



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# **CHRIST THE KING**

## **(LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)**

26 November, 2023



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

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation, then this sentence of Scripture is read:*

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

*Psalm 100:1*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We say together:*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**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:*

God of power and love,  
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,  
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:  
free the world to rejoice in his peace,  
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.  
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel:

For thus says the LORD God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

I will feed them with good pasture,

and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture;

there they shall lie down in good grazing land,

and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the LORD God.

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed,

and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak,

but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice....

Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them:

I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Because you pushed with flank and shoulder,

and butted at all the weak animals with your horns

until you scattered them far and wide,

I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged;

and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David,

and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

And I, the LORD, will be their God,

and my servant David shall be prince among them;

I, the LORD, have spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 100

**Response: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go to his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 25:31–46*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

### **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him,

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

And the king will answer them,

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Then he will say to those at his left hand,

“You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared

for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”

Then they also will answer,

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”

Then he will answer them,

“Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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

*A sermon is preached.*

*After the sermon, silence is kept.*

## The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

*All stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for The Church of Nigeria; Ministry with Torres Strait Islanders; St James' the Great, St Kilda East; St Peter's, Bundoora; Christ Church, Little River; and St Aidan's Parkdale.

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

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

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Charles Atkins; Christopher Boniface; Patricia Crowl; Frederick Fuller; Michael Hargreaves Gregory; Marjorie Hagerty; Marjorie (Alison) Pope; Jessie Southcott; Helen Trumble; and Emily Whitbourne.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ has entered heaven itself,  
there to appear before God on our behalf.

*Silence is kept.*

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith,  
and confess our sins to the God of grace.

Merciful God,  
**our maker and our judge,**  
**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**  
**and in what we have failed to do:**  
**we have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;**  
**we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**  
**Father, forgive us.**  
**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

*The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond*

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*During the hymn, the people's gifts are brought forward, and the elements placed on the altar.*

*The President offers prayers, 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 a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:*

... 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:*

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.**

*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:*

As this broken bread was once many grains  
which have been gathered together and made one bread.  
**So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

*We sing*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your 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.

*The people and ministers receive the sacrament.*

*After Communion, silence is kept.*

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*A prayer is offered by the President, which ends:*

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.**

*Notices are given.*

## **THE BLESSING**

*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.**

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: ADVENT SUNDAY**

**YEAR B (Year of Mark) begins.**

Isaiah 64:1–9

I Corinthians 1:1–9

Psalms 80:1–7, 17–19

Mark 13:24–37

## NOTICES

**Welcome to all** who have joined us today as we rejoice with Fr Aaron following his ordination to the holy office of priest yesterday.

**Food Relief collection for St Alban's** will be collected at **today**. Today is the last collection for the year and 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.

### Looking Ahead

Next Sunday at 6:00 p.m., we will have an **Advent Carols service** where the choir, congregation and readers will offer Carols and Readings to mark the beginning of the Advent season, that time when we look ahead both to Christmas and to our Lord's second coming. Please join us for this wonderful seasonal reflection and celebration, with supper in the Hall afterwards.

**Training for Cabrini ministry** is on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. with Fr Aaron, onsite at Cabrini Hospital.

**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.

A handout with details of the Christmas services will be available from next week. In brief, however, we will offer:

### Christmas Eve:

**a Special service for children and families** at 5:00 p.m.;

**Carols in Church** from **10:30 p.m.**, leading to the **First Eucharist of Christmas** (aka "**Midnight Mass**") at 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day** will be celebrated with a combined eucharist at **9:30 a.m.**

**New Year's Eve** falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, we will also offer a "**Watchnight Service**" at **11:00 p.m.** as we join in prayer for a more peaceful world in 2024.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Weekdays Monday – Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 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, 27 November</b>	Psalm 68:1–20 2 Kings 23:4–15 Mark 1:29–39	Psalm 68:21–35 Ecclesiastes 8:1–13 Revelation 11:1–14
<b>Tuesday, 28 November</b>	Psalm 71 2 Kings 23:16–30 Mark 1:40–45	Psalm 119:65–88 Ecclesiastes 8:14–9:6 Revelation 11:15–19
<b>Wednesday, 29 November</b>  <b>Reflections on the Lections</b>	Psalm 69:1–6 2 Kings 23:31–24:9 Mark 2:1–17	Psalm 69:17–38 Ecclesiastes 9:7–16 Revelation 12:1–6
<b>Thursday, 30 November</b> <b>Andrew, Apostle &amp; Martyr</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	Psalm 147 Isaiah 49:1–9a John 1:35–42  Deuteronomy 30:11–14 Romans 10:8–18	Psalm 48 Zechariah 8:20–23 John 12:20–32  Psalm 19:1–6 Matthew 4:18–22
<b>Friday, 1 December</b>	Psalm 74 2 Kings 25:8–21 Mark 3:7–19a	Psalms 75; 76 Ecclesiastes 10:16–11:8 Revelation 13:1–10
<b>Saturday, 2 December</b> <i>Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women’s Hospital, Melbourne (d. 1892)</i>	Psalm 77 2 Kings 25:21–30 Mark 3:19b–35	Psalm 78:1–15 Ecclesiastes 11:9–12:14 Revelation 13:11–18
<b>Next Sunday, 3 December</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>(Year B, Mark)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Advent Carols Service</b>

### **Morning Prayer**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRI dm l XWDQ4Zz09>

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

### **Evening Prayer**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRI dm l XWDQ4Zz09>

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

### **Reflections on the Lections**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=Ml czZl J RempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

**7:30 p.m., Wednesday**

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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.*



*The Good Shepherd, who is prophet, priest and King.*