

# **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



A fifth century baptismal font from Tunisia

November 13, 2022 10:00 a.m.

# **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Setting: Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

Prelude: Fugue in E flat ('St Anne'), BWV 552 by J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

# **Opening Hymn**

- O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
- Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
   Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.
- Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.
- A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone,
   Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
- Time, like an ever-rolling stream Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.
- 6. O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748) Music: St Anne, prob by William Croft (1678–1727)

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

#### The President offers words of welcome

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

#### one God and Father of all.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers

to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes

possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.

We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal. Children are baptized in response to God's all-embracing love.

Parents and godparents who have responded to that love

come now to bring their children for baptism.

Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church.

In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

#### A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit,

you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Priest pronounces Absolution, to which all respond **Amen.** 

#### We sing together

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come: stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, keep our hearts steady in times of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 65:17—25

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD:

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

- They shall build houses and inhabit them;
- they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### A SONG OF ISAIAH

- I. Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid.
- 2. For the Lord God is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation.
- 3. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water: out of the wells of salvation.
- 4. And in that day shall ye say, "Praise the Lord: call upon his name."
- 5. Declare his doings among the people: make mention that his name is exalted.
- 6. Sing unto the Lord: for he has done excellent things.
- 7. This is known in all the earth.
- 8. Cry out and shout: thou inhabitants of Zion.
- 9. For great is the Holy One of Israel: in the midst of thee.

#### SECOND READING:

2 Thessalonians 3: 6–13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Church in Thessalonica:

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness

and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.

This was not because we do not have that right,

but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## **Gradual Hymn**

- Lord, thy word abideth, And our footsteps guideth; Who its truth believeth, Light and joy receiveth.
- When our foes are near us, Then thy word doth cheer us, Word of consolation, Message of salvation.
- 3. Who can tell the pleasure, Who recount the treasure By thy word imparted To the simple hearted?
- 4. O that we discerning Its most holy learning, Lord may love and fear thee, Evermore be near thee.

Words: H. W. Baker (1821–77) Music: Ravenshaw, mediaeaval German melody, adapted and harmonised by W. H. Monk (1823–89)

# GOSPEL

Luke 21: 5–19

Alleluia, alleluia!

'Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.'

### Alleluia!

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple,

how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see,

the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be,

and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?'

And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray;

for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and,

"The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified;

for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation,

and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes,

and in various places famines and plagues;

and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you;

they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

This will give you an opportunity to testify.

So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance;

for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers,

by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name.

But not a hair of your head will perish.

By your endurance you will gain your souls.

#### For the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### The Sermon

After the sermon, silence is kept.

# THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the candidates and their sponsors to stand in view of the congregation.

We welcome Margaret who comes to be baptized. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

#### The sponsors answer We present Margaret Isabel Mahoney to be baptized.

The priest says to the sponsors of those unable to answer for themselves

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Margaret for baptism? I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Margaret? I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Margaret in the life and faith of the Christian community? I will, with God's help.

# THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

#### I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

#### I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**  Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

# I will, with God's help.

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

# We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Margaret may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in her. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in her. **Amen.** 

Give to her sponsors and family the desire to share with her what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.** 

May she know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May she proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.** 

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.** 

Margaret with her sponsors and family move to the font.

# THE BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;

you nourish and sustain all living things.

# Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

# Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

### Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

# Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

# Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Margaret to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water

so that she who is baptized in it

may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May she die to sin, rise to newness of life,

and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The minister now says to the sponsors of Margaret:

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

# I believe in God, the Father almighty,

#### creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The minister says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

The Congregation responds:

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Margaret Isabel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Margaret, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

The congregation responds, saying

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The congregation joins the minister saying

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father. God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister in saying

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

# THE GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way, and especially greet and welcome the world's newest Christian – Margaret.

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

During the following hymn, the people's gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared.

# **Offertory Hymn**

- Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.
- Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings within, and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come.
- Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
  Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
  Because thy promise I believe,
  O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am (thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down), Now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am, of that free love The breadth, length, depth and height to prove, Here for a season then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

> Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871) Music: Saffron Walden, Arthur Henry Brown (1830–1926)

The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

#### Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with the prayer, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. The President continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

# Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

A brief silence is kept.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

#### We sing:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is distributed. All are welcome to receive the sacrament or a blessing.

Please note: the sacrament is offered in both kinds but, owing to health regulations, intinction ('dipping' the host into the chalice) **is not permitted.** 

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin, and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win: This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou diddest die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love thee for the same again: And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, With love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear love, like as we ought, Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

> Words: 'Sonnet 68' by Edmund Spenser (1552–99) Music: William H. Harris (1883–1973)

After Communion, silence is kept.

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand. The President offers a prayer, concluding with:

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Please sit for notices.

# **CLOSING HYMN**

#### All stand

- God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of thy face: Shine upon us, Saviour, shine, Fill thy Church with light divine; And thy saving health extend Until earth's remotest end.
- Let the people praise thee, Lord; Be by all that live adored: Let the nations shout and sing, Glory to their Saviour King; At thy feet their tributes pay, And thy holy will obey.
- Let the people praise thee, Lord; Earth shall then her fruits afford, God to earth all blessings give, Earth to God devoted live; All below, and all above, One in joy, and light, and love.

