



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

Patronal Festival



**Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving
for the life and witness of
George of Lydda, Martyr**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Setting of the Eucharist:

Holy Trinity Mass, John Ross

All stand.

Deacon: Let us proceed in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

The Procession having reached the step, the President prays the following Collect, then censes the Icon of St George:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Graciously hear us O Lord, holy Father,
Almighty, everlasting God;
and may it please you to send your holy angel from heaven
to keep, cheer, guard and defend all
who are gathered together in this holy place,
dedicated to your Great Martyr, George,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The hymn and Procession recommence.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.
5. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Latin, c. 7th century tr. J. M. Neale (1818–66)
Music: 'Westminster Abbey', by Henry Purcell (1659–95)
Descant: John Rutter (b. 1945)

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words, followed by a sentence of Scripture.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We sing together:

**Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

**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:

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 12: 7–12

A reading from the Revelation to John:

War broke out in heaven;

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.

The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated,
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent,
who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—
he was thrown down to the earth,
and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.


But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

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

PSALM 126

Sung Response:



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathen themselves said,
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in a dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**
4. They go out, they go out full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter to Timothy:

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs;
the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer.

And in the case of an athlete,

no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of
the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—
that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship,

even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,

so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2:3–13

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

- Lo! God is here! Let us adore
And own how dreadful is this place!
Let all within us feel his power,
And silent bow before his face:
Who know his power, his grace who prove,
Serve him with awe, with reverence love.

2. Lo! God is here! Him day and night
The united choirs of angels sing;
To him, enthroned above all height,
Heaven's hosts their noblest praises bring;
To thee may all our thoughts arise
Ceaseless, accepted Sacrifice.

Words: German, G. Tersteegen (1697–1769), tr. John Wesley (1703–91)
Music: 'Mach's Mit Mir Gott', first published J. H. Schein (1628)
harmony J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

c.f. 1 Peter 4:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus continued speaking to the disciples, and said:

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.

If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own.

Because you do not belong to the world,
but I have chosen you out of the world—
therefore the world hates you.

Remember the word that I said to you,

"Servants are not greater than their master."

If they persecuted me, they will persecute you;

if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

But they will do all these things to you on account of my name,
because they do not know him who sent me.'

John 15: 18–21

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon. After the sermon, silence is kept.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for the Church throughout the world, remembering today all churches and institutions who share with us the patronage of George, and especially the Cathedral Churches of St George in Perth and Jerusalem, and the Chapel of St George within Windsor Castle.

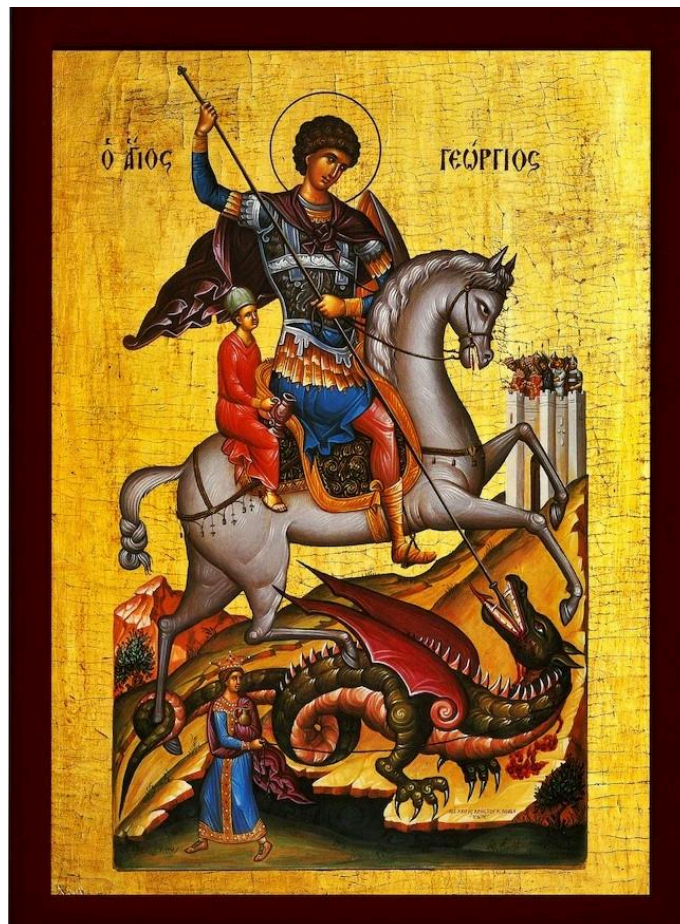
The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Tasmania; St Peter's, Melbourne; Ss Peter's and James', Kilsyth-Montrose; Brighton Grammar School.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for: Adrian; Angus; Ann; Anne; Coral; Ivan; Jenny; Joan; John; John & Margaret; Judy; Judy; Keith & Erica; Peter; Roger; Ron; Ron; Tom and those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently: Gillian Isbel and Jenny Pickering; and for those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Rudolph Bailey; Leslie Clifton Blackman; George Bloom; Arthur Clark; Brian Wilson Cherry; George Granger; Florence Hale; Mary Frances Hewett; Barry Willard Kennedy; Edith Manning; Frank Oldfield; Sandy Richards; Constance Jean Sawyer; Kathryn Simos; Henry Sullivan



