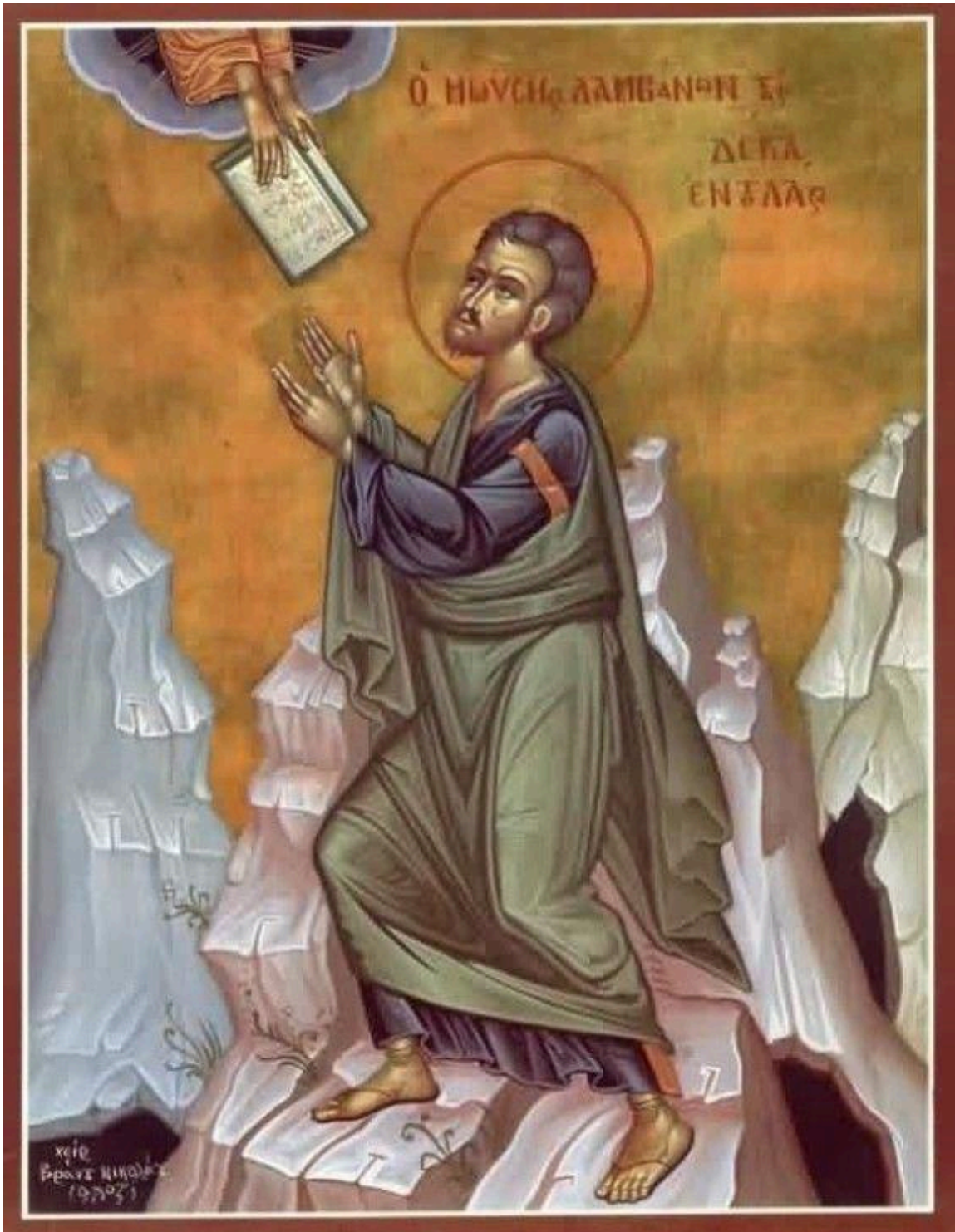




St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8 October, 2023



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

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

Opening Hymn: 205

Sentence:

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

c.f. Philippians 3:13b–14

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–21

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God,
for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother,
so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house;
you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox,
or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning,
the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking,
they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses,
'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us,
or we will die.'

Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you
and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick
darkness where God was.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

**(at 8:00 a.m.) Response: The commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. **R.**
- 5 In the deep he has set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoices the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R.**
- 11 By them is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. **R.**
- 13 Above all keep servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
Then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)



1. God's law is perfect, and converts the soul in sin that lies;
God's testimony is most sure, and makes the simple wise.
2. The statutes of the Lord are right, they all rejoice the heart;
the Lord's command is pure, and will light to the eyes impart.
3. The Lord God's worship is most pure, delighting every heart;
the judgments of the Lord are true, perfect in every part.

