



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
MALVERN**

**HOLY EUCHARIST  
FOR THE  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**



**9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**January 7, 2024**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*The Congregation stands as a bell is rung.*

**Deacon:** Let us proceed in peace.

**All:** In the name of Christ. Amen.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:  
    *O come, let us adore him,*  
    *O come, let us adore him,*  
    *O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*
2. God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:  
    *O come...*

*The Procession having reached the Crib, the following prayer is offered:*

**Priest:** God our Father,  
on this most holy day we rejoice as we recall  
that your Son Jesus Christ,  
born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation,  
was made manifest to visitors from foreign lands:  
may all who gather at this crib,  
be made aware of your manifestation among us;  
may we be strengthened in faith,  
offer to you all you have given us,  
and depart to our own homes in peace,  
for ever praising your glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The crib is censed, then the hymn continues:*

3. Lo! star-led chieftains,  
Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child  
Bring our hearts' oblations:  
*O come...*

4. Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the Highest:  
*O come...*

Words: Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> century,  
trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802–80) and others.  
Music: 'Adeste Fideles', melody prob. J. F. Wade (1711–86)

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

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

*Isaiah 60:1*

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 sing 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 Celebrant 'collects' the silent prayer:*

Lord God of the nations,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth;  
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
in the splendour of eternal light,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Reader:** Hear the word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

**Response: Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.**

1. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
2. That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice.
3. That the mountains may bring prosperity for the people,  
and the hills bring righteousness. **R.**
4. He shall defend the needy among the people,  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
6. He shall come down like rain that upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.
7. In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace, till the moon is no more... **R.**
10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Sheba offer gifts.
11. All kings shall bow down before him, and all nations do him service. **R.**
12. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
13. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood in his sight. **R.**

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—  
for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace  
that was given to me for you,  
and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation,  
as I wrote above in a few words,  
a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding  
of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind,  
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that  
was given to me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me  
to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,  
and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages  
in God who created all things;

so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety  
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out  
in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and  
confidence through faith in him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## GRADUAL HYMN

1. As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped,  
To that lowly manger-bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we will willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring  
Christ, to thee our Heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesu, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.
5. In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluyas to our King.

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837–98)*

*Music: 'Dix', from a chorale by C Kopcher (1786–1872),*

*arr. by W. H. Monk (1823–89)*

*Remain standing.*



## Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;

and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,

he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men

and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child;

and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him

homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them,

went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place

where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were

overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his

mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,

and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,

they left for their own country by another road.

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit.*

*A sermon is preached. After the sermon, silence is kept.*

*All stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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.**

*All kneel or sit.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers are offered for the world and the church and all God's people.*

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Gippsland and St Michael & All Angels' Beaumaris.

### **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; David; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Judy; Keith and Erica; Liza; Patrick; +Peter; Roma; Ron; Simon; Stephen; Vilma; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

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

We remember those who have died recently: Richard Fox; Wendy Stone and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Colin Cave; Gregory Edmund Campion Gibson; John Gregory; Cynthia McInnes; Stanley Owen; Ross Rampling; Florence Scott; Elsie Frances Summons and Nola Watson.

*At the end of each petition, the following is said:*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition, the prayers are concluded thus:*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All: Grant that what we have asked in faith,  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

*Silence is kept.*

Let us bring our darknesse to his light,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 Celebrant pronounces Absolution, and the people respond*

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around them.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*During the following hymn, the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward for blessing.*

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.
2. He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace the herald go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise shall people sing;  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever;  
That Name to us is Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854)

based on Psalm 72

Music: 'Crüger', adapted by W. H. Monk (1823–89)

from a Chorale by J. Crüger (1598–1662)

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*During the hymn, after the gifts of the people are received, other gifts are set up on the altar.  
The Celebrant offers prayers, to which the people respond:*

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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 Celebrant continues the prayer until:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant 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.*

Believing the promises of God,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*Together, 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 peace.**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*The people and ministers receive the sacrament.*

*After Communion, silence is kept.*

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

*All stand.*

*A prayer is offered by the Celebrant, 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.**

## **FINAL HYMN**

1. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!
2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.



4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.
5. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Words: J. S. B. Monsell (1811–75)

Music: 'Was Lebet', Melody from *Rheinhardt MS* (1754)

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant pronounces:*

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who by his death and resurrection has delivered us from the dominion of  
darkness, grant us a place with all his saints in his Kingdom.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
make the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill our lives with his joy and peace

**Amen.**

And the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude: Fantasia on *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

I Samuel 3:1–20  
Corinthians 6:12–20

Psalms 139:1–5; 12–18  
John 1:43–51

### **NOTICES**

A funeral for Wendy Stone will take place this coming **Wednesday 10th January at 10:00 a.m.** at the White Lady Funerals Parlour 339, Warrigal Road, Burwood, Victoria, 3125. A memorial service for Wendy will be held at St George's later in February.

**The Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2024** is now available for collection at the entrance counter. Please make your \$20 payment to:  
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with reference to "[Your Initials] Calendar 2024". Thank you.

Some copies of this year's **APBA lectionary** are also available from the parish office for \$15.

***Today marks the end of the Christmas Season.  
Thus, for the last time, all at St George's wish you:***

***A very Happy Christmas,  
and a joyous and peaceful 2024!***

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Weekdays</b> <b>Monday – Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Morning Prayer</u></b> <b>in Chapel and by</b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer</u></b> <b>Zoom (details below)</b>
<b>Monday, 8 January</b> <b><i>Baptism of the Lord</i></b>	Psalms 20; 21: 1–13 Jeremiah 1 Colossians 1: 1–8	Psalms 24; 26 Genesis 1:1–19 John 6: 28–40
<b>Holy Eucharist. 9:00 a.m.</b>	Genesis 1:1–5    Psalm 29	Acts 19:1–7    Mark 1:4–11
<b>Tuesday, 9 January</b>	Psalm 22:1–22 Jeremiah 2:1–19 Colossians 1:9–20	Psalms 22:23–32; 23 Genesis 1:20–2:3 John 6:41–59
<b>Wednesday, 10 January</b> <i>William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d. 1645)</i>	Psalm 25 Jeremiah 2:20–37 Colossians 1:21–29	Psalm 27 Genesis 2:4–35 John 6:60–71
<b>Thursday, 11 January</b>	Psalms 28; 29 Jeremiah 3:1–23 Colossians 2:1–7	Psalms 30; 32 Genesis 3:1–19 John 7:1–13
<b>Holy Eucharist. 10:15 a.m.</b>	1 Samuel 4:1–11    Psalm 44:10–17	Mark 1:40–45
<b>Friday, 12 January</b>	Psalm 33 Jeremiah 4: 1–8 Colossians 2: 8–15	Psalm 31 Genesis 3:20–4: 16 Colossians 2: 8–15
<b>Saturday, 13 January</b> <i>Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d. 367)</i>	Psalm 35:1–17 Jeremiah 4:19–31 Colossians 2:16–23	Psalms 35:18–29; 36 Genesis 4:17–5:5; 21–24 John 7:25–36
<b>Next Sunday, 14 January</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWdQ4Zz09>

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

### Evening Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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**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.*