MARKING THE END OF A MINISTRY

Bryan Elmes and Members of the Cabrini Ministry Team gather at the front

Vicar: My sisters and brothers, the church lives by the power of the Word and the Spirit, and remains convinced that God never fails to raise up those who provide a witness to God's love and compassion for the world and all people through loving service and word.

Since the inception of this parish's ministry at Cabrini Hospital – that is, for three decades – Bryan Elmes has played a vital role in that ministry, latterly co-ordinating it.

Bryan, we have all witnessed your faithful ministry over so many years, recognising the witness you have borne to this parish's commitment to those in need, and the desire of the whole people of God to contribute to the work of God, to make God's loving presence known, making a Christian witness in the community by word and action. The time has come to mark the end of Bryan's role and responsibilities at Cabrini, to offer him our thanks, and to pray that God's blessing will continue to be upon him, as it has been on all those for whom he has cared.

Therefore, we thank you for your ministry, and release you from it. We pray that members of the parish will continue to follow your example of care and witness, and we commit, following that example, to extend the pastoral care you have given to so many to you. We pray, too, that God will continue to accompany and bless you in your life.

Members of the Cabrini team gather around Bryan and lay hands on him as the Vicar says:

Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid:
for it is the Lord who goes with you.
Your God will not fail you or forsake you.
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Bryan responds: I give thanks for the ministry to which I have been called. I pray for those who will continue it; I know God, who is ever faithful, will be with you, and that God goes with me.

The congregation acknowledges Bryan with applause.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence is kept.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The President says:

Jesus stood among the disciples and said,
'My peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you.' Alleluia!

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you. Alleluia!
And also with you. Alleluia!

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way.

*[Throughout the Easter season, it is customary to use the greeting:
'Christ is Risen. Alleluia!', to which the response is 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!']*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

Hymn

1. Leader now on earth no longer,
Soldier of th'eternal king,
Victor in the fight for heaven,
We thy loving praises sing.

Chorus:

*Great Saint George, our patron, help us,
In the conflict be thou nigh;
Help us in that daily battle,
Where each one must win or die.*

2. Praise him who in deadly battle
Never shrank from foe or sword,
Proof against all earthly weapon,
Gave his life for Christ the Lord.
3. Who, when earthly war was over,
Fought, but not for earth's renown;
Fought, and won a nobler glory,
Won the martyr's purple crown.
4. Onward, till, our striving over,
On life's battlefield we fall,
Resting then, but ever ready,
Waiting for the angel's call.

*Words: J.W. Reeks (1849–1900)
Music: 'Pond Street' by John Earwaker (1936–)
arr. Heather Moen-Boyd (1953–)*

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 a 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:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We sing:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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.

During Communion, the choir sings:

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: Edmund Spenser (1553 – 99)
Music: William H. Harris (1883–1973)

After Communion, silence is kept.

