



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 October 2022

Hymns (NEH) 149; see inside; 271; 443
and Setting at 10:00 a.m.: The St John's Service by Harrison Oxley (1933–2009)

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

Collect

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the human heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner:
grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly
we may refrain from judging our neighbour
but rely solely upon your saving grace.

We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joel 2:23–32

A reading from the prophecy of Joel:

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke.

The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,
before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved;
for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape,
as the LORD has said,
and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65 (at 8:00 a.m.)

Response: To you, O God, shall all flesh come.

1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.
3. Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. **R.**
4. Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
5. Awesome deeds will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation;
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. **R.**
6. You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.
7. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.
8. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **R.**

9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
10. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges,
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. **R.**
12. You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
14. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16 – 18

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day,
and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me.
May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,
so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed
and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly
kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (A setting of Psalm 65 vv. 1 – 5)

1. Praise waits for you in Zion, Lord:
vows shall be paid to you.
O Lord, the One who hears our prayer,
all flesh shall come to you.
2. The sins I must confess prevail
strong over me each day;
but as for our transgressions, Lord,
you purge them all away.
3. Blessèd are they whom you will choose
and make approach to you,
that they within your courts may come
and always dwell secure.
4. We surely shall be satisfied
with your abundant grace,
and with the goodness of your house,
Lord, of your holy place.
5. O God of our salvation sure,
you, in your righteousness,
by awesome deeds to all our prayers
your answer, Lord, express.
6. Therefore the ends of all the earth
and those who dwell abroad
across the sea, their confidence
will place in you, O Lord.

*Words: Scottish Psalter (1650), alt.
Music: Abridge, Isaac Smith (1734–1805)*

GOSPEL

Luke 18:15–30

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God was in Christ to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

People were bringing even infants to Jesus that he might touch them;
and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it.

But Jesus called for them and said,

‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;

for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child
will never enter it.’

A certain ruler asked him,

‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: “You shall not commit adultery;

You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;

Honour your father and mother.” ’

He replied, ‘I have kept all these since my youth.’

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, ‘There is still one thing lacking.

Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’

But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich.

Jesus looked at him and said,

‘How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle

than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’

Those who heard it said, ‘Then who can be saved?’

He replied, ‘What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.’

Then Peter said, ‘Look, we have left our homes and followed you.’

And he said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house
or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,
who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come
eternal life.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo; Religious Communities serving in the Anglican Church of Australia; Holy Trinity, Lara with Christ Church, Little River; St Paul's, Caulfield North; St James', Dandenong; All Saints', Mitcham; All Souls', Rowville; St Mary's, Sunbury; Caulfield Grammar School.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially: Matthew, Wendy, Ann, Coral, Keith, Erica, Peter, John, Margaret, Joan, Ray and Elsbeth.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Susan Charles Berry, Elsie Casey, James Cunningham, Eric Dalton, Hazel Dean, Thomas Mitchell Felgate, Keith Garden, Nellie Johnson, Frank Nelson, Mary Newton, Edith Pearson, Phyllis Reynolds-Gill, Erina Bedford Standish, Dorothy Wedlake.

Anthem (at 10:00 a.m.):

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes
And I shall keep it unto the end.*

Words: Psalm 119:33 (Coverdale/BCP translation)
Music: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18
Ephesians 1:11–23

Psalms 149
Luke 6:20–31

NOTICES

We thank Tom Baldwin for playing the organ at the 10:00 a.m. eucharist again this morning. Please make Tom feel welcome over morning tea.

St Alban's

Collection for St Alban's Food Relief is **today**. Please leave either cash or supermarket vouchers in the bowls at the back of the church.

Next Sunday, October 30 we will keep the Feast of All Saints. To help celebrate the festival, in the afternoon, there will be a recital of song provided by two of our choristers – Isaac and Noah – as a 'trial run' for their final recital for their degrees in music.

Venue: St George's Church. Time: 2:30 p.m. Admission: **a note donation** towards our Choral Scholar fund.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)

There will be a collection for BASP next Sunday. Please refer to the flyer for donation items.

All Souls (the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed) will be held on **Wednesday, November 2**, with a Eucharist in the Church at **5:00 p.m.** During that service, a list of names of the Faithful Departed will be read and, at the conclusion of the service, we will process into the Garden of Remembrance. If you have the names of some you would like remembered during the service, please submit them to the Vicar by **5:00 p.m. on October 31**.

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the parish of St George, Malvern, on Sunday, November 20 following the 9:30 a.m. eucharist and (a very brief) morning tea.

Nomination forms for the offices of Church Warden (2 to be elected), members of the Parish Council, and the Incumbency Committee may be found at the back of the church from this morning.

Should you be unable to attend the meeting in person, owing to illness or another issue, please contact the Vicar regarding the possibility of a Zoom link being established.

Looking ahead:

The Activities Group has booked tickets for *A Christmas Carol* at the Comedy Theatre at **1.00 pm Wednesday 23rd November**. Anyone who would like to attend and has not already received details, please contact Charles Tegner by email ctegner@bigpond.net.au

Orders for Anglican Church of Australia Calendars are now being taken. Please sign the list at the back of the church indicating how many you would like to order. The price begins at \$15 (plus postage), but that decreases slightly depending on how many we, as a parish, order.

Election Cake Stall: It has been suggested that we might run a cake (and slice) stall one day in the final Saturday of pre-poll voting for the State election, when people are here to cast their votes early. Please speak with Judy Mallinson if you are interested in contributing to this fund-raising activity in the parish.

PARISH DIRECTORY



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CHURCH OFFICE is now closed until the appointment of a new Parish Administrator

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Emails will be monitored; but **not** daily. Please be patient.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 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, 24 October	Psalms 130; 131; 133 Nehemiah 2:9–20 2 Peter 1:1–11	Psalms 132; 134 Daniel 6:14–28 Matthew 18:1–14
Tuesday, 25 October	Psalm 135 Nehemiah 4 2 Peter 1:12–21	Psalm 136 Daniel 7:1–14 Matthew 18:15–35
Wednesday, 26 October	Psalms 137; 138 Nehemiah 5:1–13 2 Peter 2:1–11	Psalm 139 Daniel 7:15–28 Matthew 19:1–15
Reflections on the Lections 7:30 p.m.	via Zoom	
Thursday, 27 October	Psalm 140 Nehemiah 5:14–6:9 2 Peter 2:12–3:2	Psalms 141; 142 Daniel 8:1–14 Matthew 19:16–30
Eucharist 10:15 a.m.	Ephesians 6:10–20	Psalm 144:1–8; Luke 13:31–35
Friday, 28 October <i>Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles and Martyrs</i>	Psalms 125; 126 Jeremiah 3:11–18 Ephesians 2:11–22	Psalm 116 1 Maccabees 2:42–66 John 14:15–26
Saturday, 29 October	Psalm 145 Nehemiah 7:73–8:12 2 Peter 3:11–18	Psalm 147 Daniel 9:1–14 Matthew 20:17–34
Next Sunday, 30 October All Saints	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://us06web.zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on the Lections

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 19 October