



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 September, 2023

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938–94)

*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: 457

## Sentence:

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ says the Lord,  
‘I am there among them.’

*c.f. Matthew 18:20*

Go before us, O Lord, with your most gracious favour  
and further us with your continual help,  
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;  
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

*Exodus 12:1–14*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements:

I am the LORD.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live:

when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 149**

(at 8:00 a.m.). **Response: Sing to the Lord,  
in the congregation of the faithful.**

1. Alleluia!  
Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3. Let them praise his name in the dance,  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. **R.**
4. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people  
and adorns the poor with victory.
5. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. **R.**

6. Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7. To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; **R.**
8. To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
9. To inflict on them the judgement decreed;  
this is the glory for all his faithful people.  
Alleluia! **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Chant & Response: Christopher Willcock (b. 1947)



1. Sing a new song to the Lord,  
praise God in the assembly of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in its maker,  
let Zion's people exult in their King. **R.**
3. Let the people praise God's name with dancing  
and make music with timbrel and harp.
4. For the Lord takes delight in the people  
and crowns the poor with salvation. **R.**
5. Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,  
shout for joy and take their rest. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Romans 13:1-10*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement.

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be

afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer.

Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word,

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

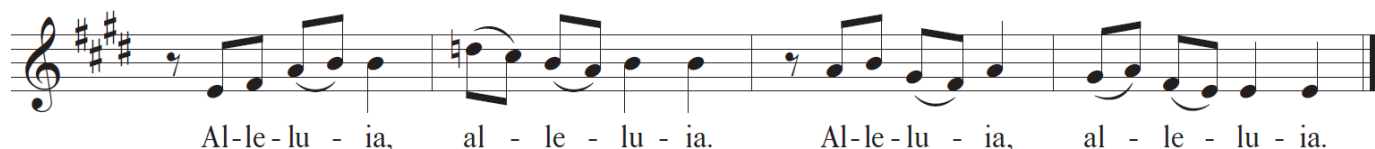
Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 137

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:10-2*



God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**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.**

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it

more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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 Ireland; The Diocese of Adelaide; St Barnabas’ Glen Waverley; St John’s Diamond Creek; Holy Name of Jesus, Vermont; and St Mark’s Dromana.

### **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; Jane; Jasper; Jenny; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; 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 before you today Elsbeth Jones; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Paula Abrahams; Elsie Alfred; Violet Atkins; Georgina Alice Bray; Rita Campbell; Eva Davis; Edith Augusta Elliott; Emma Giggins; Margaret Hansen; Marjorie Sawyer and Lorna Tickner.

Offertory Hymn: 271

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

*I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.*

*Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Amen.*

Where charity is true, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into  
one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one  
another.

*Words: John 13:34–35; Liber Usualis  
Music: Peter Nardone (b. 1965)*

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 368

*Postlude: Processional (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)  
George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)  
arr. C.H. Trevor (1895–1976)*

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

Exodus 14:19–31  
Romans 14:1–14

Psalm 114  
Matthew 18:21–35

## **NOTICES**

**A reminder** that there will be a brief Memorial Service, followed by the Interment of ashes for **Elsbeth Jones** at the conclusion of the 10 a.m. eucharist. Please join Elsbeth's family at morning tea in the Hall after the Interment.

**Book Club will be meeting** tomorrow, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00 p.m. in the North room. We are delighted that Father Gregory will be guiding us through, *La Princesse de Clèves* by Madame de La Fayette. All welcome.

**The next Archive working bee** is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the St George's Centre. The working bees are usually held once a fortnight. Thanks to everyone who has worked on the Archive project. For further information contact Leonie Bird on 0409 860 026 or leoniebird@vicbar.com.au.

### **A message from the Church Wardens:**

Thank you to all those who have offered help with various roles. The new roster is now being done and contact will be made in due course as to availability.

## 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, 11 September</b> <i>Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) (d. 1931)</i>	Psalms 28; 29 1 Kings 7:51–8:21 Acts 26:19–32	Psalms 30; 32 Job 11 1 John 4:1–12
<b>Tuesday, 12 September</b>	Psalms 31 1 Kings 8:22–36 Acts 27:1–12	Psalms 33 Job 12 1 John 4:13–21
<b>Wednesday, 13 September</b> <i>Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr (d. 258)</i>  <b>Reflections on the Lections</b>	Psalms 35:1–17 1 Kings 8:37–53 Acts 27:13–32	Psalms 18:32–52 Job 8 1 John 2:12–17
<b>Thursday, 14 September</b> <b>HOLY CROSS</b>	Psalms 34 1 Kings 8:54–66 Acts 27:33–44	Psalms 119:17–40 Job 14 1 John 5:13–21
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	Numbers 21:4b–9 1 Corinthians 1:18–24	Psalms 78:1–2; 78:34–48 John 3:13–17
<b>Friday, 15 September</b> <i>John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother (d. 1947)</i>	Psalms 37:1–17 1 Kings 9:1–14 Acts 28:1–16	Psalms 37:18–41 Job 15:1–16 2 John 1
<b>Saturday, 16 September</b> <i>Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary (d.c. 432)</i>	Psalms 38 1 Kings 9:15–28 Acts 28:27–31	Psalms 39 Job 15:17–35 3 John 1
<b>Next Sunday, 17 September</b> <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation  
as the Traditional Custodians 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.*