



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19 November, 2023

8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.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*

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

*c.f. 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11*

Everliving God,  
before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.  
Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal,  
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Judges 4:1-10*

A reading from the book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him,

'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you,  
"Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.'

And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.'

Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 123**

**Response: Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he shows us his mercy. **R.**
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of derision of the proud. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 22:15–33*

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 said to his disciples,

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,

“Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.”  
His master said to him,  
“Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”  
And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,  
“Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.”  
His master said to him,  
“Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”  
Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,  
“Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”  
But his master replied,  
“You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.  
So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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 the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Bunbury; All Souls' Sandringham; St Thomas', Winchelsea; St Michael's and St Luke's North Dandenong; St John's Frankston North and St Luke's Carrum Downs; St Augustine's and St Hilary's Mont Albert North; All Saints' Rosebud; and Defence Force Chaplains.

### **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; Geoff; Heather; Ivan; Jane; Jenny; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Judy; Keith & Erica; Kelly; Linda; Noel and Reva; Patrick; Peter; Peter; Ron; Sarah; Simon; Stephen; Susan; Syd and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed:**

We remember who have died recently: Alan Stuart Munn; Michael James Scott and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Irene Bailey; Nina Lucy Benson; Noel Brown; Norman Coles; Lilian Crameri; Sydney Davis; Patrick William Grutzner; Pearl Hazewinkel; Bevis Geoffrey Nicholas; Frances Sefton; Richard Sexton; Winifred Slattery; Hilda Alice Spencer and Walter Yencken.

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: CHRIST THE KING**

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–4  
Ephesians 1:15–23

Psalm 100  
Matthew 25:31–46

## **NOTICES**

**Annual Meeting** will take place after the 10:00 a.m. service.

**Training for Cabrini ministry** is on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. with Fr Matthew in the North Room.

**Everyone is invited to the liturgy when Aaron is ordained priest next Saturday 25 November at 10.30 a.m.** in St Paul's Cathedral.

**Lunch at St George's** will follow Aaron's ordination at St Paul's Cathedral. Please RSVP to the office, Judy Mallinson or Sandra Morgan. We would also like some offers of assistance with food for the lunch and for the **special morning tea on the Sunday 26th November**. There is a sheet at the back of the church, on the sidespersons' bench to record your offer. We would very much appreciate your assistance.

**Food Relief collection for St Alban's** will be collected at **next Sunday's (26<sup>th</sup> November)** services. We are one of the main contributors to this important outreach, so please give generously at this time of great need in this disadvantaged area of our city. **No food please. Vouchers or cash only.** For further information, please contact Helen Baddeley on 0417 302 236.

**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](mailto:office@stgeorgesmalvern.org) or call 9822 3030 Option 2.

## 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, 20 November</b>	Psalm 48 2 Kings 19:1–20 Matthew 24:32–51	Psalm 49 Ecclesiastes 3:10–22 Revelation 6:12–7:8
<b>Tuesday, 21 November</b>	Psalm 50 2 Kings 19:20–37 Matthew 25:1–13	Psalm 119:41–64 Ecclesiastes 4 Revelation 7:9–17
<b>Wednesday, 22 November</b>	Psalm 51 2 Kings 20 Matthew 25:14–30	Psalms 52; 53 Ecclesiastes 5:1–12 Revelation 8
<b>Reflections on the Lections</b>		
<b>Thursday, 23 November Clement of Rome, Bishop and martyr (d. c. 100) (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Fr Gregory's ordination as priest)</b>	Psalms 54; 55:1–12 2 Kings 21:1–18 Matthew 25:31–46	Psalm 55:13–28 Ecclesiastes 5:13–6:9 Revelation 9:1–12
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	1 Maccabees 2:15–29    Psalm 50:1–6    Luke 19:41–44	
<b>Friday, 24 November</b>	Psalms 56; 57 2 Kings 21:19–22:11 Mark 1:1–13	Psalms 60; 61 Ecclesiastes 6:10–7:13 Revelation 9:13–21
<b>Saturday, 25 November James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d. 1941)</b>	Psalms 62; 63 2 Kings 22:12–23:3 Mark 1:14–28	Psalms 64; 67 Ecclesiastes 7:14–29 Revelation 10
<b>10:30 a.m. – Ordination of Dr Aaron Ghiloni</b>	<b>at St Paul's Cathedral</b>	
<b>Next Sunday, 26 November Christ the King and Aaron's first celebrations of the Eucharist</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

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWwRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWwRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**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.*