



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 July, 2023

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

234; 376; 274; 408

Christ Church Mass – 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: ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’

c.f. Matthew 11.28–29

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

A reading from the book Genesis.

The servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban:

‘I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.

My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.”’

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' — let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' ...

And Rebekah's brother and mother called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

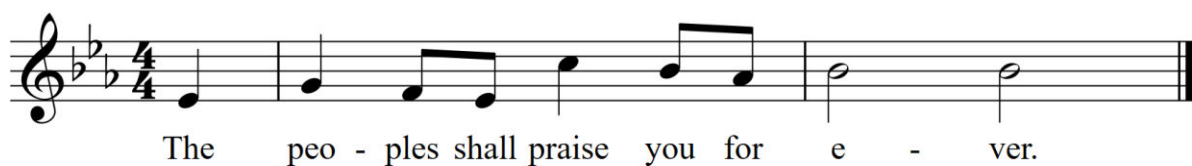
Psalm 45:10–17

(at 8:00 a.m.). **Response: Grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.**

10. Hear, O daughter, consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your father's house.
11. The king will have pleasure in your beauty.
he is your master, therefore do him honour. **R.**
12. The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favour
13. All glorious is the princess as she enters;
her gown is cloth-of-gold. **R.**
14. In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
15. With joy and gladness they are brought
and enter the palace of the king. **R.**
16. In the place of fathers, O king, shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
17. I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another;
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: Geoff Nobes



10. Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.
11. So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour. **R.**
12. The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
13. The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. **R.**

14. She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework; after her the virgins that are her companions.
15. With joy and gladness shall they be brought and enter into the palace of the king.
16. 'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons, whom you shall make princes over all the land.
17. 'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations; therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'

R.

SECOND READING

Romans 7:14–8:2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, LORD of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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,

“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;
the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’....

At that time Jesus said,

‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

For the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Diocese of Armidale; The Anglican Church of Burundi; St Agnes' Black Rock; St George's Red Hill; St James', Glen Iris; Peninsular 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: Ann; Angus; Coral; Elsbeth; Elizabeth and Enrico; Heather; Ivan; Jenny; Jenny; Joan; +John and Janine; John; Jon; Judy; Keith & Erica; Peter; Robin; Ron; Ron; Susan and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Angelina Sullivan and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Kenneth Cartledge; Patricia Corless; Shirley Elizabeth Edwards; Ethel Giggins; John Giggins; Valmai Hingston; Prudence Julia Lanigan; Margaret Ilona Minchin; Sheila Tait; Elizabeth Weeks and Sheila Elin Joyce Wikkramatileke.

Postlude: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her (BWV 638)

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

NOTICES

Book club will meet tomorrow at 2:00 pm in the North Room to discuss *There was still Love* by Favel Parrett. All welcome!

Reflections on the Lections has returned to Wednesday evenings. Please see the Zoom details in the Week Ahead (below)

Our Parish Administrator, Adrian Chong is away until Friday, 14th July. The office will not be attended during this time. For urgent matters, please contact the wardens on their numbers found in the parish directory (back page). Any voicemail left for the office number on Option 2 will not be accessed until Adrian's return.

Angelina's Memorial Eucharist, followed by Interment of Ashes, will take place on Friday, 14 July at 2:30 p.m. Please join us in the hall afterwards for refreshments.

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 30th 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 including your notice of payment. Payment options:

(1) Direct Debit: St George's Malvern BSB: 703122 AC# 05009778

Please Reference "Midwinter" and your initials.

(2) Cheque Payable to St George's Anglican Church Malvern, handed to one of the Wardens.

Chorus Ecclesiae is presenting Byrd's Gradualia, The Four-Part Motets on Saturday, 15th July at 2:30 p.m. at Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville. Tickets are available from <https://www.trybooking.com/CHKEF>

BOOK LAUNCH on Sunday 23rd July, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m, at St John's Toorak launching *Even the Devil Quotes Scripture* by Robyn Whitaker. There will be a response by Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity. This event is free, but please RSVP at the link below for catering purposes. Children are welcome too. <https://events.humanitix.com/book-event-even-the-devil-quotes-scripture>

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 AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 25:19–34

Romans 8:1–11

Psalms 119:105–112

Matthew 13:1–23

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, 10 July	Psalm 25 1 Samuel 25:23–44 John 3:1–21	Psalm 27 Micah 1 Galatians 2:11–21
Tuesday, 11 July <i>Benedict of Nursia, abbot, (d. 550)</i>	Psalms 28; 29 1 Samuel 26 John 3:22–36	Psalms 13; 14 Micah 2 Galatians 3:1–14
Wednesday, 12 July	Psalms 15; 16 1 Samuel 27:1–28:2 John 4:1–15	Psalm 17:1–16 Micah 3 Galatians 3:15–26
Reflections on the Lections		
Thursday, 13 July <i>Sydney James Kirby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Church Aid Society (d. 1935)</i>	Psalm 18:1–31 1 Samuel 28:3–25 John 4:16–26	Psalm 18:32–52 Micah 4:1–7 Galatians 3:27–4:7
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Genesis 44:18–29; 45:1–5 Psalm 105:16–22 Matthew 10:1–15	
Friday, 14 July	Psalm 19 1 Samuel 29:1–30:6 John 4:27–42	Psalm 119:1–16 Micah 4:8–5:5a Galatians 4:8–20
Saturday, 15 July	Psalms 20; 21:1–7 1 Samuel 30:7–25 John 4:43–54	Psalms 24; 26 Micah 5:5b–15 Galatians 4:21–31
Next Sunday, 16 July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

Morning Prayer

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8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on the Lections

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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7:30 p.m., Wednesday