



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE & MARTYR

25 February, 2024



8:00 a.m. & 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 Celebrant greets the people:*

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**Whose mercy endures forever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Sentence:**

Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

*John 15:16*

*We say together:*

**Lord have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy.**

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Collects of the Day and the Season:**

Almighty God, who chose your faithful servant Matthias  
to be numbered among the twelve apostles

in the place of Judas:

preserve your Church always from false apostles,  
so that it may be guided by true and faithful pastors;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:14–17, 20–26*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

All the apostles were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’... “So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 84

**Response: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.**

1. How lovely is your dwelling place: O Lord God of hosts!
2. My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. The sparrow has found her a home,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **R.**
4. Blessed are those who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you.
5. Blessed are those whose strength is in you:  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion;

6. Who going through the valley of dryness,  
find there a spring from which to drink:  
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.
7. They go from strength to strength:  
they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion. **R.**
8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.
9. Behold, O God him who reigns over us:  
and look upon the face of your anointed.
10. One day in thy courts is better than a thousand:  
I would rather stand in the threshold of the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness. **R.**
12. For the Lord God is a light and a shield,  
the Lord gives favour and honour:  
and no good thing shall he withhold from those who walk in innocence.
13. O Lord God of hosts: **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:13–21*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made Christ's righteousness my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory.

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I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory.**

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.**

Jesus said to his disciples,

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,

and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer,

because the servant does not know what the master is doing;

but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything

that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,

so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **For the Anglican Church**

The Anglican Church of Tanzania; Church Missionary Society (Australia); St Stephen's Bayswater; St John's Bentleigh; St Mark's Emerald; Church of the Epiphany, Hoppers Crossing; Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens.

## **For all in need**

His Majesty the King; Brian; David; Elizabeth; Erica; Helen; Jenny; Jon; Pam; +Peter; Valerie and Laura; Vilma; and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

## **For the Faithful Departed**

Those who have died recently: Michael Feller;  
and those whose anniversary of death occurs today: Mary Jean Emery and Peter Willers;  
and this week: Barbara Edith Anthonisz; Keith Atkins; Mariannus (Mac) Cumming; George Findlay;  
Joyce Granger; John Eric Hoy; Heather Hume-Cook; Joyce Lyster; Jeffrey William McKie;  
Katherine Webster.

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness: Angus; Ann; Geoff; George and Linda; Ivan and Liza; Jane; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Keith and Erica; Mary Therese; Nicola; Noel and Reva; Roma; Ron; Sarah; Simon and Stephen.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him  
and he in us. Amen.**

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Exodus 20:1–17, 20–4  
I Corinthians 1:18–25

Psalm 19  
John 2:13–22

## **NOTICES**

**We warmly welcome** to St George's this morning Winnie and Lottie Thompson and their family and friends on the occasion of their baptism at 10:00 a.m.

**A Memorial Service for Wendy Stone**, our sometime Parish Councillor and Treasurer will take place at St George's on **Thursday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. All welcome.**

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you to Geraldine Powell for so willingly agreeing to prepare, circulate and co-ordinate our Lay Ministry rosters for the last three and a bit years. Organising rosters is proverbially a thankless task; so we want to make sure that it is not literally thankless. Given how much else she does for our parish, I approached Geraldine about a 'sabbatical' from these, and she graciously agreed (though with some reservations as she knows how much is required for someone to take this on!). Of course, she has already prepared everything until Holy Week, and the template she pioneered will continue to be invaluable.

Thank you, too, to two generous parishioners from the 8 a.m. congregation who purchased the new 'slimline' Service booklets for the Holy Communion. The blue 'pamphlets' are much lighter to carry than green books (though these are still available for those who specially want them).

Sincere thanks also to members of Parish Council who spent last Saturday reviewing and determining a number of important objectives for the year ahead. You will see more information about these in coming weeks in the expanded notices.

### **Lenten Study Groups**

We continue our Lenten Study groups on:

Wednesday evening (via Zoom) at 7:30 p.m:

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

And Thursday, following the 10:15 a.m. eucharist

Furthermore, as occurred last year, each week we will (from now until the end of Lent) publish the amount received in the last week, as well as the budgeted costs for running the parish each week of the year. These figures for last week are:

Thanksgiving Pledges – \$2460

Offertory Plate – \$1454

Church Expenditure for the week – \$7,800

Contact Geraldine Powell: [dgp3934@icloud.com](mailto:dgp3934@icloud.com) / 0414 831 968 for details.

Also **please note:** the new 'tap and go' facility at the welcomers' desk is **only for free-will offerings: not** for pledges, which should still be offered as you currently do – through envelopes or direct debit.

