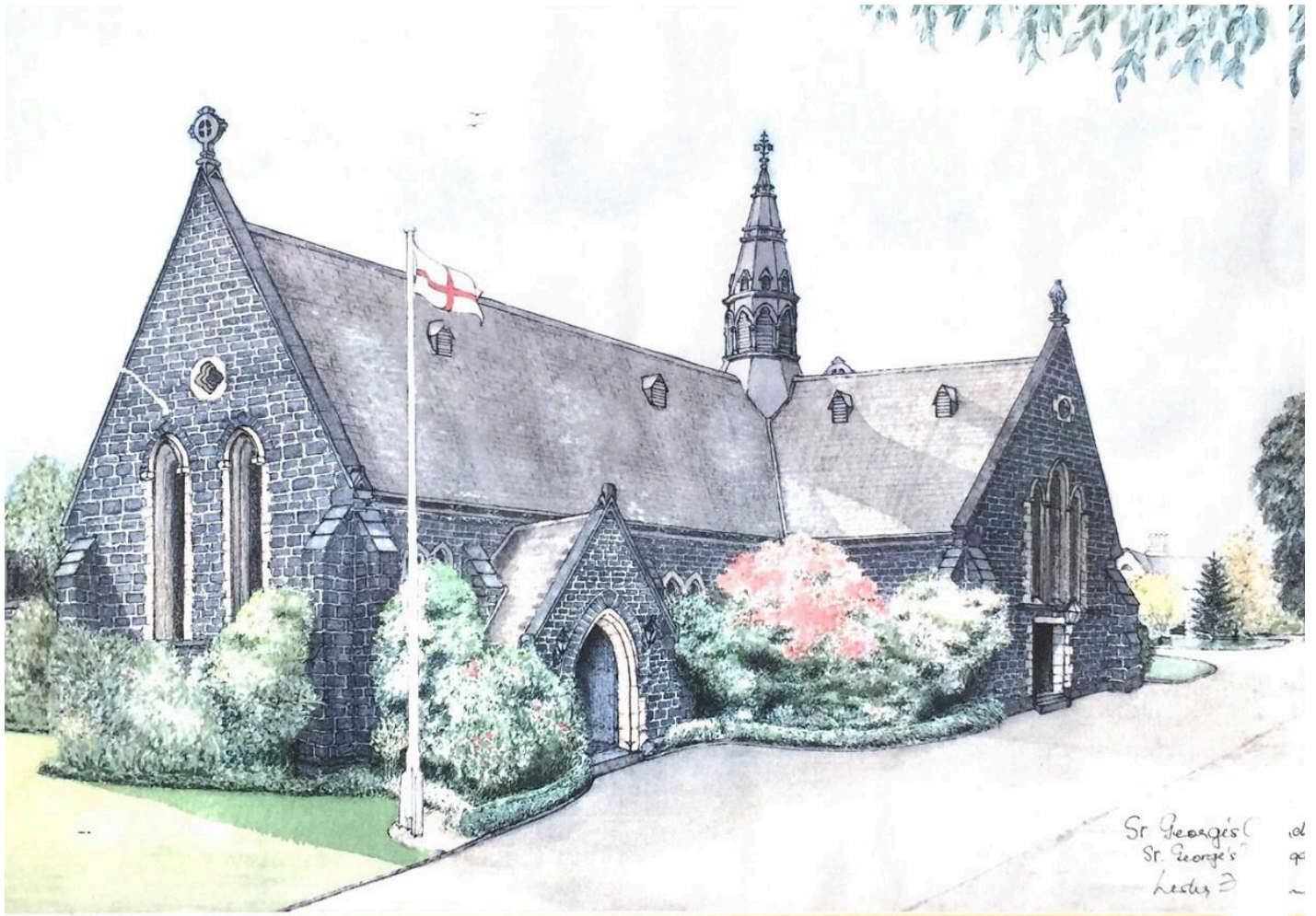
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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the land upon which we meet.*

*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.*



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