



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20 August, 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.): 232

Sentence:

Thus says the LORD, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

c.f. Isaiah 56.1

God of freedom,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1–15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen.

Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133

(at 8:00 a.m.). **Response: How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.**

1. O how good and pleasant it is
when a family lives together in unity!
2. It is like fine oil upon the head,
that runs down upon the beard,
3. Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robes. **R.**
4. It is like the dew of Hermon,
that falls on the hills of Zion.
5. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: John McCann (b. 1961)



1. Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity. **R.**
2. It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard, **R.**
3. Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing. **R.**
4. It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
5. For there the LORD has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13–36

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.'

That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you.

Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

‘Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.’
‘And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.’

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

‘For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?’
‘Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?’

For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

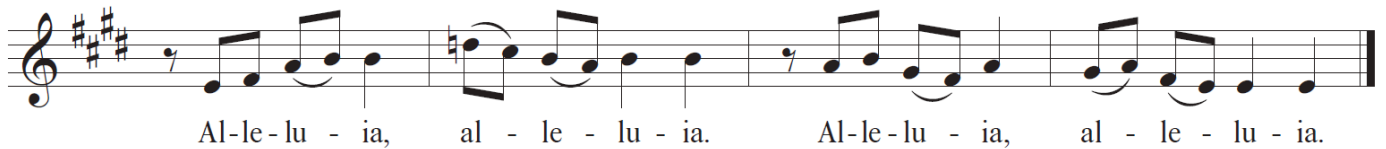
Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 419

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10–28



Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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.

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’

But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’

But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’

Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 England; The Diocese of Grafton; St Nicholas' Mordialloc; Wandin – Seville Parish; Holy Apostles Sunshine and Braybrook; St Thomas' Werribee; Christ Church Essendon and Geelong 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; Christopher; Coral; Diana; Geoff; Heather; Ivan; Jenny; Jenny; Joan; +John and Janine; Judy; Keith & Erica; Linda; Peter; Peter; Philip; Robin; Ron; Ron; Sarah; Simon;; 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: Bertram Cowley; Annie Dalton; Reginald Hayden; Helen Pritchard; Mona Reid; Marjorie Tozer; Justine Tsiang and Alfred Watson.

Offertory Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 439 (omit vv. 5–6)

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

*Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio.
Amen.*

Therefore before so great a Sacrament
let us fall down and worship,
and let the old law
give way to a new rite,
and let faith stand forward
to make good the defects of sense.

To the Father and the Son
be praise and joy,
health, honour and virtue
and blessing;
and to him proceeding from both
be equal praise. Amen.

*Words: 'Pange Lingua', vv. 5-6
Attrib. St Thomas Aquinas (c. 1227–74)
Music: Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 420

*Postlude: Grand Triumphal Chorus, Op. 47, No. 2
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)*

NOTICES

We are honoured and delighted to welcome Bishop Kate Prowd to our worship this morning. Please make her welcome.

A message from the Church Wardens:

Help badly needed! There is an **acute shortage of helpers** to fill the various lay roles which keep the church and its services running. These are: sidespersons/welcomers, servers, brass cleaners, flower arrangers, linen-attendants and gardeners. Also, if you know of anyone who can sing and would like to join the choir. With a bare minimum of parishioners filling these roles, it means that duties are repeated more frequently than is hoped for. You are encouraged to volunteer and be assured that help will be given, training where necessary and your assistance gratefully received. If you can volunteer for any of these roles, please speak to one of the Wardens, or fill in your name and phone number on the sheet at the sidespersons' bench. Thank you.

St Alban's Food Relief collection will be collected on next Sunday's (27th August) 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.

Spiritual Cafe - Tuesday 5 September: Our guest speaker is David Richardson AO OBE. His topic is 'Some personal reflections on the late Pope and his legacy.'

Join us for dinner at Giorgio's Restaurant, 1235 High St, Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30 p.m. For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

Archbishop's Annual Dinner in support of Trinity College Theological School is on **Thursday 14 September** from 5:45 p.m. (Evensong); 6:45 p.m. (Dinner). Cost: \$110.00 Those interested in forming a 'parish table', please speak with the Vicar or Leigh Mackay or the Parish Administrator.

The flowers today are given in memory of John and Esther Atkinson.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 1:8–2:10

Romans 12:1–8

Psalms 124

Matthew 16:13–20

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, 21 August	Psalms 121; 122; 123 2 Samuel 20:14–26 Acts 18:1–17	Psalms 119:129–152 Proverbs 18:4–21 Romans 11:13–24
Tuesday, 22 August	Psalms 118:1–18 2 Samuel 21:1–22 Acts 18:18–28	Psalms 118:19–29; 120 Proverbs 18:22–19:14 Romans 11:25–36
Wednesday, 23 August Reflections on the Lections	Psalms 124; 125; 126 2 Samuel 22:1–16 Acts 19:1–20	Psalms 127; 128; 129 Proverbs 19:15–29 Romans 12:1–8
Thursday, 24 August Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr	Psalms 86 Isaiah 43:8–13 Matthew 10:1–15	Psalms 97 Deuteronomy 30:11–16 Matthew 10:16–22
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Deuteronomy 18:15–18 Revelation 21:9b–14	Psalms 145:10–18 John 1:45–51
Friday, 25 August	Psalms 135 2 Samuel 22:32–51 Acts 20:1–16	Psalms 136 Proverbs 20:18–21:8 Romans 13
Saturday, 26 August	Psalms 137:1–9; 138 2 Samuel 23:1–23 Acts 20:17–38	Psalms 139 Proverbs 21:9–31 Romans 14:1–12
Next Sunday, 27 August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist 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

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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