



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

30 July, 2023

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

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)

Opening Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 333 (vv. 1, 3–5)

Sentence:

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

c.f. Romans 8.38–39

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this 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 29:15–28

A reading from the book Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her

to any other man; stay with me.’ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’ So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1–11

(at 8:00 a.m.). Response: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him.

1. Give thanks to the Lord and call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. Sing to him, sing praises to him;
and speak of all his marvellous works.
3. Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **R.**
4. Search the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.
5. Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
6. O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen. **R.**
7. He is the Lord our God;
his judgements prevail in all the world.
8. He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
9. The covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath that he swore to Isaac, **R.**

10. Which he established as a statute to Jacob,
an everlasting covenant to Israel,
11. Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance.'

45. Alleluia!

R.

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Sing_ to God, _ sing prais-es, sing prais-es, sing prais-es to the Lord.

1. O give thanks to God, call the holy name aloud,
and tell the deeds of the Lord to all the people. **R.**
2. Sing your songs to God, O sing praises to the Lord,
and make known to all the world the Lord's great wonders. **R.**
3. O be glad in the Lord; glory in the holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **R.**
4. Turn to God, your strength; seek the presence of the Lord,
and remember: God does wonders and is just. **R.**
5. Heirs of Abraham, Jacob's offspring, chosen ones,
God is ruler and authority forever. **R.**
6. God's own promise is sure, a covenant that lasts;
a thousand generations hence it will be true. **R.**
7. The word to Abraham and the oath God swore to Jacob,
yes, for Israel a covenant forever. **R.**
8. 'I will give you a land; Canaan fair shall be your country,
it will be your home, a land for my own people.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26–39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

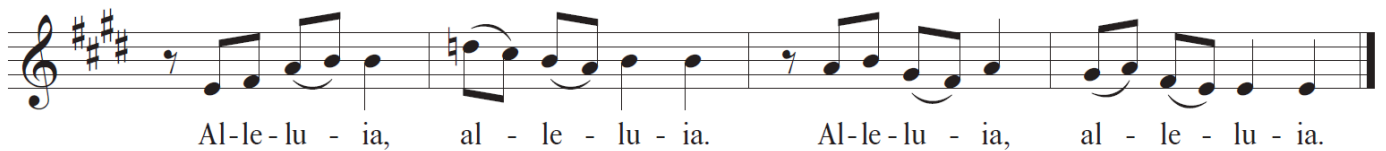
Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 391

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44–58



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 continued teaching the crowds, saying

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Diocese of The Murray; The Anglican Church, Caroline Spring; St Linus' Merlynston; The Parish of the Holy Name of Jesus, Vermont South; St Barnabas' Balwyn; Beaconhills College.

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; Diana; Heather; Ivan; Jenny; Jenny; Joan; John; +John and Janine; Judy; Keith & Erica; Linda; Peter; Robin; Ron; Ron; Sarah; Susan; Syd; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: James Boughton; Andrew Stanley Gard-Howard; Viola Gaskell; Marjorie Gill; Margaret Goodall; Eira Elisabeth Hayden; Clarice Howitt; Beryl Kennedy; Ian Lennox; Thelma McDonald; Peter Frederick Moss; Joel Ringersma; Michael Robinson; John Stevenson; Margaret Thatcher; and John Willers.

Offertory Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 389

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in Thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

*Words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)
Music: J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 364

Postlude: March in C

Henry Purcell (1659–95), arr. C.H. Trevor (1895–1976)

NOTICES

Our Mid-winter Parish Lunch is after this morning's 10:00 a.m. service.

We look forward to celebrating this event with you!

We will also have the pleasure of being entertained by a Ukrainian performer. Please show your appreciation by donating cash to a Ukrainian relief fund at lunch.

Collection for the **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Programme** occurs today. Please refer to flyers available at the entrance of the church for items to donate.

A service of **Choral Evensong** to conclude our celebrations of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord will be held next **Sunday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.**

Our guest preacher will be the Very Reverend David Richardson, AO, OBE, Dean Emeritus of Melbourne and St Peter's, Adelaide; and former Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. This date is also Hiroshima Day. Please come and join us on this significant day in the Church's Calendar.

St George's Archive Project update: The disposal of the fire hazard material in the Administration Centre has evolved into the Archive Project. Following expert advice from the manager of the Archives of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, work has commenced on the preservation of St George's historical records including Baptism, Marriage and Funeral Registers, Parish Council records, and photographs – some dating from the late 19th century. Volunteers are needed for the next archive **working bee on Wednesday 2 August 2023 (2:00 – 4:30 pm)** in the Administration Centre. For further information contact Leonie Bird. Mobile: 0409 860 026 or leoniebird@vicbar.com.au.

As the Vicar will be at the Induction Service for the Commencement of a New Ministry, there will be no **Reflections on the Lections** this Wednesday evening, August 2. They will resume in the following week.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Daniel 7:9–14

2 Peter 1:16–21

Psalm 97

Mark 9:2–10

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 31 July <i>Joseph of Arimathea, & Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus (d. 1556)</i>	Psalm 59 2 Samuel 10 John 8:31–47	Psalms 58; 79 Proverbs 8:22–36 Romans 4:1–12
Tuesday, 1 August <i>Holy men and women of the Old Testament</i>	Psalm 74 2 Samuel 11:1–21 John 9:1–17	Psalms 75; 76 Proverbs 9 Romans 4:13–25
Wednesday, 2 August	Psalm 77 2 Samuel 11:22–12:15a John 9:1–17	Psalm 78:1–15 Proverbs 10:1–16 Romans 5:1–11
Thursday, 3 August	Psalm 77 2 Samuel 12:15b–31 John 9:18–38	Psalm 78:39–70 Proverbs 10:17–32 Romans 5:12–21
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Exodus 40:16–21, 34–38	Psalm 84:1–7 Matthew 13:47–53
Friday, 4 August <i>John the Baptist Vianney, parish priest of Ars, France (d. 1895)</i>	Psalm 80 2 Samuel 13:1–19 John 9:39–10:18	Psalm 81 Proverbs 11:1–15 Romans 6:1–11
Saturday, 5 August <i>Oswald, king and martyr (d. 642)</i>	Psalms 82; 84 2 Samuel 13:20–14:3 John 10:19–39	Psalms 85; 87 Proverbs 11:16–31 Romans 6:12–23
Next Sunday, 6 August <i>The Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Choral Evensong

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

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

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