**Spiritual Cafe on Tuesday 5 March.** Our guest speaker is Judith Buckrich, best known for her histories of Melbourne people, places and institutions. In 2018 she won the Fellowship of Australian Writers (Victoria) Award for “*Acland Street: the Grand Lady of St Kilda*”. She is working on a history of life on the Yarra River and a film about bohemian St Kilda. Her topic is “The Spirituality of Place”. Join us for dinner 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 Faithful Departed** are prayed for each Sunday. This is a long-standing practice of the Church, which reflects the statement in the Creed: “We believe... in the communion of saints” – that is, that all the living and departed are held, by God’s grace and mercy, in one *living* communion. At St George’s, with some exceptions, until now this has included by name only those whose mortal remains are within the Garden of Remembrance. From this Lent, we will attempt to remember *all* those known and loved by members of this parish, wherever they may rest.

If you wish to remember the names of friends or relatives (or any others who have inspired you in your journey of faith), please provide their full name and the date on which they were born into eternal life (i.e., date of death) to Adrian. Their names can then be included at their “years’ mind”.

### **Looking further ahead:**

Our **Holy Week preacher** this year will be The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Pickard, sometime Principal of St Mark’s Theological College, Canberra, and assistant bishop in the Diocese of Adelaide (amongst many other things). Bishop Stephen’s will be presenting “Portraits of Discipleship”: he will begin this on Palm Sunday (March 24), continue with an address in the eucharist each night of Holy Week, and also at the Good Friday liturgy and the liturgies of Easter Day.

**In the Easter Season**, we will have a series of Guest Preachers on the theme: “First Witnesses to the Resurrection: Women and the Easter faith”. Every Sunday during the Easter season (though see below) will see an engaging woman preacher reflecting with us on the mystery and wonder of Easter. Preachers will include: Dr Meg Warner; Bishop Kate Prowd; Bishop Genieve Blackwell; Archdeacon Colleen O’Reilly, AM and will conclude on the Feast of Pentecost, when the preacher will be The Reverend Canon (Emerita) Professor Dorothy Lee, AM, FAHA

### **Patronal Festival**

The one exception to the above is our Patronal Festival, which we will celebrate on Sunday April 28 (the fourth Sunday of Easter), where our preacher will be The Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Robert Gribben, AM. Professor Gribben is an internationally recognised (and awarded) liturgical scholar, and the chief author/compiler of *Uniting in Worship*. (He is frequently referred to as the UCA’s Thomas Cranmer!) He is also a significant figure in International Ecumenical Dialogue – not least with the Orthodox Churches (He loves the Anglican church, too.) Given St George is regarded by the Orthodox as “The Great Martyr”, Robert’s insights will be inspiring, encouraging and helpfully challenging.



## **Book(s) Launch**

On the evening of **Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.**, St George's will host the launch of two newly published books by The Most Reverend Dr Peter Carnley, AC, sometime Archbishop of Perth and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia. The titles of the two new books are: *Arius on Carillon Avenue – More than a Memoir: A Trinitarian Saga* and *The Subordinate Substitute: Another Wrong Turn on Carillon Avenue*. The books will be launched by The Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Christiaan Mostert – well-known in this parish – and in the presence of our own Archbishop and Mrs Freier. There will be food and festivities to enjoy. **Save the date.**

*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.*

# CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



**St George's Anglican  
Church**

St George's Anglican Church is accepting applications for Choral Scholars of all voice parts to commence immediately.

- Develop your singing and musicianship in a friendly and supportive environment
  - Opportunities for solo singing
  - Receive an honorarium of up to \$4,500 p.a.
  - Flexible arrangements for leave
  - Regular Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning service
  - Occasional Evensongs and special services for Easter and Christmas
- Contact Tom Baldwin (Director of Music) at [music@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesmalvern.org)

In our Parish Profile, members of the parish identified that 'our rich choral tradition' was an element of parish life people wished to continue and support.

As you will see above, we are advertising again for talented singers who might receive a choral scholarship to sing in the parish choir.

Parishioners can assist in raising money for this, by donating to the special account we hold for Choir and Music with the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO). Donations, which are tax-deductible, can be made here:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/>

Please note the following:

Under 'Select the Fund you wish to donate to', select MACO;

Under 'Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc. (MACO)', select St George's Malvern – Music Fund.

Please **also** note: you are warmly encouraged to speak with any singers you know who may be looking for a friendly, welcoming choir to sing with and join.



As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.  
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave himself for me.

*From the letter to the Galatians*

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