4. They more than gold, than much find gold to be desired are;
than honey from the honeycomb they sweeter are by far.
5. Moreover, they your servants warn upon the pilgrim way;
God's law provides a great reward which can be ours today.

*Music: Melody adapted from William Tans'ur's
'The New Harmony of Syon, Book II', 1764*

SECOND READING

Philippians 3

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.
2. Let the people praise you, Lord!
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour king;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise you, Lord!
earth shall then its fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live:
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847), from Psalm 67

Music: 'Heathlands', Henry Thomas Smart (1813–79)

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46



I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

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 said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.”

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.”

So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Archdeaconry of Williamstown; Church of the Epiphany, Hoppers Crossing; Christ Church, Geelong; St Faith's, Burwood, and St Paul's North Caulfield

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; Reva; 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: Noel Whale

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Muriel Bennett; Gwendolyn Berriman; Suzanne Davis; John Edington; Barbara Leila Fordyce; Cecilia Furlonger; Ian Johnson; John Kingsmill; Winky Lowry; George Pepperell; David Charles Holroyd Sexton; Harold Smith; Lester Triggs and Philip Wood.

Offertory Hymn: 294

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

*Jesu! – the very thought is sweet!
In that dear name all heart-joys meet;
But sweeter than the honey far
The glimpses of his presence are.*

*No word is sung more sweet than this:
No name is heard more full of bliss:
No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh,
Than Jesus, Son of God most high.*

*Jesu! the hope of souls forlorn!
How good to them for sin that mourn!
To them that seek thee, O how kind!
But what art thou to them that find?*

*Jesu, thou sweetness, pure and blest,
Truth's fountain, Light of souls distressed,
Surpassing all that heart requires,
Exceeding all that soul desires!*

*No tongue of mortal can express,
No letters write its blessedness:
Alone who hath thee in his heart
Knows, love of Jesus, what thou art.*

*We follow Jesus now, and raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise,
That He at last may make us meet
With him to gain the heavenly seat. Amen.*

Words: Latin, 12th century Tr J. M. Neale (1818–66)
Music: Plainchant

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 339

Postlude: Sonata Number 2 Movement 3 & 4
by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 32:1–14
Philippians 4

Psalm 106:1–6, 20–24
Matthew 22:1–14



NOTICES

Server Training today 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 this morning.

No Reflections on the Lections this Wednesday, nor until November 8.

Synod begins this Wednesday October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St Paul's Cathedral. It continues on Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday. Please pray for our parish Synod representatives: Leonie Bird, Sandra Morgan, Judy Wright, with Gregory and Aaron, as they attend this most important meeting of clergy and lay people of the Diocese. Especially continue to pray for Malcolm Tadjell, the Registrar, and all the staff working with him, to ensure Synod proceeds smoothly.

A Eucharist will be offered at MECWA, Malvern this Thursday October 12 at 3:00 p.m. Please pray for the residents and those ministering to them – including Claire Shepherd who faithfully plays hymns at this service.

A seminar exploring Islamic and Christian concepts of God will be held at Trinity College Theological School on 16 October at 7:30 p.m. 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.

A musical extravaganza to raise funds for housing and homelessness programs on the Mornington Peninsula on Saturday 21 October 2023, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 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.

The Australian Electoral Commission has hired our hall for the coming Referendum scheduled for Saturday, 14 October. The hire period **began 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. **Do not enter the hall or storeroom**. 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!

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</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 9 October	Psalms 89:39–53 1 Kings 20:1–25 Matthew 11:1–11	Psalms 91 Job 31:5–23 Colossians 3:1–11
Tuesday, 10 October	Psalms 92; 93 1 Kings 20:26–43 Matthew 11:12–24	Psalms 94 Job 31:24–40 Colossians 3:12–17
Wednesday, 11 October	Psalms 95; 96 1 Kings 21 Matthew 11:25–12:8	Psalms 97; 98 Job 32 Colossians 3:18–4:6
Thursday, 12 October <i>Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England (d. 1845)</i>	Psalms 99; 100 1 Kings 22:1–28 Matthew 12:9–21	Psalms 103 Job 33:1–18 Colossians 4:7–18
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Malachi 3:13–20a	Psalms 1 Luke 11:5–13
Friday, 13 October	Psalms 101; 102:1–11 1 Kings 22:29–53 Matthew 12:22–37	Psalms 102:12–28 Job 33:19–33 Philemon 1:1–14
Saturday, 14 October	Psalms 108; 109:20–30 2 Kings 1 Matthew 12:38–50	Psalms 119:105–128 Job 34:1–15 Philemon 1:15–25
Next Sunday, 15 October Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost	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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*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.*