



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

10 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.

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

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

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

COLLECT (OF THE DAY AND THE SEASON)

Everlasting God
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us
from knowing your will,
no weakness prevent us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4–9

A reading from the book Numbers:

From Mount Hor the people of Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea,
to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.
The people spoke against God and against Moses,
'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?
For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.'
Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people,
and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.
The people came to Moses and said,
'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you;
pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.'
So Moses prayed for the people.
And the LORD said to Moses,
'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole;
and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.'
So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole;
and whenever a serpent bit someone,
that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord.

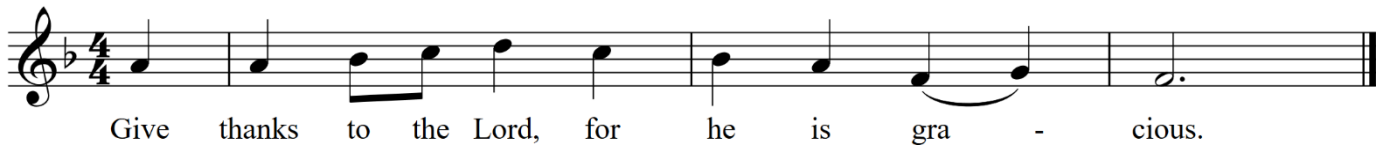
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107: 1–3, 17–22

**Response (at 8 a.m.): Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good
and his mercy endures for ever.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures for ever. **R.**
2. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3. He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south... **R.**
17. Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.
18. They abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.
19. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress. **R.**
20. He sent forth his word and healed them,
and saved them from the grave.
21. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.
22. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **R.**

Response (at 10 a.m.):



1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
3. And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south. **R.**
4. Some were foolish and took a rebellious way,
and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.
5. Their soul abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to the gates of death.
6. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress. **R.**
7. He sent forth his word and healed them,
and saved them from destruction.
8. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness
and the wonders he does for his children.
9. Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1–10

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived,
following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air,
the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.
All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,
following the desires of flesh and senses,
and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.
But God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which he loved us
even when we were dead through our trespasses,

made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved —
and raised us up with him
and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.
For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

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

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

God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man
be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in
order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are
not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because
they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the
judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness
rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light
and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But
those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that
their deeds have been done in God.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.; The Diocese of Central Queensland; St Paul's Geelong; St Mary's North Melbourne; Holy Trinity Doncaster; the Diocesan Building Committee.

For all in need

Alan; Cathy; Charles; Coral; David; Elizabeth; Hayley; Jenny; Pam; Valerie and Laura; Vilma; and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Thomas (Ray) Casey; Wilma Cuming; Gladys Harris; Nellie King; Effie MacMeikan; Willard May; Patricia Mary Olney and Jennifer Tonoli

**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: 63

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

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.*

Words: John 3:16–17

Music: from 'The Crucifixion', John Stainer (1840–1901)

FINAL HYMN

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, people, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
Refrain
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of him who died.
Refrain
3. From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise:
Refrain
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
draw all to you, let all the nations see:
Refrain
5. From farthest regions let them homage bring:
and on the cross adore their Saviour King.
Refrain

*Words: Michael Robert Newbolt (1874–1956)
based on George William Kitchin (1827–1912)
Music: 'Crucifer', Sidney H. Nicholson (1875–1947)*

Postlude: Toccata in G minor by Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

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.

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 – \$2,555

Offertory Plate – \$729

Church Expenditure for the week – \$11,467

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.).

Working Bees to prepare the Church for Holy Week and Easter will take place on **Saturday, March 23 and Saturday March 30**. These will commence after Morning Prayer (8:30 a.m.) and hopefully be concluded by lunch time. Come along and join in making our Church as beautiful as it can be, to celebrate the Great Week of the Christian Year.

And on **Thursday, March 21** there will be a Working Bee to make Palm Crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday. This is always a fun afternoon, when Ewan and Sandra Morgan ‘reacquaint’ some, and teach others for the first time, the technique for making palm crosses.

The biennial **Hughes-Cheong Lecture** takes place on the evening of **Thursday, March 21 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** in the Craig Auditorium, Trinity College. The Lecture is titled “Bearing Witness: An Approach to Christian-Muslim Dialogue”, and will be delivered by Dr Joshua Ralston, Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations in the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh. All welcome, but RSVP: events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au or 8341 0126.

March Spiritual Café - Books by Judith Buckrich (our recent speaker) are available to purchase via her website - judithbuckrich.org.au.

Scripture Readings next week

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Hebrews 5:5–14

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalm 119:9–16

John 12:20–33

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 will be presenting "Portraits of Discipleship". Please take a 'flyer' of our Holy Week and Easter services today.

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; Bishops 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.

The next **Spiritual Café** will take place on **Tuesday April 16** and the speaker will be The Most Reverend Dr Peter Carnley, AC sometime Archbishop of Perth and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia. His topic: "Life is a Labyrinth". This will be a good prelude to...

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. 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 Archbishop and Mrs Freier. There will be food and festivities to enjoy. **Save the date.**

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".

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



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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.

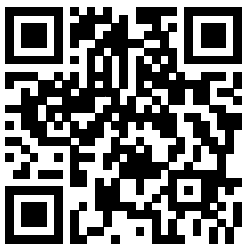
We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

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.



In 1988, The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) classified St George's Anglican Church, Malvern as B5959, indicating in the Trust's view it is "essential to Victoria's heritage and must be preserved."

Here is your chance to help preserve it!



Donations to the St. George's external appeal through the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) are allowable as deductions for tax purposes.

Donations can be made by scanning the QR Code, visiting our website <https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/support-donations> or going directly to <http://www.givenow.com.au/stgeorgemalvernroof>

Your full donation will fund this important work as administration and platform costs have been absorbed by the church. Publicity is vital for the success of this appeal and volunteers are greatly needed for "Flyer-Drops" in local letterboxes. Please contact Ravi on 0412 399 897 for how you can assist.

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