All stand

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

President: God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with George and all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Recessional Hymn

1. Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand
Dominion rests on sea and land,
Before whose word of life or death
The strength of nations is but breath:
O King, enthroned all thrones above,
Give strength unto this church we love.
2. To George our Saint thou gavest grace
Without one fear all foes to face,
And to confess by faithful death
That Word of Life which was his breath.
O help us, helper of Saint George,
To fear no bonds humans can forge.
3. Arm us, like him, who in thy trust
Beat down the dragon to the dust;
So that we too may tread down sin
And with thy saints a crown may win.
Help us, O God, that we may be
A church acceptable to thee.

Words: Laurence Housman (1865–1959) alt.

Music: Melita, J. B. Dykes (1823–76)

Descant: Alan Gray (1855–1935)

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Marche Héroïque

A. Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	Morning Prayer in Chapel and by	Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)
Monday, 24 April	Psalms 130; 131; 133 Exodus 19:1–15 John 9:1–12	Psalms 132; 134 Joshua 6:22–7:12 1 Corinthians 1:1–9
Tuesday, 25 April <i>St Mark, ANZAC Day</i>	Psalms 19 Isaiah 50:4–11 Acts 12:25–13:13	Psalms 45 Ezekiel 1:4–15 2 Timothy 4:1–11
Wednesday, 26 April <i>Reflections on the Lectons 7:30 p.m.</i>	Psalms 137; 138 Exodus 20:18–21:6 John 9:24–41	Psalms 139 Joshua 8:10–35 1 Corinthians 1:20–31
Thursday, 27 April	Psalms 140 Exodus 22:20–23:3 John 10:1–18	Psalms 141; 142 Joshua 9:3–21 1 Corinthians 2:1–11
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Acts 8:26–40 Psalm 66:7–11 John 6:44–51	
Friday, 28 April	Psalms 143; 146 Exodus 23:4–17 John 10:19–30	Psalms 119:153–176 Joshua 10:1–11 1 Corinthians 2:12–3:4
Saturday, 29 April	Psalms 145 Exodus 23:20–33 John 10:31–42	Psalms 147 Joshua 10:12–27 1 Corinthians 3:5–17
Next Sunday, 30 April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRI dm l XWDQ4Zz09>

8:30 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 Lectons

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=Ml czZl J RempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 26 April

NOTICES

Our Patronal Celebrations continue this evening at 5:00 p.m., with a Festive Choral Evensong, followed by a Sparkling Supper. Do come and continue our thanksgiving for the life and witness of St George.

St Alban's Food Relief collection is at both services this morning. We are one of the main contributors to this outreach, so please give generously at this time of great need in this disadvantaged area of our City.

And next Sunday, April 30 will see food collection for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Resource Centre. Please collect a flyer at the entrance to the church for information as to what things are most needed.

Reflections on the Lections will recommence on Wednesday evening (**April 26**) at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom.

Spiritual Café meets next on **Monday 8th May**

Our speaker will be The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith AM, Mission Priest in the parish of The Goldfields, based in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Southern Cross, member of the Liturgical Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia and renowned hymn writer. Her topic will be "Creativity: inspiration, discipline, gift."

Please join us at Giorgio's Restaurant for a meal and conversation.

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

Fire Safety Regulations require that St George's Malvern conduct regular mandatory fire drills. This is advance notice that an Emergency Fire Drill will be conducted on **Sunday 30 April 2023 at the 8:00 and 10:00 am services**. The aim of the Emergency Fire Drill is to get people out of the church in an orderly way as soon as possible. Written instructions regarding fire drill procedures will be provided on 30 April 2023. Any inquiries may be directed to the wardens or Leonie Bird (parish OHS officer) leoniebird@vicbar.com.au.

Ageing and wellbeing seminar: Enhancing our resilience. Wednesday May 10th, 5-6:30p.m. at St John's, Toorak.

Do we want to thrive rather than just survive as we age? As well as the provision of information, resources and personal experiences, there will be opportunity for questions and discussion on key issues raised. All welcome, including carers.

Refreshments provided. For further information contact the Revd Dr Wendy Crouch on 9826 1434 or email: assistantpriest@saintjohnsanglican.org

Scripture Readings next week

Acts 2: 42–47
1 Peter 2:1–10

Easter 4

Psalms 23
John 10:1–10

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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.*