



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

31 December, 2023

9:30 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.*

Setting (9:30 a.m.):

Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938–1994)

*The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book*

Opening Hymn: 33 (vv. 1-4, 7)

## Sentence:

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

*c.f. Luke 2:30–32*

## Collect of the day:

Saving God.

whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple  
and was acclaimed the glory of Israel

and the light of the nations:

grant that in him we may be presented to you  
and in the world may reflect his glory;

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## Psalm 148

**Response: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord**

- 1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**R.**

- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars; **R.**
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens,  
old and young together. **R.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted;  
his splendour is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people,  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Alleluia! **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Galatians 4:4–7*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 40

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Simeon said to Mary:

“This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel,  
and a sword will pierce your own soul too”.

**Alleluia! 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.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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 Rwanda; The Diocese of North Queensland; St Stephen's Belmont and Relationship Matters.

### **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; Geoff; George & Linda; Heather; Ivan; Jane; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Judy; Keith and Erica; Kelly; Linda; Liza; Noel & Reva; Patrick; +Peter; Roma; Ron; Sarah; Simon; Stephen; Susan; Vilma; 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: Mildred Budds; Gwenneth Cunningham; Norman Eastaugh; Alexandra McLaughlan; Geoffrey Mogg; John Richard Sylva and Joyce Whitaker.

Offertory Hymn: 21

Final Hymn: 37

*Postlude: Variations sur 'Quand Jésus naquit à Noël'*  
by Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734–1794)

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

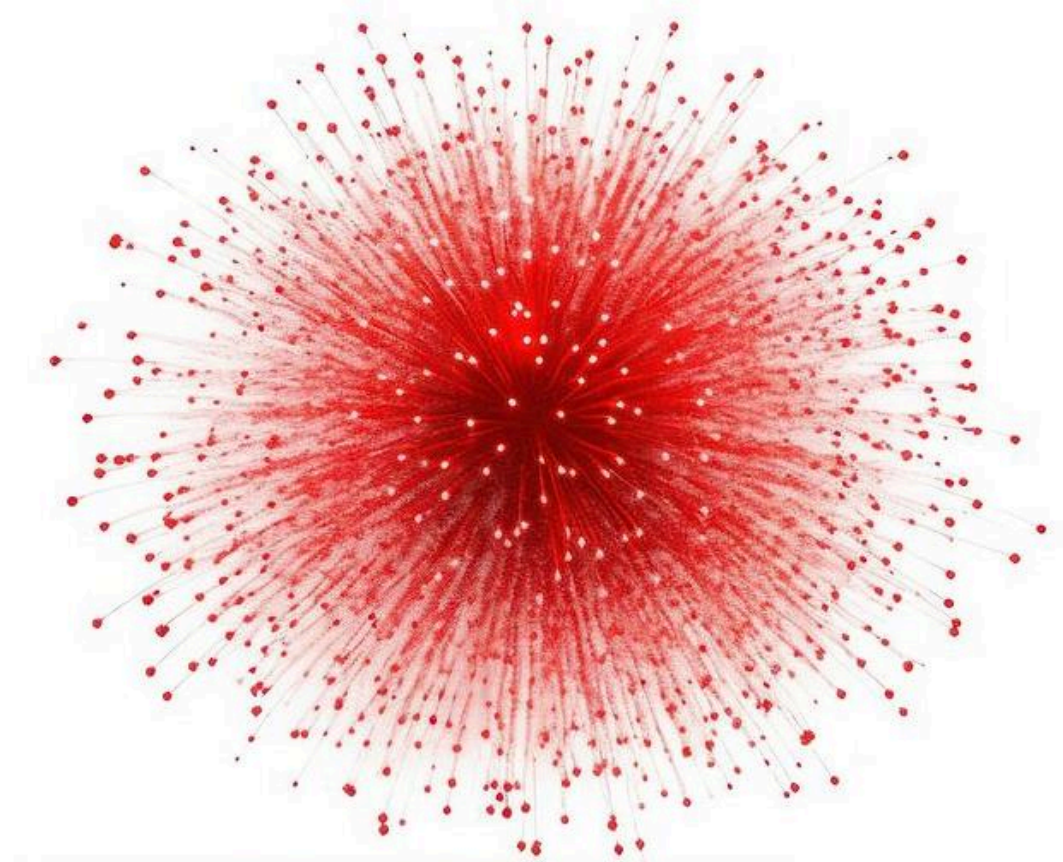
Isaiah 60:1–6  
Ephesians 3:1–12

Psalm 72:1–14  
Matthew 2:1–12

### NOTICES

**The Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2024** is now available for collection at the entrance counter. Please make your \$20 payment to:  
St George's Malvern BSB: 703 122 Account Number: 0500 4999  
with reference to “[Your Initials] Calendar 2024”. Thank you.

**“Watchnight Service” at 11:30 p.m. tonight** as we join in prayer for a more peaceful world in 2024.



## 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, 1 January</b> <i>MP at 9:00 a.m. today</i> <b>The Naming &amp; Circumcision of Our Lord</b>  Holy Eucharist. 9:30 a.m.	Psalm 113 Deuteronomy 30:6–20 Colossians 3:12–17	
	Numbers 6:22–27 Galatians 4:4–7	Psalm 8 Luke 2:15–21
<b>Tuesday, 2 January</b> <i>Basil of Cæsarea and Gregory Nazianzus, Bishops &amp; teachers</i>	Psalms 5; 6 Isaiah 64 Ephesians 2:1–10	Psalms 7; 8 Isaiah 30:15–28 John 3:1–21
<b>Wednesday, 3 January</b>	Psalm 9 Isaiah 65:1–16 Ephesians 2:11–22	Psalm 10 Isaiah 32:9–33:4 John 3:22–36
<b>Thursday, 4 January</b>	Psalms 11; 12 Isaiah 66:1–9 Ephesians 3:1–13	Psalms 13; 14 Isaiah 33:5–24 John 4:1–14
<b>Friday, 5 January</b>	Psalms 15; 16 Isaiah 66:10–16 Ephesians 3:14–21	Psalm 19 2 Samuel 22:47–51 Romans 15:8–21
<b>Saturday, 6 January</b>	Psalm 18:1–31 Isaiah 66:18–23 Ephesians 4:1–16	Psalm 63 Joshua 3 Mark 10:32–45
<b>Next Sunday, 7 January</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### 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.*