Words: H. F. Lyte (1793–1847) Music: Heathlands, Henry Smart (1813–79)

The priest pronounces a blessing to which all respond: **Amen.** 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: 'Praise the Lord, O my soul', from 66 Chorale Improvisations for Organ Op.65 Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: CHRIST THE KING**

Jeremiah 23:1–6 Colossians 1:11–20

Song of Zechariah Luke 23:33–43

# NOTICES

#### <u>Welcome</u>

We are very pleased to welcome the family, sponsor and friends of Margaret Isabel Mahoney who is to be baptized this morning.

#### Annual General Meeting

will take place following a combined 9:30 a.m. eucharist next **Sunday, November 20**. This meeting will take place in the Church, following a brief morning tea.

- I. The Parish Electoral Roll, as amended, is now available to view on the noticeboard.
- Nominations to the office of Church Warden (2 to be elected); membership of the Parish Council (6 to be elected); and membership of the Parish Incumbency Committee (2 to be elected) should be made in writing to the Parish Secretary or the Vicar by TODAY.

Each nomination (collect from the back) must be signed by at least two members on the parish electoral roll, and must also include the written consent of the person nominated.

3. Those reports already received are available for collection today. Others will be emailed by Thursday 17, in keeping with the requirements of the *Parish Governance Act*. Those who are preparing reports and have not yet submitted them will need to submit them to the Vicar by Wednesday November 16.

The **Anglican Historical Society** will hold the 2022 James Grant Memorial Lecture on Wednesday 16 November, 2022 at 6.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne. The lecturer is the Right Reverend Dr Brad Billings; and the title is: "The Lambeth Conference of 1920, and the Lambeth Conference now." All welcome.

**Orders for the Australian Anglican Church Calendar** are still being taken. Please leave your name on the list at the back of the church, indicating how many calendars you would like. They will be a *maximum* of \$15.00 each (+postage) depending how many we order as a parish.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination of Women

We are celebrating 30 years of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. The Archbishop has invited us all to join him at St Paul's Cathedral. to celebrate this anniversary, the details are:

- Date: 13 December, 6:00 p.m.
- Venue: St Paul's Cathedral
- Preacher: The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO

#### Advance Notice

On **Advent Sunday** (**November 27**) we will hold a Festal Evensong (BCP) for Advent Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

On the **fourth Sunday of Advent** (*December 18*) we will have a service of Carols and Readings looking towards Christmas – a chance to reflect on the season of Advent, and ahead to the Feast of the Nativity (i.e. Christmas.) This will be in the evening at a time to be confirmed.

**On Christmas Eve**, there will be a special service for children and families at 5:00 p.m. **Midnight Mass** will occur at 11:30 p.m., and there will be one eucharist (at 9:30 a.m.) on **Christmas Day.** 

### 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, 14 November	Psalm 34 Zechariah 9:1–10 Revelation 6:12–7:8	Psalm 119:17–40 Wisdom 4:7–20 Matthew 24:32–51
Tuesday, 15 November	Psalm 37:1–17 Zechariah 9:11–10:5 Revelation 7:9–17	Psalm 37:18–41 Wisdom 5 Matthew 25:1–13
Wednesday, 16 November Margaret of Scotland, Queen, helper of the poor	Psalm 38 Zechariah 10:6–11:3 Revelation 8	Psalm 39 Wisdom 6:1–16 Matthew 25:14–30
Reflections on the Lections	Via Zoom: see details below	
<b>Thursday, 17 November</b> Hilda of Whitby, abbess Hugh of Lincoln, bishop	Psalm 40 Zechariah 11:4–17 Revelation 9:1–12	Psalms 42; 43 Wisdom 6:17–7:6 Matthew 25:31–46
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Revelation 5:1–10; Psalm 149;	Luke 19:41-44
Friday, 18 November	Psalms 41; 44:1–9 Zechariah 12 Revelation 9:13–21	Psalm 44:10–27 Wisdom 7:7–20 Mark 1:1–13
<b>Saturday, 19 November</b> Elizabeth of Hungary, princess, philanthropist	Psalm 45 Zechariah 13 Revelation 10	Psalms 46; 47 Wisdom 7:21–8:4 Mark 1:14–28
Next Sunday, 20 November	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Feast of Christ the King	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Meditation

#### **Morning Prayer**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWR1dm1XWDQ4Zz09

#### **Evening Prayer**

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#### **Reflections on the Lections**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=M1czZ1JRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09

#### 9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

#### 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 16 November

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### **Acting ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Claire Sheppard and John Mallinson with thanks to them both as they assist in the vacancy.

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

Phone: 9822 3030 (advice as to relevant contact. numbers will be provided.) Email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org Emails will be monitored; but <u>not</u> daily. Please be patient.

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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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