



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

14 May, 2023

Hymns and Setting (10:00 a.m.):

115; 114; 295; 377

Holy Trinity Mass, John Ross (1934–96)

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

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book (with seasonal additions pp. 154–5)

Sentence: ‘Those who love me will keep my word,’ Jesus said, ‘and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’

John 14:23

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would

live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

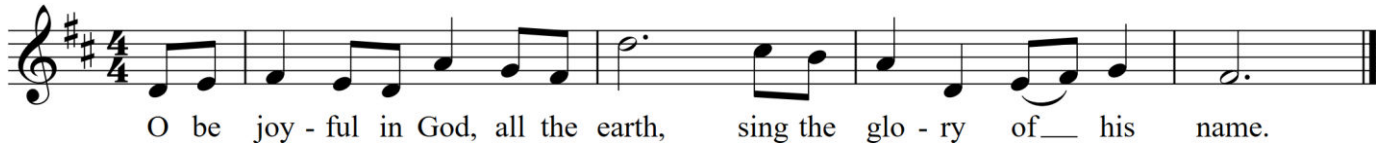
PSALM 66:7–19 (8:00 a.m.)

Response: Bless our God, you peoples.

7. Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard.
8. Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. **R.**
9. For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **R.**
12. I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
12. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. **R.**
14. Come and listen, all you who fear God;
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15. I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.
16. If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; **R.**
17. But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me. **R.**

at 10:00 a.m.

Chant: Colin Mawby (1936–2019)



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9. Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.
10. For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
11. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
12. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
13. I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,
14. which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
15. I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.
16. Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
17. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue.
18. If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me,
19. But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:8–22

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing.

It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For ‘Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Grafton; Working Group on Aboriginal Matters (NATSIAC); St Peter's, Ocean Grove with All Saints', Barwon Heads; Holy Trinity Coburg; St Nicholas' Mordialloc; St Andrew's Brighton; Christ Church Melton.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you.

We pray for: Angus; Ann; Anne; Coral; Heather; Ivan; Jenny; Joan; John; John & Margaret; Judy; Keith & Erica; Peter; Ron; Ron and those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: John Fraser Scott; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Janet Alexander; Lily (Pat) Boughton; Sheila Burgess; Colin Cruth; Betty Glover; William Hardy; Margery Johnson; Pauline Scott-Mackenzie; Anne Nicholls ; Roger Bailie Nicholson; Peter Olney; Gladys May Reilly; Jess Slattery; Albert Wilson; Samuel Richard Creswick Wood.

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Words: John 14:15–17
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505–85)

Postlude: Postlude
Arnold Cooke (1906–2005)

NOTICES

Reflections on the Lections continues this Wednesday evening, please refer below.

The Reverend Dr John Fraser Scott, AO

The Requiem Eucharist for our dear brother in Christ John will be held on **Tuesday May 23 at 2:00 p.m.** Please continue to pray for Douglas, Rachel, Tess and all the family in this time of grief.

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, together with Christ Church South Yarra, warmly invite you to join us for the **2023 Tucker Oration**, on Wednesday, **24 May from 6:30 p.m.** at Christ Church South Yarra, Cnr Punt and Toorak Roads, South Yarra. To book your free ticket, please go to <https://events.humanitix.com/2023-gerard-tucker-oration> by **15 May 2023**.

The Tudor Choristers, proudly present their first concert of Season '23 on Saturday, 20th May, 4 p.m. at the Church of All Nations, Carlton, Vic. In gratitude for untiring efforts to protect us, especially in recent times, Concert for a Cause honours Essential Workers. To help raise money, you can add a donation to the price of your ticket(s). You can purchase tickets to attend from or watch livestream and make a donation from <https://www.tudorchoristers.org.au/event-details/concert-for-a-cause-essential-workers>.

Pre-Synod meeting. Victorian Anglicans Together will hold a meeting concerning this year's Synod in St George's Centre from **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 3**. This is an important meeting for our elected members of Synod, but others who are interested in the future direction of our Diocese are also warmly invited to attend.

In the meeting there will be a brief presentation by Mr Colin Reilly on the recent 'Kigali Statement' released by members of GAFCON. In that statement, members of GAFCON have rejected the four traditional 'Instruments of Communion' of the Global Anglican Communion: The Archbishop of Canterbury; the Anglican Consultative Council; the Lambeth Council; and the Primates' Meeting. This has significant ramifications for our Church in this Diocese – especially as the number of Melbourne Anglicans aligning themselves with GAFCON appears to be growing.

Pew sheet contributions and notices kindly need to be submitted to the office by close of business on Tuesday.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:6–14
1 Peter 5

Psalms 68:1–10; 14; 32–35
John 17:1–11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u>	<u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u>
Monday, 15 May	Psalm 104:1–25 Exodus 34:27–35:9 John 13:36–14:7	Psalm 104:26–37 Judges 6:25–40 1 Corinthians 10:1–11
Tuesday, 16 May	Psalm 105:1–22 Exodus 35:20–36:7 John 14:8–13	Psalm 105:23–45 Judges 7:1–22 1 Corinthians 10:12–22
Wednesday, 17 May <i>Reflections on the Lections, 7:30 p.m.</i>	Psalm 106:1–24 Exodus 40:17–38 John 15:1–11	Psalm 99 Isaiah 63:7–14 Colossians 2:20–3:4
Thursday, 18 May Ascension Day	Psalm 97 Daniel 7:9–14 John 14:12–29	Psalm 110 2 Kings 2:1–15 Revelation 5:1–10
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15–23 Matthew 26:16–20	
Friday, 19 May <i>Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (d. 988)</i>	Psalms 110; 111 Deuteronomy 1:1–21 John 15:12–25	Psalms 112; 113 Judges 8:1–3; 22–35 1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1
Saturday, 20 May	Psalms 114; 115 Deuteronomy 1:22–45 John 15:26–16:11	Psalms 116; 117 Judges 9:1–22; 50–57 1 Corinthians 11:2–16
Next Sunday, 21 May Seventh Sunday in Easter (Sunday after Ascension)	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

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8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on Lections

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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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.