

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

29 October, 2023



Signorelli, Luca and della Gatta, Bartolomeo Testament and Death of Moses, Fresco, 1482, Sistine Chapel

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

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

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: 377

SENTENCE:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

c.f. Matthew 22:37-40

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hears your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar.

The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated.

The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (A Prayer of Moses)

(at 8:00 a.m.) Response: Satisfy us by your loving kindness: so shall we rejoice and be glad.

- I Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and earth were born, from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O Lord; How long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you have afflicted us and the years as we have suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servant your works and your splendour to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork!

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

- I. Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.
- 2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
- Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
- 4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
- 5. As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6. In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
- 7. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants.
- 8. O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 9. Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
- Shew thy servants thy work: and their children thy glory.
- II. And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers.

As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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

Gradual Hymn: 15 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34–46

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **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.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Diocese of North West Australia; Archdeaconry of Essendon; St James the Less Mount Eliza; Combined service Bacchus Marsh, Balliang with Myrniong Parish; St John's Wandong; All Saints' Preston and ACME.

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; George; Heather; Ivan; Jane; Jasper; Jenny & Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Judy; Keith & Erica; Kelly; Linda; Peter; Peter; Reva; 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: Ron Pritchard

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Susan Charles Berry; Ella Cornish; Arthur Dickens; Dorothy Wilma Gibson; Myrtle Glasson; John Glover; Peter Hooper; Daphne Howard; Iris Ingham; Herbert Kelly; Frederick King; Harold Robinson; Paul Grainger-Smith; Dorothy Wedlake and Hugh Were.

Offertory Hymn:



- Father, we give you thanks, who planted Your holy name within our hearts.
 Knowledge and faith and life immortal lesus your Son to us imparts.
- Lord, you have made all for your pleasure, And given us food for all our days, Giving in Christ the bread eternal; Yours is the power, be yours the praise.
- Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mercy, Save it from evil, guard it still, And in your love unite, perfect it, Cleanse and conform it to your will.

 As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, Was in this broken bread made one, So may your world-wide church be gathered Into your kingdom by your Son.

> Words: From the Didache (c. 110) Tr. Francis Bland Tucker (1895–1984) Music: 'Spiritus Vitae', Mary Jane Hammond (1878–1964)

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Come down, O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, And lowliness become mine inner clothing; True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings Weeps with loathing. O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let thy glorious light Shine in my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long Shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, Till he becomes the place Where the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

> Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) Tr. R.F. Littledale (1833–1890) Music: Hilary Tadman-Robins (b. 1947)

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 443

Postlude: 'Dialogue' from Livre d'orgue I, Ton 5 by Jacques Boyvin (c. 1649–1706)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: ALL SAINTS

Revelation 7:9–17 I John 3:1–3 Psalm 34:1–10, 22 Matthew 5:1–12

NOTICES

The Vicar will be on leave until Wednesday, November 1. Thank you to the Reverend Professor Christiaan Mostert returning for Sunday morning liturgies; and to Fr Matthew and the Reverend Dr Aaron Ghiloni who will lead the other liturgies in this fortnight.

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Wednesday I November at 9 am. Please join us for this special eucharist.

We will commemorate All the Faithful Departed on Thursday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m., as well as the usual 10:15 a.m. service. This annual service is a chance to remember all those we have loved and who have died and are now in the tender mercy of God. All members of the parish, as well as those for whom we have conducted funerals, will be mentioned by name in the Commemoration. If you wish us to remember those from before last year, please forward their FULL Name to Adrian by October 30 at office@stgeorgesmalvern.org.

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

The Annual Meeting of the Parish and election of office bearers will take place on Sunday, November 19 following a combined eucharist at 9:30 am. Both Parish Office Bearers Nomination for Election Forms and Application for Enrolment on Parish Electoral Roll Forms are available at the service counter in the back of the church.

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.

Everyone is invited to Aaron's ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 25 November at 10.30 a.m. in St Paul's Cathedral. There will be a lunch here at St George's afterwards (RSVP closer to the time). We are collecting donations towards a gift. Please use the envelopes provided. And continue to pray for Father Aaron as he prepares for his ordination. For further information speak to any member of Father Aaron's Field Committee - Leigh Mackay, Miriam Cherry, Philip Jenkins, Andrea King, Ewan Morgan and Malcolm Tadgell.

THE WEEK AHEAD

| Weekdays Monday – Saturday | 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer |
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| Day | Morning Prayer in Chapel and by | <u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below) |
| Monday, 30 October | Psalms 148; 149 2 Kings 9:1–16 Matthew 18:1–14 | Psalms 144; 150 Job 42 2 Peter 1:1–11 |
| Tuesday, 31 October Martin Luther (d.1546) and other Continental Reformers | Psalm 83:1–18 2 Kings 9:17–37 Matthew 18:15–35 | Psalm 150 Esther 1:1–12 2 Peter 1:12–21 |
| Wednesday, I November All Saints | Psalm 97 Isaiah 65:17–25 Luke 9:18–27 | Psalm 33 Sirach 44:1–15 Revelation 19:1–10 |
| Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. | Revelation 7:9–17 Psalm 34:1–10, 22 I John 3:1–3 Matthew 5:1–12 | |
| Thursday, 2 November All Souls | Psalm 90 Job 21:2–27 Romans 6:3–9 | Psalm 27 Isaiah 38:9–20 I Corinthians 15:20–28, 51–58 |
| Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. | Romans 8:31b-39 Psalm 109:25-30 Luke 13:31-35 | |
| Friday, 3 November Richard Hooker, priest and teacher (d. 1600) | Psalm 9 2 Kings 11:1–16 Matthew 20:1–16 | Psalm 10 Esther 3 2 Peter 3:3–10 |
| Saturday, 4 November Day for Australian Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for one another | Psalms 11; 12 2 Kings 11:17–12:8 Matthew 20:17–34 | Psalms 13; 14 Esther 4 2 Peter 3:11–18 |
| Next Sunday, 5 November All Saints | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
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Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283 https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUl3RWR1dm1XWDQ4Zz09

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

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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.



