



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24 September, 2023



8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

Holy Trinity Mass – John Ross (1934–96)

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

Opening Hymn: 254

Sentence:

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God.

c.f. Ephesians 2:8–9

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2–15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?’

And Moses said, ‘When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.”’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

(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 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. **R.**
37. He led out his people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38. Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.
39. He spread out a cloud for a covering,
and a fire to give light in the night season. **R.**
40. They asked and quails appeared,
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
41. He opened the rock and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.
42. For God remembered his holy word
and Abraham his servant. **R.**
43. So he led forth his people with gladness,
his chosen with shouts of joy.
44. He gave his people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
45. That they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Alleluia! **R.**

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

Chant: K. J. Pye (1812–1901)

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.
 3. 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....
37. He brought them forth also with silver and gold:
there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
38. Egypt was glad at their departing:
for they were afraid of them.

39. He spread out a cloud to be a covering:
and fire to give light in the night-season.
40. At their desire he brought quails:
and he filled them with the bread of heaven.
41. He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out:
so that rivers ran in the dry places.
42. For why? he remembered his holy promise:
and Abraham his servant.
43. And he brought forth his people with joy:
and his chosen with gladness;
44. And gave them the lands of the heathen:
and they took the labours of the people in possession;
45. That they might keep his statutes:
and observe his laws.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21–30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

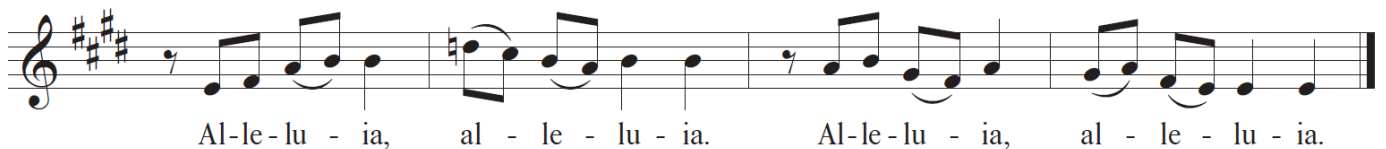
Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 456

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16



Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

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 his disciples and said,

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.”

So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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 Melbourne; St George's, Ivanhoe East; Jieng Congregation – St John's Footscray; and the Anglican Board of Mission.

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; Noel and Reva; Peter; Peter; Ron; Ron; Sarah; Simon; Stephen; Susan; Syd and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: David Lord

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Margaret Bauer; Margaret Bridges; Richard Coles; Verna Coles; Esther Monica vanden Driesen; Amy Embling; James Essex Holt; Elaine Jarvie; Mary Lewis; Annie Logan; Irene Lowe; Richard Markillie; David McInnes; Llewellyn Moline; Peter Shepherd; and William (Bill) Tickner.

Offertory Hymn

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia!
2. Now is Christ raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him.
Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia!
3. In Christ we see the first-fruits of the dead;
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Words: Carl P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: 'Engelberg' – C.V. Stanford (1852–1924)

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During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come, bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.*

Words & Music: David J. Evans (b. 1957)

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 265

Postlude: Tuba Tune
by C. S. Lang (1891–1971)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS **(MICHAELMAS)**

Ezekiel 1:4–12
Revelation 12:7–12a

Psalm 138
John 1:45–51

NOTICES

The Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Melbourne is committed to child safe practice. The safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people are embedded in the policies and practices which reflect a commitment to zero tolerance of abuse. As an Anglican parish, St George's adheres to these policies and practices. Our aim is that St George's continues to be a place where all can feel safe and welcome. Our authorized Child Safe Officer is Leonie Bird. Contact details-are leoniebird@vicbar.com.au: Mobile: 0409 860 026). The Diocese advises that any complaint or report of alleged child abuse must be reported to the parish Ministry Supervisor, the parish Child Safe Officer, and Kooyoora Professional Standards on 1800 135 246.

