



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION)



*L'Ascensione, Giotto (1305)*  
Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy

**21 May, 2023**

**8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**

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

352; 134 vv. 1-3; 271; 440  
Christ Church Mass by Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

*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:** This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

*c.f. John 17:3*

## Collect

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,  
and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:  
by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word,  
so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love  
and service, now and for ever.                   **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:6–14*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus,  
‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’  
He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father  
has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea  
and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven,  
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said,  
‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?  
This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,  
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,  
which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs  
where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip

and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus,  
and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.  
All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer,  
together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus,  
as well as his brothers.

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

## **PSALM 68:1-10; 32-35**

(at 8:00 a.m.)

**Response: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;**

1. Let God arise and let his enemies shall be scattered;  
let those that hate him shall flee before him.
2. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R.**
3. But the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.
4. Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens,  
The LORD is his name, rejoice before him. **R.**
5. Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation.
6. God give the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
but rebels shall live in dry places. **R.**
7. O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,
8. The earth shook, the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,  
the God of Sinai; at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R.**
9. You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
10. Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision for the poor.... **R.**
32. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises to the Lord.
33. He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. **R.**

34. Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

35. How wonderful is God in his holy places!  
the God of Israel is giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God.

**R.**

at 10:00 a.m.

Response: Simon Lesley  
Chant: John Goss (1800–1880)



1. God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered :  
those that hate him shall flee before his face.

2. As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:  
as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish  
at the presence of God.

**R.**

3. But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God :  
they shall rejoice with gladness.

4. O sing to God, sing praises to his name :  
glorify him that rode through the deserts, him whose name is the Lord,  
and exult before him.

**R.**

5. He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow :  
God in his holy dwelling place.

6. He gives the desolate a home to dwell in, and brings the prisoners out into  
prosperity : but rebels must dwell in a barren land.

**R.**

7. O God, when you went out before your people :  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8. The earth shook, the heavens poured down water :  
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

**R.**

9. You showered down a generous rain, O God :  
you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.

10. And there your people settled : in the place that your goodness, O God,  
had made ready for the poor....

**R.**

32. Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises to the Lord,  
33. To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning :  
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice. **R.**
34. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel :  
and his might is in the clouds.
35. Terrible is God who comes from his holy place :  
the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people.  
Blessed be God. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 5*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ,  
as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed,  
I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge,  
exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly,  
as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly.  
Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And  
when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never  
fades away.

In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders.  
And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one  
another, for

‘God opposes the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,  
so that he may exalt you in due time.

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil  
prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your  
faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world  
are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.. And after you have suffered  
for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God.

Stand fast in it.

Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark.

Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

## **GOSPEL**

*John 17:1-11*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**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.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.

They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,

and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf;

I am not asking on behalf of the world,

but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.  
And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name  
that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies; The Diocese of Perth;  
Anglican Development Fund; The Anglican Parish of St George, Queenscliff and St James' Point  
Lonsdale;

St Mary's Caulfield; St John the Divine Croydon; St Mark's Spotswood; Merri Creek Anglican  
Church Clifton Hill.

### **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; Elizabeth; Elsbeth; 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: Margaret Batt;  
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Elizabeth Armstrong; Rowan Blogg;  
Ethel Cameron; Elwood (Ted) Chandler; Margaret Courtney; Jean Frances Crameri; Betty Cuming;  
Ian Harry (Toby) Cuming; Nancy Hillier; Percival Philp (Peter) Jackson; Janet Lloyd;  
Hilda (Peg) Payne; Elsie May Smith; and Sabina Beatrice Victoria Westcott.

