



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

12 November, 2023

Setting: (at 10:00 a.m.)

Holy Trinity Mass – John Ross (1934–96)

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book (APBA – the green book)

Opening Hymn (at 10:00 a.m.): 417

Sentence:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42, 44

Collect

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem,
and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel;
and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:
Long ago your ancestors—
Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—
lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

‘Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.’

Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.’

But Joshua said to the people, ‘You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.’ And the people said to Joshua, ‘No, we will serve the LORD!’ Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.’ And they said, ‘We are witnesses.’

He said, ‘Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.’ The people said to Joshua, ‘The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.’ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1–7

(at 8:00 a.m.) **Response: We will recount the wonderful works of the Lord**


- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will the mysteries of ancient times,

R.

- 3 That we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us.
we will not hide them from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done. **R.**
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach to their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in turn might tell them to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: Gerry Fitzpatrick



We_ will_ tell the glo-rious deeds of the Lord, the won-ders he has done.

1. Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will pour forth mysteries from of old,
3. Such as we have heard and known, which our forebears have told us. **R.**
4. We will not hide from their children,
but will recount to generations to come,
the praises of the Lord and his power
and the wonderful works he has done.
5. He laid a solemn charge on Jacob and made it a law in Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children. **R.**
6. That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, that they in turn might tell it to their children;
7. So that they might put their trust in God and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:9–18

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

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (*at 10:00 a.m.*): 493

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1–13



Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

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 spoke this parable to the disciples:

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout,

“Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise,

“Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.”

But the wise replied,

“No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.”

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,

“Lord, lord, open to us.”

But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.”

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Anglican Church of Australia; The Parish of Jika Jika, Preston; St Andrew’s Brighton; All Souls’ Sandringham; Holy Trinity Balaclava and Angliss Health Services.

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; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Judy; Keith and Erica; Kelly; Linda; Patrick; 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

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Dorothea Baxter; Natali Cerini; Margaret Mercer; Nellie Nabb; Margaret (Peg) Nelson; Guy Raoul Pascal; Aune Smith; Charles Smith; Michael Somerville and Florence Williams.

Offertory Hymn (at 10:00 a.m.): 302

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Peace between nations, peace between races.

Peace between neighbours in love of the King of Life.

Peace between sister and brother, Peace between wife and husband.

Peace between parents and children, the peace of Christ above all peace.

Peace between brothers, peace between sisters.

Peace between lovers in love of the King of Life.

Words: Trad. Hebridean (adapted)
Music: Christopher Wiggins (b. 1956)

Final Hymn (at 10:00 a.m.): 492

*Postlude: Fugue in E-flat Major ('St Anne'), BWV 552
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

NOTICES

The Anglican Historical Society will present the annual James Grant Memorial Lecture at Holy Trinity, East Melbourne (corner Clarendon and Hotham streets) on Wednesday, 15 November, commencing at 7pm. The lecturer will be Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC. All are welcome to attend. For further information, contact the Secretary, Roger Meyer at roger.meyer@bigpond.com

Annual Meeting

According to the *Parish Governance Act, 2013* of the Diocese of Melbourne, the Churchwardens hereby give formal notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will take place following the regular 10 a.m. eucharist on **Sunday, November 19**.

In order for that meeting to be duly constituted, the following notices are also issued:

1. The Parish Electoral Roll, having been reviewed, remains available for viewing on the noticeboard.
2. Nominations to the office of Church Warden (2 to be elected); for membership of the Parish Council (6 to be elected); and for membership of the Parish Incumbency Committee (2 to be elected) should be made in writing to the Parish Secretary of the Vicar **by TODAY Sunday, November 14**.

Each nomination must be signed by at least two members on the parish electoral roll, and must also include the written consent of the person nominated.

Everyone is invited to the liturgy when Aaron is ordained priest 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 from the parish. Please use the envelopes provided. Please continue to pray for Aaron as he prepares for his ordination, and for all those to be ordained with him. For further information speak to any member of Aaron's Field Committee: Leigh Mackay, Miriam Cherry, Philip Jenkins, Andrea King, Ewan Morgan and Malcolm Tadgell.

Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 5 December Our guest speaker is Paul Forgasz, former headmaster of Mount Scopus College's secondary school and taught Jewish history at Monash University's ACJC. Paul contributes to the Jewish Museum of Australia's community education program and has led Jewish study tours to various European destinations. His topic is "Discovering the Jewish Jesus". Join us for dinner on 5 December at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6:30 p.m. For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030 Option 2.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY **AFTER PENTECOST**

Judges 4:1–10
I Thessalonians 5:1–11

Psalm 123
Matthew 25:14–30

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Monday, 13 November	Psalm 35:1–17 2 Kings 15:23–38 Matthew 22:34–46	Psalms 35:18–29; 36 Esther 9:1–19 Revelation 3:1–6
Tuesday, 14 November	Psalm 34 2 Kings 16 Matthew 23:1–15	Psalm 119:17–40 Esther 9:20–10:3 Revelation 3:7–13
Wednesday, 15 November Reflections on the Lections	Psalm 37:1–17 2 Kings 17:1–20 Matthew 23:16–28	Psalm 37:18–41 Ecclesiastes 1:1–11 Revelation 3:14–22
Thursday, 16 November <i>Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor (d. 1093)</i>	Psalm 38 2 Kings 17:21–41 Matthew 23:29–39	Psalm 39 Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:8 Revelation 4
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Wisdom 7:22–8:1	Psalm 119:89–96 Luke 17:20–25
Friday, 17 November <i>Hilda of Whitby, abbess (d. 680)</i>	Psalm 40 2 Kings 18:1–16 Matthew 24:1–14	Psalms 42; 43 Ecclesiastes 2:9–23 Revelation 5
Saturday, 18 November	Psalms 41; 44:1–9 2 Kings 18:17–37 Matthew 24:15–31	Psalm 44:10–27 Ecclesiastes 2:24–3:9 Revelation 6:1–11
Next Sunday, 19 November Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & meditation

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

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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