



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 July, 2023

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

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)*

Opening Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 433 (vv. 1–3, 6)

**Sentence:** The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

*c.f. John 6:63, 68*

### Collect

Bountiful God,  
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:  
by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy,  
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 25:19–34*

A reading from the book Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

‘Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger.’

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, ‘Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!’ (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, ‘First sell me your birthright.’ Esau said, ‘I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?’ Jacob said, ‘Swear to me first.’ So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

## **Psalm 119:105–112**

(at 8:00 a.m.). **Response: O LORD, how I love your law.**

105. Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
106. I have sworn and am determined, to keep your righteous judgements. **R.**
107. I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
108. Accept, O LORD the willing tributes of my lips,  
and teach me your judgements. **R.**
109. My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
110. The wicked have set a trap for me,  
but I have not stray from your commandments. **R.**
111. Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112. I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end. **R.**



**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 13:1–23*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live forever.

**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.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables, saying:

‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

Then the disciples came and asked him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ He answered, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that “seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.” With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

“You will indeed listen, but never understand,  
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

For this people’s heart has grown dull,  
and their ears are hard of hearing,  
and they have shut their eyes;

so that they might not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and understand with their heart and turn—  
and I would heal them.”

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

‘Hear then the parable of the sower.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart;

this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

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 Canada; The Diocese of Central Queensland; St Jude’s Carlton; St Michael’s North Carlton; St Paul’s Frankston; and Trinity College & Theological 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; Ivan; 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: Joe Stone

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Harold Adcock; William Alfred;

Peter Barrett; Roma Florence Bruce; Jack Lusby Burns; John Davis; Esther May Elliott;

Nancy Cecelia Green; Charlotte Hallam; Merrin James; Stewart Lannan; Ernestine Lobb;

Leigh Manning; Nancy McGrath; Susan Moody; Florence Nelson; Mavis Nicholas; John Pritchard;

John Righetti; Margaret Dieudonnee Ringersma; Roma Simmons; and Robert Clive Tadgell.

Offertory Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 294

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

*Author of life divine,  
Who hast a table spread,  
Furnished with mystic wine  
And everlasting bread,  
Preserve the life thyself hast given,  
And feed, and train us up for heaven.*

*Our needy souls sustain  
With fresh supplies of love,  
Till all thy life we gain,  
And all thy fulness prove,  
And strengthened by thy perfect grace,  
Behold without a veil thy face.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)  
Music: Cecilia McDowell (b. 1951)

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 306

*Postlude: Fugue in G Minor (BWV 558)*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Genesis 28:10–19a  
Romans 8:12–25

Psalms 139:1–11, 23–24  
Matthew 13:24–43

## **NOTICES**

**Aaron will be on** leave from Thursday of this week until August 10. We wish him and Jodie safe travels and a refreshing, and instructive, time.

**Parish Council** meets this **Tuesday** evening, **July 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

**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](mailto: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.

**St Alban's collection** is next **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. Supermarket vouchers are especially welcomed. Please give generously for this important community work.

**Brigidine Asylum Seeker Program Collection** is on **Sunday, 30th July**. Please refer to flyers available at the back for items to donate. Further enquiries can be made to Charles Tegner on 0418530658.

**Book Launch** next 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.

## 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, 17 July</b>	Psalm 40 1 Samuel 31 John 5:1–18	Psalms 42; 43 Micah 6:1–8 Galatians 5:1–15
<b>Tuesday, 18 July</b>	Psalms 41; 44:1–9 2 Samuel 1:1–16 John 5:19–30	Psalm 44:10–27 Micah 6:9–7:7 Galatians 5:16–26
<b>Wednesday, 19 July</b>	Psalm 45 2 Samuel 1:17–27 John 5:30–47	Psalms 46; 47 Micah 7:8–20 Galatians 6:1–10
<b>Reflections on the Lections</b>		
<b>Thursday, 20 July</b>	Psalm 48 2 Samuel 2:1–17 John 6:1–15	Psalm 49 Song of 3YM 1–22 Galatians 6:11–18
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	Exodus 3:13–20	Psalm 105:23–27     Matthew 11:28–30
<b>Friday, 21 July</b>	Psalm 50 2 Samuel 2:18–3:1 John 6:16–34	Psalm 119:41–64 Song of 3YM 23–51 Romans 1:1–15
<b>Saturday, 22 July Mary Magdalene <i>Apostle to the Apostles</i></b>	Psalm 32 1 Samuel 16:14–23 Luke 7:36–8:3	Psalm 30 Micah 5:5b–15 Mark 15:40–16:8
<b>Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.</b>	Song of Songs 3:1–4a; Psalm 63;	2 Corinthians 5:14–21; John 20:1–8
<b>Next Sunday, 23 July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist &amp; Meditation</b>

### Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

### Evening Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

### Reflections on the Lections

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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

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