



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



*Lazarus, (1947) Jacob Epstein
New College, Oxford*

26 March, 2023

*Before the service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another*

SETTING AT 10 A.M.
AND HYMNS:

The Hadleigh Setting – Alan Ridout (1934–96)
NEH 83, TIS 351

*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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for we have sinned against thee.**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

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

COLLECT (OF THE DAY AND THE SEASON)

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who is alive 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel:

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out
by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley;
it was full of bones. He led me all round them;
there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.
He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?'

I answered, 'O LORD God, you know.'

Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them:

O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus says the LORD God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you,
and you shall live.

I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you,
and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live;
and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded;

and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling,
and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them,
and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me,

'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath:

Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath,
and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they
lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;

we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them,

Thus says the LORD God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up
from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves,

and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,

and I will place you on your own soil;

then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

Response (at 8 a.m.): With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
Let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2. If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?
3. For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **R.**
4. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; and his word is my hope.
5. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night-watch for the morning,
more than the night-watch for the morning. **R.**
6. O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;
7. With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R.**

At 10 a.m.:



1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: For this we revere you **R.**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for day break. **R.**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed will he redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6–11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death,

but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh;

you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

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

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I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.'

But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'
The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'
Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight?
Those who walk during the day do not stumble,
because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'
The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.'
Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death,
but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.
Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.
For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.
But let us go to him.'
Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'
Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'
Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'
She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'
And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.
Now Jesus had not yet come to the village,
but was still at the place where Martha had met him.
The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her,
saw Mary get up quickly and go out.
They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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 South America; The Diocese of Willochra; Holy Trinity, Hampton Park; St Andrew's Brighton.

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; Jenny; 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: Margaret Anne Kearsley; Marlene Johnson, and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Helen Cameron Carter; Myrtle Hill; Alice Mary Johnson; Dianne Mercer; Helen Liliias McGee; Helen Reddrop; Diana Smith.

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

*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

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

*Postlude: Concerto in A minor, Op. 3 No. 8, 1st movement
Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741),
trans. J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

Scripture Readings next week

Isaiah 50:4 – 9(a)
Philippians 2:5 – 11

Palm Sunday

Psalm 31:9 – 18
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

NOTICES

We welcome today John, Tess, Rachel and all the family and friends of Thea Scott who have gathered for the Interment of her ashes, following the 10:00 a.m. eucharist.

**The Great Week of the Church (Holy Week) is approaching.
Please see below concerning preparing the Church for this week:**

Palm Sunday Preparation includes cutting the palms, then making and organising palm crosses for distribution.

We would greatly appreciate volunteers in the hall to assist on 2pm Thursday, 30th March.

There will be two working bees:

1st April, 9:30am – midday, As we prepare the church for Holy Week (this includes dusting, cleaning and veiling of images); then

8th April (Holy Saturday), again from 9:30 – midday. After every death, a family gathers together to 'clean up' the house of the one who has died. So too, as we mark the time when our Lord rested in the tomb, we come together to clean, polish brass, prepare flowers and candles, ready for the Great Feast that night and the next morning.

All are most welcome, and morning or afternoon teas will be supplied.

A huge thank you to Judy Mallinson and Sandra Morgan who prepared the delicious Simnel Cake for last week.

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 – \$390

Offertory Plate – \$575

Church Expenditure for the week – \$10,301

Spiritual Cafe This Tuesday 28 March

Professor Peter Sherlock will speak on “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.

Tomorrow at noon is the deadline for bookings.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 27 March	Psalm 68:1–20 Joel 7:8–24 Luke 20:1–18	Psalm 68:21–35 Jeremiah 40:1–12 2 Corinthians 5:14–21
Tuesday, 28 March	Psalm 71 Exodus 7:25–8:19 Luke 20:19–26	Psalm 119:65–88 Jeremiah 40:13–41:10 Philippians 3:7–16
Wednesday, 29 March <i>Lent Study Group at 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>Lent Study Group at 7:30 p.m.</i>	Psalm 69:1–16 Exodus 8:20–9:12 Luke 20:27–47 North Room Via Zoom (details below)	Psalm 69:17–38 Jeremiah 41:11–42:6 1 Peter 2:19–25
Thursday, 30 March	Psalm 72 Exodus 9:13–35 Luke 21:1–19	Psalm 73 Jeremiah 42:7–22 Colossians 2:8–15
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m. <i>followed by Lent Study Group</i>	Genesis 17:3–9 Psalm 105:7–11 John 8:51–59	
Friday, 31 March	Psalm 59 Exodus 10:1–20 Luke 21:20–28	Psalms 58; 79 Jeremiah 43 Hebrews 9:11–26
Saturday, 1 April	Psalm 74 Exodus 10:21–11:10 Luke 21:29–22:6	Psalms 75; 76 Jeremiah 45 Hebrews 4:1–11
Next Sunday, 26 March <i>The Sunday of the Passion</i> <i>(known as Palm Sunday)</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

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 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 Raising of Lazarus — 15th century. Novgorod school.
The Russian Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia