



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 July, 2023

Setting (10:00 a.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)*

Opening Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 349

**Sentence:** You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

*c.f. Psalm 86.15*

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 28:10–19a*

A reading from the book Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place —

and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 139:1–11, 23–24**

(at 8:00 a.m.). **Response: You, O Lord, created my inmost parts.**

1. Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
2. You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways. **R.**
3. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it. **R.**
6. Where can I go from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?
7. If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
8. If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9. Even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast. **R.**
10. If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night',
11. Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike. **R.**
23. Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.
24. See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: Geoffrey Cox (b. 1951)



1. O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
2. You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways. **R.**
3. For there is not a word on my tongue:  
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
4. You have encompassed me behind and before:  
and have laid your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it. **R.**
6. Where shall I go from your spirit:  
or where shall I flee from your presence?
7. If I ascend into heaven you are there:  
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also. **R.**
8. If I spread out my wings towards the morning:  
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea.
9. Even there your hand shall lead me:  
and your right hand shall hold me. **R.**
  
23. For you have created my inward parts:  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works. **R.**
24. You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:  
when I was formed in secret,  
and woven in the depths of the earth. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:12–25

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

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.


Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 140

## GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24–43



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 put before them another parable:

‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,

“Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.”

The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?”

But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet:

‘I will open my mouth to speak in parables;

I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house.

And his disciples approached him, saying,

‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’

He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Newcastle; St Dunstan's Camberwell; St Mark's Camberwell; St Peter's and St Martin's Mornington & Mt Martha; St James' Thornbury & All Saints Northcote and Yarra Valley 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; Heather; Ivan; Jenny; Jenny; Joan; +John and Janine; Jon; Judy; Keith & Erica; Linda; Peter; Robin; Ron; Ron; Sarah; Susan; Syd; John, Carolyn and David and all who mourn the death of Margaret; Bronwyn, Matthew and all who mourn the death of Elsbeth; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those who have died recently: Elsbeth Jones and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Isambard Corless; John Davidson; Thomas Dowsey; Jeannie Ferguson; Dorothy Gibbons; Francis Horner; Iris Menck; Russell Myers; Charlotte Schnelle; Mary Sexton; Lawrence Stokes; Frederick Theobald and Alys Prout-Webb.

Offertory Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 295

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

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Words: Psalm 119:33

Music: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 476

*Postlude: Toccata (No. 4, Dix Pièces pour orgue)*

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

## NOTICES

**Our Mid-winter Parish Lunch is after next Sunday's 10:00 a.m. service 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.

**Payments should be finalised TODAY, please.**

A collection for the work of **St Alban's food outreach** programme occurs **today**. Supermarket vouchers are especially welcomed. Please give generously for this important community work.

A collection for the **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Programme** occurs next **Sunday, July 30**. Please refer to flyers available at the entrance of the church for items to donate.

There will be a meeting of a group to discuss the issues facing our Diocese at the coming session of Synod here next **Saturday, July 29** from 10:00 a.m., in the Parish Centre. All Synod representatives (including 'Alternatives') are urged to be present, but the meeting is also open to any interested in the future of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne, and the significant decisions this Synod will make.

A service of **Choral Evensong** to conclude our celebrations of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord will be held on **Sunday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.** This date is also Hiroshima Day. Please come and join us on this significant day in the Church's Calendar.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 29:15–28

Romans 8:26–39

Psalms 105:1–11

Matthew 13:44–58

## 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</u> in Chapel and by</b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)</b>
<b>Monday, 24 July</b>	Psalms 56; 57 2 Samuel 3:20–39 John 6:52–71	Psalms 60; 61 Proverbs 4:20–5:14 Romans 1:26–32
<b>Tuesday, 25 July</b> <i>James Apostle and Martyr</i>  <b>Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.</b>	Psalm 29 2 Kings 1:9–15 Luke 9:46–56	Psalm 7 Jeremiah 26:1–16 Mark 1:14–20
<b>Wednesday, 26 July</b> <i>Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  <b>Reflections on the Lections</b>	Psalms 65; 70 2 Samuel 5:6–25 John 7:14–31	Psalm 66 Proverbs 6:6–19 Romans 2:12–24
<b>Thursday, 27 July</b>	Psalm 68:1–20 2 Samuel 6 John 7:32–53	Psalm 68:21–35 Proverbs 6:20–7:5 Romans 2:25–3:8
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	Exodus 19:1–20    Song of 3YM (APBA p.399) Matthew 13:10–17	
<b>Friday, 28 July</b>	Psalm 71 2 Samuel 7 John 8:1–11	Psalm 119:65–88 Proverbs 7:6–27 Romans 3:9–20
<b>Saturday, 29 July</b> <i>Mary and Martha of Bethany</i>	Psalms 69:1–16 1 Samuel 8:15–9:13 John 8:12–30	Psalm 69:17–38 Proverbs 8:1–21 Romans 3:21–31
<b>Next Sunday, 30 July</b> <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**Evening Prayer    5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**Reflections on the Lections    7:30 p.m., Wednesday**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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