St Alban's collection occurs today. Please note: No Food or other groceries. Supermarket vouchers are especially welcomed. Please give generously for this important community work.

Next Sunday, October 1 we keep the Feast of St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas). As well as our regular morning services, there will be a service of Choral Evensong at 6:00 p.m. followed by angelic beverages and food in the Vicarage.

The next Archive working bee is on Wednesday 4 October 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.

The Australian Electoral Commission has hired our hall for the coming Referendum scheduled for Saturday, 14 October. The hire period **begins on Thursday, 28 September, including weekends, until Sunday, 15 October**. Please be advised that the hall, and all parking spaces in the first section of the carpark between the church and the hall, have been reserved for this purpose. Please instead park, during this time, in the carpark behind the church between the church and vicarage.

Produce and Goods stall for Saturday 14 October, Referendum Day: Do you make marmalade, jam chutney, pickles, biscuits slices, cake? Do you have any knitted goods or suchlike that could be sold? Here is your chance to support our stall and engage with voters! Please take a leaflet with all the details from the back of the church and contact Robin Barrett (0447 624 496) to let her know what you can provide and also if you are willing to help to staff the stall. We hope for a wonderful response!

Stay tuned for further Referendum fundraising and community engagement activities we will organise for that day!

Server Training All who have volunteered to act as servers at our liturgy, whether new or continuing, are asked to attend a refresher course in the church after the 10:00 a.m. service on 8 October.

Two coming concerts – As mentioned by Suzie Hill over past weeks, there are two musical concerts to draw to your attention.

Next Sunday 1st October at 4:00 p.m. see the Tudor Choristers present 'Elizabeth the Great – Music of Majesty' at St George's Anglican, East Ivanhoe. This is to celebrate the remarkable life and service of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and features music created for British royal occasions across many centuries. Given our own Choral Evensong on this date, Suzie has suggested people might like to book for the live stream and watch it later. Bookings at <https://www.tudorchoristers.org.au/event-details/elizabeth-the-great-music-of-majesty>

On Saturday 21 October 2023, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. a musical extravaganza to raise funds for housing and homelessness programs on the Mornington Peninsula will take place in the equestrian arena at Uncommon Folk Farm, 328 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge. The concert includes a selection of movements from *Street Requiem*. Live streaming will also be available. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1099513> for donations and tickets \$75 and \$30 and streaming \$15 – all tax deductible.

Orders for the Australian Anglican Church Calendar and the **Australian Lectionary** are being taken. Please leave your name on the list at the back of the church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u>	<u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u>
Monday, 25 September <i>Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d. 1392)</i>	Psalm 62; 63 I Kings 13:1–19 Matthew 6:16–24	Psalm 64; 67 Job 21:1–16 Ephesians 4:17–28
Tuesday, 26 September <i>Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d. 1626)</i>	Psalm 65; 70 I Kings 13:20–34 Matthew 6:25–7:5	Psalm 66 Job 21:17–34 Ephesians 4:29–5:5
Wednesday, 27 September <i>Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor (d. 1660)</i> Reflections on the Lections	Psalm 68:1–20 I Kings 14:1–18 Matthew 7:6–23	Psalm 119:65–88 Job 22:23–23:17 Ephesians 5:21–33
Thursday, 28 September	Psalm 71 I Kings 14:19–15:8 Matthew 7:24–8:4	Psalm 49 I Chronicles 29:9–18 I Timothy 6:6–19
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Haggai 1:1–8	Psalm 149 Luke 9:7–9
Friday, 29 September	Psalm 69:1–16 I Kings 15:9–24 Matthew 8:5–22	Psalm 69:17–38 Job 24:1–17 Ephesians 6:1–9
Saturday, 30 September <i>Jerome, priest and biblical scholar (d. 420)</i>	Psalm 72 I Kings 15:25–16:7 Matthew 8:23–34	Psalm 73 Job 24:18–25:6 Ephesians 6:10–24
Next Sunday, 1 October St Michael and All Angels	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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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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

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

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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.

