



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

3 March, 2024

Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

SETTING AT 10 A.M.

The Hadleigh Setting – Alan Ridout (1934–96)

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (“The Green or Blue” book)*

At 10:00 a.m., we begin by standing to join the choir in singing the Lent Prose:

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

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for we have sinned against thee.**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

COLLECT (OF THE DAY AND THE SEASON)

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that,
cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the book Exodus:

God spoke all these words and said:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
You shall not bow down to them or worship them;
for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,
punishing children for the iniquity of parents,
to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,
but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me
and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God,
for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
For six days you shall labour and do all your work.
But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God;
you shall not do any work—
you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock,
or the alien resident in your towns.
For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
but rested the seventh day;
therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother,
so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house;
you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox,
or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

Response (at 8 a.m.): You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.

1. The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
2. One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
3. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
4. Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. **R.**
5. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun:
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R.**
7. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul:
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoices the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R.**

9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R.**
11. By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then I shall be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. **R.**
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R.**

Response (at 10 a.m.):



1. The sky tells the glory of God, tells the genius of God's work.
2. Day carries the news to day, night brings the message to night. **R.**
3. Without a word, without a sound, without a voice being heard,
4. And yet their message fills the world, their news reaches its rim. **R.**
5. There God has pitched a tent for the sun to rest and rise renewed
Like a bridegroom rising from bed, an athlete eager to run a race. **R.**
6. It springs from the edge of the earth, runs a course across the sky
To win the race at heaven's end. Nothing on earth escaped its heat **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth:

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called,

both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 2:13–22

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves,
and the money-changers seated at their tables.

Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple,
both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.
He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'
His disciples remembered that it was written,
'Zeal for your house will consume me.'
The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?'
Jesus answered them,
'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'
The Jews then said,
'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years,
and will you raise it up in three days?'
But he was speaking of the temple of his body.
After he was raised from the dead,
his disciples remembered that he had said this;
and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.
For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Armidale; Cross-Cultural Ministry; St John's, Flinders with St Mark's, Balnarring; St Peter's, Brighton Beach; St John Chrysostom's, Brunswick West; St John's, Footscray and Holy Trinity, Pascoe Vale/Oak Park.

For all in need

Alan; Brian; David; Elizabeth; Erica; Hayley; Helen; Pam; 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: Jessie Baird; Luke Davies; Diana Duncan;
and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Brian Arthur Corless;
Margaret Anne Kearsley; Lesley Manning; Wilma MacKenzie and Marjorie Scott.

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness: His Majesty the King; HRH The Princess of Wales; 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; +Peter; 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.**

Offertory Hymn: 379

During Communion at 10:00 a.m., the Anthem is sung by choir:

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

Text: Psalm 119:3

Music: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

FINAL HYMN

*May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.*

1. Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold.
2. Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of Life presides:
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.
3. As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.

Words: James Phillip McAuley (1917–76)

Music: 'Lindfield', Richard Connolly (1927–2022)

*Postlude: Concerto in A minor, Op. 3 No. 8, (1st movement),
Antonio Vivaldi (1678 – 1741), trans. J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

NOTICES

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

Collection for St Albans will take place today at all services.

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 – \$1,465

Offertory Plate – \$947

Church Expenditure for the week – \$17,789.00

Contact Geraldine Powell: 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 – nor for other payments (Lent books; jams, etc.).

Spiritual Cafe this 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. She has been Chair of the PEN International Women Writers' Committee and President of the Melbourne PEN Centre. 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 or call 9822 3030 Option 2.

Scripture Readings next week

Numbers 21: 4–19

Ephesians 2: 1–10

4th SUNDAY IN LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

Psalm 107: 1–3, 17–22

John 3:14–21

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

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.

Bearing Witness: An Approach to Christian- Muslim Dialogue

The Biennial Hughes-Cheong Lecture

- DATE:** Thursday 21 March 2024
- VENUE:** Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building
Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052
- TIME:** 7 – 9pm
Drinks and canapés included.
- TICKETS:** Free, but bookings essential.
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*Presented by Dr Joshua Ralston, Reader in
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