

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 25 June, 2023



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

The St John's Service – Harrison Oxley (1933–2009)

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 find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

c.f. Matthew 10:39

Gracious God,

we who were baptised into Christ Jesus

were baptised into his death:

we pray that, as you raised him from death,

so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory,

knowing ourselves to be dead in sin

but alive for you in Jesus Christ;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8–21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned;

and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian,

whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

So she said to Abraham,

'Cast out this slave woman with her son;

for the son of this slave woman

shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.'

The matter was very distressing to Abraham

on account of his son.

But God said to Abraham,

'Do not be distressed because of the boy

and because of your slave woman;

whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you,

for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you.

As for the son of the slave woman,

I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.'
So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away.
And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said. 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid: for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went. and filled the skin with water.

God was with the boy,
and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness,
and became an expert with the bow.
He lived in the wilderness of Paran;
and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear the word of the Lord.

and gave the boy a drink.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (at 8:00 a.m.)

# Response: You, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion.

I	Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.	
2	Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who trusts in you.	
3	Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; I call upon you all day long.	R.
4	Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.	
5	For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, and great is your love towards all who call upon you.	R.
6	Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.	
7	In the time of my trouble I call upon you, for you will answer me.	
8	Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD nor anything like your works.	R.
9	All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name.	
10	For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.	R.
16	Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your handmaid.	
17	Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.	R.

# at 10:00am (sung by the choir)

Chant: James Turle (1802-1882)

- I Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor, and in misery.
- 2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
- Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon thee.
- 4 Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- For thou, Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
- 6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer: and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
- In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou hearest me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: there is not one that can do as thou doest.
- 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord: and shall glorify thy Name.
- 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.
- O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.
- 17 Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say?
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?
By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?
Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
Therefore we have been buried with him
by baptism into death, so that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ. being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all: but the life he lives. he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:24–39

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our hearts, O LORD, to listen to the words of your Son.

#### Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

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

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them;

for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

What I say to you in the dark,

tell in the light;

and what you hear whispered,

proclaim from the housetops.

Do not fear those who kill the body

but cannot kill the soul;

rather fear him who can destroy

both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father.

And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

So do not be afraid;

you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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 of Bangladesh; The Diocese of Central Queensland; The Parish of St Peter's, Ocean Grove; St Mary's Cathedral Kuala Lumpur; All Saints Footscray and Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation.

#### For all in need

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

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

#### For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Diana Evans

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Daphne (Bon) Chandler; Amelia Corless; Helen Cotton; Robert Farquharson; Roberta Frost; Jill Slattery; John Hilsberg; Ewen Scott-Mackenzie; Bill McSpedden, Priest; Leonard Newton; Montolieu (Mon) Russell and Frank Townsend, Priest.

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

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:

Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death!

O sweet, O gentle,
O Jesu, son of Mary.

Words: Eucharistic hymn c. 13<sup>th</sup> century Music: Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Postlude: Toccata in G minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Genesis 22:1–14 Psalm 13
Romans 6:12–23 Matthew 10:40–42

#### **NOTICES**

We welcome today as our preacher The Reverend Professor Christiaan (Chris) Mostert. Please make him welcome.

The Vicar continues on annual leave until this Wednesday, June 28. During that time, Fr Matthew Dowsey will take Thursday morning eucharists and our locum will be The Reverend Professor Christiaan (Chris) Mostert.

**Mid-winter** is nearly upon us, and we are celebrating with a catered luncheon in the hall after Sunday's 10:00 a.m. service on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Feel free to bring friends to enjoy delicious food and a social time together! Cost is \$50 per head (subsidised by the Parish). If you are able to contribute more, please be generous. **Please do not allow the cost to deter you from attending**, just speak to a Warden or Sandra Morgan. Kindly RSVP to the parish administrator by email – office@stgeorgesmalvern.org. Payment options:

- (I) Direct Debit: St George's Malvern BSB: 703122 AC# 05009778 Reference "Midwinter".
- (2) Cheque Payable to St George's Anglican Church Malvern, handed to one of the Wardens.

**St Alban's Food Relief collection** is at this morning's services. 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. For further information, please contact Helen Baddeley on 0417 302 236.

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Day	Morning Prayer in Chapel and by	Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)
Monday, 26 June	Psalms 137:1-6 (7-9); 138 I Samuel 17:55-18:16 Acts 12:1-11	Psalm 139 Sirach 18:1–14 James 1:1–18
Tuesday, 27 June Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher, first British martyr (d. 444)	Psalm 140 I Samuel 18:17–30 Acts 12:12–25	Psalms 141; 142 Sirach 22:6–18 James 1:19–2:7
Wednesday, 28 June Irenaeus of Lyons, bishop and teacher, (d. c. 200) Evening Prayer: Peter and Paul	Psalms 143; 146 I Samuel 19:1–17 Acts 13:1–12	Psalm 119:153–176 Sirach 22:27–23:11 James 2:8–26
Thursday, 29 June Peter and Paul, Apostles and Martyrs	Psalm 71 Ezekiel 2:1–7 Acts 9:32–43	Psalm 116 Zechariah 4:1–6a, 10b–14 Revelation 11:1–4, 15–18
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Acts 12:1–11 Psalm 87 John 21:15–22	2 Timothy 4:6–8 (9–16), 17–18
Friday, 30 June	Psalms 148; 149 1 Samuel 20:12–34 Acts 13:26–41	Psalms 144; 150 Sirach 24:18-34 James 4
Saturday, I July Coming of the Light, First missionaries to the Torres Strait (1871)	Psalms 1; 2 I Samuel 20:35–21:7 Acts 13:42–52	Psalms 3; 4 Sirach 27:25–28:9 James 5
Next Sunday, 2 July	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Meditation

**Morning Prayer** 

8:30 a.m., Monday - Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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**Evening Prayer** 

5:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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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.