

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19 November, 2023



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.

OPENING HYMN

Please stand

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
 Come ye who hear,
 Brothers and sisters draw near,
 Praise him in glad adoration.
- Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
 Hast thou not seen
 All that is needful hath been
 Granted in what he ordaineth?
- Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew All the Almighty can do, He who with love doth befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again:
 Gladly for ay we adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–80) Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78) and others Music: Lobe den Herren, 17th century German collections Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Sentence:

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

c.f. I Thessalonians 5.9, 11

The President offers words of welcome

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

one God and Father of all.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.

We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptized in response to God's all-embracing love.

Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their child for baptism.

Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church.

In due time this child should make his own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Priest pronounces Absolution, to which all respond

Amen.

We sing together

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

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**.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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 (sung by the choir)

Chant: Donald Eperson (1904–2001)

- I Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
- 2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress: even so our eyes wait upon the Lord Our God, until he have mercy upon us.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are utterly despised.
- 4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy: and with the despitefulness of the proud.

SECOND READING

I 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.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand



- Help us, O Lord, to learn
 The truths thy word imparts:
 To study that thy laws may be Inscribed upon our hearts.
- Help us, O Lord, to live
 The faith which we proclaim,
 That all our thoughts and words and deeds
 May glorify thy name.
- 3. Help us, O Lord, to teach
 The beauty of thy ways,
 That all who seek may find the Christ,
 And sing aloud his praise.

Words: William Watkins Reid Jr. (1923–2007) Music: Falcon St, Isaac Smith (1734–1805)



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.

The Sermon

After the sermon, silence is kept.

THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the candidates and their sponsors to stand in view of the congregation.

We welcome Camilla Louise Lillian Morris who comes to be baptized. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

The sponsors answer

We present Camilla Louise Lillian Morris to be baptized.

The priest says to the sponsors of those unable to answer for themselves

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Camilla for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Camilla? I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Camilla in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The President says to the congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Camilla may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in her.

May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. Amen.

Give to her sponsors and their families the desire to share with her what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

Camilla, her sponsors and family move to the font.

THE BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Camilla to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that she who is baptized in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The President now says to the sponsors of Camilla:

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The President says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

The Congregation responds:

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Camilla Louise Lillian, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Camilla, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

The congregation responds, saying

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

A candle is lit from the Easter candle, and the President says:

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The congregation joins in saying

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins in saying

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way, and especially greet and welcome the world's newest Christian. Camilla.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

During the following hymn, the people's gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared.

Offertory Hymn

Please stand

- I Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.
- 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,Nor can the memory find,A sweeter sound than thy blest name,O Saviour of mankind!
- 3 O hope of every contrite heart,O joy of all the meek,To those who fall, how kind thou art!How good to those who seek!

- 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but his loved ones know.
- 5 Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, And through eternity.

Words: Latin c. 12th century Tr. Edward Caswall (1814–78) Music: St Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896–1979)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with the prayer, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues the prayer until the deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

A brief silence is kept.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

We sing:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is distributed.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament, which is distributed in both kinds.* If you prefer, please come forward for a blessing, and indicate this to the President.

^{* &#}x27;Intinction' (the 'dipping' of the host into the chalice) has many health risks (as well as undermining the sense of 'communion' – "the cup of blessing that we **share**, is it not a **sharing** in the blood of Christ", as St Paul writes), and so is not practiced here.

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34: 8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand.

The President offers a prayer, concluding with:

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Please sit for notices.

Closing Hymn

All stand.

- I JESUS shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore 'Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The prisoner leaps to lose his chains; The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honours to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748) Music: Truro, from the Psalmodia Evangelica (1789)

The President pronounces a blessing to which all respond:

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: Toccata on 'Lobe den Herren' by Hans Friedrich Micheelsen (1902–1972)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–4 Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15–23 Matthew 25:31–46

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 Church and St Hilary's Network Church 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; Diana; 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.

NOTICES

We warmly welcome to St George's this morning Camilla Louise Lillian Morris and her family and friends on the occasion of her baptism.

Annual Meeting will take place after this 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 <u>next Saturday 25</u> 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**th **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 or call 9822 3030 Option 2.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	Morning Prayer in Chapel and by	Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)
Monday, 20 November	Psalm 48 2 Kings 19:1–20 Matthew 24:32–51	Psalm 49 Ecclesiastes 3:10–22 Revelation 6:12–7:8
Tuesday, 21 November	Psalm 50 2 Kings 19:20–37 Matthew 25:1–13	Psalm 119:41–64 Ecclesiastes 4 Revelation 7:9–17
Wednesday, 22 November Reflections on the Lections	Psalm 51 2 Kings 20 Matthew 25:14–30	Psalms 52; 53 Ecclesiastes 5:1–12 Revelation 8
Thursday, 23 November Clement of Rome, Bishop and martyr (d. c. 100) (21st Anniversary of Fr Gregory's ordination as priest)	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
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	I Maccabees 2:15–29 Psalm 50	:I-6 Luke 19:41-44
Friday, 24 November	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
Saturday, 25 November James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d. 1941)	Psalms 62; 63 2 Kings 22:12–23:3 Mark 1:14–28	Psalms 64; 67 Ecclesiastes 7:14–29 Revelation 10
I 0:30 a.m. – Ordination of Dr Aaron Ghiloni	at St Paul's Cathedral	
Next Sunday, 26 November	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Christ the King and Aaron's first celebrations of the Eucharist	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist and 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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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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.