



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

17 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.**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:

falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee,
Jesu our Redeemer.

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

SENTENCE

‘This is the covenant I will make with them,’ says the Lord God: ‘I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.’

Jeremiah 31:33

COLLECT (OF THE DAY AND THE SEASON)

O God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
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

Jeremiah 31:31–34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:9–16

Response (at 8 a.m.): O Lord, how I love your law.

9. How shall the young cleanse their way? By keeping to your words.
10. With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments. **R.**
11. I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.
12. Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me your statutes. **R.**
13. With my lips I recite all the judgements of your mouth.
14. I have taken great delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches. **R.**
15. I will meditate on your commandments
and will give attention to your ways.
16. My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word. **R.**

At 10 a.m. (sung by the choir):

Chant: Stephen Elvey (1805–60)

9. How shall a young man's path be pure : unless he keep to your word?
10. I have sought you with my whole heart :
let me not stray from your commandments.
11. I have treasured your words in my heart :
that I might not sin against you.
12. Blessed are you, Lord God : O teach me your statutes.
13. With my lips I have been telling : all the judgements of your mouth;
14. And I find more joy in the way of your commands :
than in all manner of riches.
15. I will meditate on your precepts : and give heed to your ways;
16. For my delight is wholly in your statutes :
and I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5–14

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest,
but was appointed by the one who said to him,
‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,
with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death,
and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;
and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation
for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become
dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers,
you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God.
You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk,
being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness.

But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by
practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

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.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—

“Father, save me from this hour”?

No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven,

‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.

Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’

Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgement of this world;

now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church in Wales; The Diocese of Newcastle; All Saints' Greensborough; St Matthew's Ashburton; the Diocesan Property Committee.

For all in need

Alan; Cathy; Charles; Coral; David; Elizabeth; Hayley; Helen; Jenny; John; Pam; Roma; Tony; 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: Leonard Dixon; Arthur Emery; Jillian Gosper; Howard Jenkins; Marlene Esma Johnson; Maria Mercer; John Brooke Scott; Alastair Reginald Stephen and Patricia Wuchatsch.

**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: 445

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

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit
illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him
a name
which is above all names.

Words: Philippians 2:8–9
Music: Felice Anerio (c. 1560–1614)

Offertory Hymn: 461

*Postlude: Toccata Cromatica con durezza e ligature
by Johann Kaspar Kerll (1627–93)*

NOTICES

A Huge Thank You to Sandra Morgan and Judy Mallinson for the preparation of the Simnel Cake we all enjoyed last week.

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 – \$1,690

Offertory Plate – \$1,093

Church Expenditure for the week – \$12,201

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.).

Book Club will meet tomorrow in the North room at 2.00pm to discuss *The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart* by Holly Ringland. All welcome. If you would like to join our group, please contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

This 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.

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.

The biennial **Hughes-Cheong Lecture** takes place on the evening of **this 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.

Our **Holy Week preacher** this year is The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Pickard, sometime Principal of St Mark's Theological College, Canberra, assistant bishop in the Diocese of Adelaide, and Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Bishop Stephen will be presenting "Portraits of Discipleship". Please take a 'flyer' of our Holy Week and Easter services today.

Next Spiritual Cafe is on Tuesday 16 April with our guest speaker is Archbishop Peter Carnley AC. He was Archbishop of Perth from 1981–2005 and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia from 2000–2005. He ordained the first women priests in Australia.

His topic is "Life is a Labyrinth". Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30pm followed by the speaker at 7.30pm.

For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

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

At last year's Annual Meeting a request was made that parishioners would get back into the habit of **wearing name badges**. This was endorsed at the recent Parish Council Away Day. **Please wear your name badge. If you would like a new one, please write your name on the list at the entrance desk.**

Scripture Readings next week

Isaiah 50: 4–9a

Philippians 2: 5–11

Palm Sunday

Psalm 31:9-18

Mark 14:1–15:39

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; Ron; Sarah; Simon and Stephen.

Looking further ahead:

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 Morna Sturrock Fellowship Fundraising Dinner on Wednesday 10 April 2024 is to relaunch the Morna Sturrock Fellowship, which aims to support a female candidate to complete her PhD studies in theology. We will be joined by the inaugural recipient and our guest speaker, Dr Meg Warner, Luther King Centre for Theology and Ministry, Manchester UK (who will be **our preacher on Sunday April 7**), as well as our guest of honour, the Revd Professor Dorothy Lee AM FAHA. (Our preacher for Pentecost).

Venue: The Lyceum Club, 2-18 Ridgeway Place, Melbourne VIC 3000. Dress: Lounge suit, cost: \$100 per person. RSVP: By Wednesday 3 April 2024. Enquires: Briony O'Halloran, events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au or 83410216. Bookings can be made through: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1189620?>

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



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.

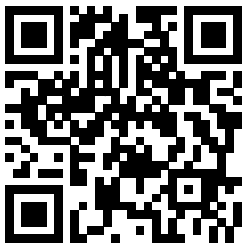
Please **also** note: you are warmly encouraged to speak with any singers you know who may be looking for a friendly, welcoming choir to sing with and join.

If you have a Facebook account, please "friend" our page and "like" the scholarship post. Your friends will then be able to see this great opportunity and respond!"



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.

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.

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