



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

1 October, 2023

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

Opening Hymn: 343 (vv. 1-3)

### Sentence:

And all the angels sang,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen”.

*c.f. Revelation 7:12*

### Collect:

Almighty God,

you govern the courses of this world

by means too wonderful for us to comprehend;

give us reverence before the mysteries of your providence,

and grace to know the messengers of your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 1:4–12*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures.

This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved.

As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies.

Each moved straight ahead; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 138**

**Response: O Lord, your love endures for ever.**

1. I give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
2. I bow down towards your holy temple  
and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
3. For you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things. **R.**
4. When I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength within me.
5. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
6. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
7. Though the Lord be high, he cares the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar. **R.**
8. Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand  
against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
9. The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures for ever.  
do not abandon the works of your hands. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Revelation 12:7–12a*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!’

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

*John 1:45–51*

Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, his ministers who do his will.

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'

Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'

And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Offertory Hymn: 295

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Tasmania; All Saints' Kooyong; Upper Yarra Anglican Church Millgrove; St Jude's Parkville and the Archdeaconry of The Yarra.

### 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 whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Alice Davie; Barbara Hindell; Nancy Macindoe; Nancy Milne; Kenneth Moss; Hilda Newman; Evelyn Pascal; Frederick Sydney Powell; Gertrude Rhoden; Rosa Brenda Righetti; Vanessa Stevens; Peter Campbell Trumble; John Weigall; James Whitaker; James Elliot Wilkie; Doris Wood and Kathleen Woollacott.

Final Hymn: 336 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–21  
Philippians 3

Psalm 19  
Matthew 21:33–46

## 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.

**Today 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.

**There will be no Reflections on the Lections** this Wednesday and for a month until November 8 owing to Synod and the Vicar's annual leave.

**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](mailto:leoniebird@vicbar.com.au).

**The Australian Electoral Commission** has hired our hall for the coming Referendum scheduled for Saturday, 14 October. The hire period **began last Thursday, 28 September, and including weekends, runs 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 next Sunday 8 October, after the 10:00 a.m. service.

**A seminar exploring Islamic and Christian concepts of God** will be held at Trinity College Theological School on 16 October at 7:30 pm. The interfaith event will feature Muslim theologian Mehmet Ozalp speaking on "A Muslim's view of the Trinity" and our own Dr Aaron Ghiloni speaking on "A Christian's View of Tawhid." The event is free, but pre-registration is essential. Register online at [trybooking.com/events/landing/1115921](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1115921).

**Forthcoming concert** – As mentioned by Suzie Hill over past weeks, 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

<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 in Chapel and by</u></b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u></b>
<b>Monday, 2 October</b>	Psalm 77 I Kings 16:8–34 Matthew 9:1–13	Psalm 78:1–15 Job 26 Colossians 1:1–8
<b>Tuesday, 3 October</b>	Psalm 78:16–38 I Kings 17 Matthew 9:14–26	Psalm 78:39–70 Job 27 Colossians 1:9–20
<b>Wednesday, 4 October</b> <i>Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher (d. 1226)</i>	Psalm 80 I Kings 18:1–20 Matthew 9:27–38	Psalm 81 Job 28 Colossians 1:21–29
<b>Thursday, 5 October</b>	Psalm 82; 84 I Kings 18:20–40 Matthew 10:1–15	Psalm 85; 87 Job 29:1–20 Colossians 2:1–7
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	Nehemiah 8:1–12	Psalm 19:7–14    Luke 10:1–12
<b>Friday, 6 October</b> <i>William Tyndale, biblical scholar (d. 1536)</i>	Psalm 86 I Kings 18:41–19:8 Matthew 10:16–27	Psalm 88 Job 29:21–30:15 Colossians 2:8–15
<b>Saturday, 7 October</b>	Psalm 90 I Kings 19:9–21 Matthew 10:28–42	Psalm 119:89–104 Job 30:16–31:4 Colossians 2:16–23
<b>Next Sunday, 8 October</b> <b><i>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i></b>	<b>8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist and Meditation</b>

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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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.*