

St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## 3 September, 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: 148 vv. 1, 6-8

#### Sentence:

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

c.f. Matthew 16.24-25

O God,

whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life: transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

## FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see,

God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet,

for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham,

the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.

Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'

But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them,

"The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me,

"What is his name?" what shall I say to them?"

God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'

He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

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

## Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

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

- I. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon 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.
- 4. Search for 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....
- 23. Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24. The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies,
- 25. Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26. He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45. Alleluia

#### (at 10:00 a.m., sung by the choir)

- 1. Give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done.
- 2. O let your songs be of him, and praise him: and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.
- Rejoice in his holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
- 4. Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore.
- 5. Remember the marvellous works that he hath done: his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6. O ye seed of Abraham his servant: ye children of Jacob his chosen....

Chant: K. J. Pye (1812–1901)

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- 23. Israel also came into Egypt: and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
- 24. And he increased his people exceedingly: and made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25. Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people: and dealt untruly with his servants.
- 26. Then sent he Moses his servant: and Aaron whom he had chosen.

## SECOND READING

Romans 12:9–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear the word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (10:00 a.m. only): 76 vv. 1, 2, 6

# GOSPEL Matthew 16:21–28

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

## 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.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'

But he turned and said to Peter,

'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me;

for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers,

let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,

and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Truly I tell you, there are some standing here

who will not taste death before they see

the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Willochra; St John's, Frankston North w. St Luke's, Carrum Downs Frankston North; St John's Highton; Christ Church Berwick & St Paul's Cathedral; St George's Travancore and the Royal School of Church Music

#### 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; Jasper; Jenny; Joan; +John and Janine; Judy; Keith & Erica; Kelly; Linda; Peter; Peter; 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:

Alice Davie; Ian Johnson; Nancy Macindoe; Hilda Newman; Evelyn Pascal; Frederick Sydney Powell; Gertrude Rhoden; Vanessa Stevens; Lester Triggs; Peter Campbell Trumble; James Whitaker; James Elliot Wilkie; Doris Wood and Kathleen Woollacott.

Offertory Hymn: 272

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

Words: Collect for the visitation of the sick (BCP) Music: John Goss (1800–80)

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 338 vv. 1-5

Postlude: Prélude (from the Te Deum) Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643–1704) arr. Christopher Morris (1922–2014)

#### NOTICES

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to long-standing parishioner, John Perry OAM, who turned 90 on Friday. Please join in a celebration with him in the Hall after the 10 a.m. liturgy.

A reminder that the ashes of **Elsbeth Jones** will be interred next Sunday as an element of the conclusion of the 10 a.m. eucharist. Please join Elsbeth's family at morning tea in the Hall after the Interment. Assistance in catering for the morning tea may be offered to Sandra Morgan.

#### A message from the Church Wardens:

**Help still needed!** Thank you to all those who have offered help with various roles. We are still in need for both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services of sidespersons/welcomers and servers. Please be assured that there will be training and assistance arranged in due course. Please kindly add your details to the sign-up sheet located at the service counter or contact the Parish Office on 9822 3030 (Option 2 for the Office) or at office@stgeorgesmalvern.org

**Safe Ministry Level 3 Implementation for Senior Leaders** is on today after the 10:00 a.m. service in the North Room. Participants, please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the training documentation. Refreshments will be provided.

**Spiritual Cafe – next 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.

**Sr Brigid from the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** would like to thank us for our interest, care and generosity in giving to this initiative.

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Exodus 12:1–14 Romans 13:1–10 Psalm 149 Matthew 18:10–20

We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the land upon which we meet. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Day	Morning Prayer in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 4 September	Psalms 11; 12 1 Kings 2:28–46 Acts 23:12–24	Psalms 13; 14 Job 6:14–7:6 I John I
Tuesday, 5 September	Psalms 15; 16 1 Kings 3:1–15 Acts 23:25–24:9	Psalm 17:1–16 Job 6:1; 7:7–21 I John 2:1–11
Wednesday, 6 September Reflections on the Lections	Psalm 18:1-31 1 Kings 3:16–28 Acts 24:10–27	Psalm 18:32–52 Job 8 I John 2:12–17
Thursday, 7 September	Psalm 19 I Kings 4:20–34 Acts 25:1–12	Psalm 119:1-16 Job 9:1–24 I John 2:18–29
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Colossians 1:9–14 Psalm 98:1-6 Luke 5:1–11	
Friday, 8 September Birth of Mary, Mother of Our Lord	Psalms 20; 21:1–13 1 Kings 5 Acts 25:13–27	Psalms 24; 26 Job 9:25–10:7 I John 3:1–10
Saturday, 8 September	Psalm 22:1-22 I Kings 6:1–14; 6:37–7:1 Acts 26:1–18	Psalms 22:23–32; 23 Job 10:8–22 I John 3:11–24
Next Sunday, 10 September Fifteenth Sunday after	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Pentecost	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283 https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUl3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283 https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUl3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MIczZIJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09