*During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:*

- 1 *The Lord ascendeth up on high,  
the Lord hath triumphed gloriously,  
in power and might excelling;  
the grave and hell are captive led,  
see him return, our glorious Head,  
to his eternal dwelling.*
  
- 2 *The heavens with joy receive their Lord,  
by saints, by angel hosts adored,  
O day of exultation!  
Come earth, adore thy glorious King!  
His rising, his ascension sing  
with grateful adoration!*

3 *Our great High Priest hath gone before,  
now on his Church his grace to pour;  
and still his love he giveth:  
oh, may our hearts to him ascend;  
may all within us upward tend  
to him who ever liveth!*

*Words: Arthur T. Russell (1806–74)  
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)  
arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)*

*Postlude: Toccata on ‘Lobe den Herren’  
Hans Friedrich Micheelsen (1902–72)*

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THE FEAST OF PENTECOST**

Acts 2:1–21  
I Corinthians 12:1–13

Psalm 104:26–36  
John 20:19–23



## NOTICES

**The Requiem Eucharist for The Reverend Dr John Fraser Scott, AO** 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 Funeral of Margaret Batt** will be held at St George's next **Thursday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m.** The regular Thursday morning eucharist will not occur this week.

**National Breast Cancer Foundation: research, treatment and care:** long-standing parishioner and chorister Suzanne (Suzie) Hill will be joining people across the country in the 'cut/colour/shave' fundraiser. Suzie will be shaving her head on Tuesday of this week to raise awareness of the appalling consequences that follow from the treatment of this insidious disease, and to raise money to assist in research, treatment and care. Breast cancer affects so many – including in our own congregation – so Suzie would be delighted and grateful if as many as possible from among her brothers and sisters at St George's felt able to donate to this fundraising appeal. Suzie's fundraising page is: <https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/suziehill/suzie-supporting-elle>.

Please donate as much, or as little, as you feel able to help.

**The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** sends to the Parishioners at St George's their great appreciation of the recent generous delivery of donations of both money and food following our end of April collection. There was a delay in delivery since the usual delivery method was delayed.

**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**.

**Special Kidz** will be running its Annual 24 Hour Treadmill Challenge across Glenferrie Road on 2– 3 June. Please be advised that we are providing them with parking for this event from 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2 until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3.

**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.

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Weekdays Monday – Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer Evening Prayer</b>
<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u></b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u></b>
<b>Monday, 8 May</b>	Psalm 118:1–18 Deuteronomy 1:46–2:19 John 16:12–24	Psalms 118:19–29; 120 Judges 10:10–11:11 1 Corinthians 11:17–34
<b>Tuesday, 9 May</b>	Psalms 124; 125; 126 Deuteronomy 2:24–3:5 John 16:25–17:5	Psalms 127; 128; 129 Judges 11:29–40 (12:1–7) 1 Corinthians 12:1–13
<b>Wednesday, 10 May</b> <i>John (d. 1791) and Charles (d. 1788) Wesley, evangelists</i>  <i>Reflections on the Lections, 7:30 p.m.</i>	Psalms 130; 131; 133 Deuteronomy 3:18–4:8 John 17:6–19	Psalms 132; 134 Judges 13:1–18 1 Corinthians 12:14–31
<b>Thursday, 11 May</b> <i>Bede of Jarrow, priest and teacher (d. 739)</i>	Psalm 135 Deuteronomy 4:9–24 John 17:20–26	Psalm 136 Judges 13:19–14:9 1 Corinthians 13
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6–11	Psalm 16:1–6      John 17:20–26
<b>Friday, 12 May</b> <i>Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop (d. 605)</i>	Psalms 137; 138 Deuteronomy 4:25–42 Acts 1:1–14	Psalm 139 Judges 14:10–31 15:8 1 Corinthians 14:1–12
<b>Saturday, 13 May</b>	Psalm 140 Deuteronomy 5:1–21 Acts 1:15–26	Psalm 48 Numbers 11:16–17; 24–30 1 Corinthians 14:13–25
<b>Next Sunday, 14 May</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b> <b>(Whitsunday)</b> <b>Last Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Meditation</b>

### Morning Prayer

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### Evening Prayer

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### Reflections on Lections

**7:30 p.m., Wednesday**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>



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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.*