



# ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

5 March, 2023

SETTING AT 10 A.M.  
AND HYMNS:

The Hadleigh Setting – Alan Ridout (1934–96)  
389, 148 (vv. 1, 2, 7, 8)

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

*Prelude in D Minor, BWV 539*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*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.

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

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

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

### COLLECT

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive:  
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,  
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1–4a

A reading from the book Genesis:

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

I will make of you a great nation,

and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse;

and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 121

**Response (at 8 a.m.): My help comes from the Lord.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills: but where shall I find help?
2. My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth. **R.**
3. He will not suffer your foot to stumble:  
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
4. Be sure he who has charge of Israel: will neither slumber nor sleep. **R.**
5. The Lord himself is your keeper:  
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
6. The sun shall not strike you by day: nor shall the moon by night. **R.**
7. The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.
8. The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:  
from this time forward for evermore. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m)

*Chant: H. Walford Davies (1869–1941)*

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
2. My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will  
not sleep.
4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord himself is thy keeper :  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :  
from this time forth for evermore.

## SECOND READING

*Romans 4:1–5; 13–17*

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham,  
our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works,  
he has something to boast about, but not before God.

For what does the scripture say?

‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.  
But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly,  
such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham  
or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,  
faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath;  
but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace  
and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law  
but also to those who share the faith of Abraham

(for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of  
many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed,  
who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

*John 3.1–17*

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son;  
everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

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

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God;  
for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’  
Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you,

no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’

Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old?

Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’

Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God  
without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh,  
and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you,  
“You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses,  
and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from  
or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’

Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’

Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand  
these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify  
to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe,

how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven,  
the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **For the Anglican Church**

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of Bathurst;  
St Matthew's, Endeavour Hills

## **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;  
Manci; Peter; Roger; Ron; Rupert; +John Parkes; +John Stewart.

## **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Thomas (Ray) Casey;  
Wilma MacKenzie, Lesley Manning, Marjorie Scott, Jennifer Tonoli.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through him might be saved.

*Words: John 3:16-17*

*Music: from 'The Crucifixion', John Stainer (1840-1901)*

*Postlude: "Fiddle" Fugue in D Minor, BWV 539*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

## **Scripture Readings next week**

Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 5:1-11

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

Psalm 95  
John 4.5-42

## **NOTICES**

### **Collection for St Alban's**

There is an opportunity to continue your generosity with the monthly collection for St Alban's today.

### **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! Thank you, therefore, to all who gave so generously last Sunday to the collection for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Resource Centre.

Furthermore, 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 – \$280*

*Offertory Plate – \$435*

*Church Expenditure for the week – \$6,796*

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

### **Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 28 March**

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

He 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.

### **ABC’s TV Show, Q+A is filming on 13<sup>th</sup> March in Southbank**

The ABC is reaching out to churches to join the audience at their Southbank Studio.

There’s a free shuttle bus from Malvern to the studio but hurry as there’s limited seating!

Please contact the parish administrator or register your interest at the link below

<https://www.abc.net.au/qanda/studio-audience/> and in the last question, Q.15 “How did you hear about us” please write: ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH OFFICE, MALVERN

### **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.**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

| <b>Weekdays</b><br><b>Monday – Saturday</b>  | <b>9:00 a.m.</b><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><b>Evening Prayer</b>   |
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| <u>Day</u>   | <u>Morning Prayer</u><br><u>in Chapel and by</u>  | <u>Evening Prayer</u><br><u>Zoom (details below)</u>   |
| <b>Monday, 6 March</b>   | Psalms 18:1–31<br>Genesis 43:1–15<br>Luke 12:49–59  | Psalms 18:32–52<br>Jeremiah 29:1–23<br>Hebrews 7:11–25   |
| <b>Tuesday, 7 March</b><br><i>Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203)</i>  | Psalm 19<br>Genesis 43:15–34<br>Luke 13:1–9   | Psalm 119:1–16<br>Jeremiah 29:24–30:9<br>Hebrews 7:26–8:6  |
| <b>Wednesday, 8 March</b><br><i>John of God, worker among the sick and poor (d. 1550)</i><br><br><i>Lent Study Group at 2:00 p.m.</i><br><i>Lent Study Group at 7:30 p.m.</i>                | Psalms 20; 21:1–7<br>Genesis 44:1–17<br>Luke 13:10–21<br><br>North Room<br>Via Zoom (details below) | Psalms 24; 26<br>Jeremiah 30:10–24<br>Hebrews 8:7–13   |
| <b>Thursday, 9 March</b><br><i>Sister Emma SSA, Superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent (d. 1939)</i><br><br><b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b><br><i>followed by Lent Study Group</i> | Psalm 22:1–22<br>Genesis 44:18–34<br>Luke 16:19–31<br><br>Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1;                | Psalms 22:23–32; 23<br>Jeremiah 31:1–14<br>Hebrews 9:1–10<br><br>Luke 16:19–31                   |
| <b>Friday, 10 March</b>  | Psalm 25<br>Genesis 45:1–15<br>Luke 14:1–14   | Psalm 27<br>Jeremiah 31:15–26<br>Hebrews 9:11–22   |
| <b>Saturday, 11 March</b>  | Psalms 28; 29<br>Genesis 45:16–46:7<br>Luke 14:15–34  | Psalms 30; 32<br>Jeremiah 31:27–40<br>Hebrews 9:23–10:4  |
| <b>Next Sunday, 12 March</b><br><b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>  | <b>8:00 a.m.</b><br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b>                                   | <b>Holy Eucharist</b><br><br><b>Holy Eucharist</b><br><br><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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*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.*