



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 April, 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.

Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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

Opening Hymn: 106

SENTENCE

“Peace be with you,” says the Lord. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”
John 20: 21

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–37

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement').

He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

Response: How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

1. How good and pleasant it is, when a family lives together in unity!
2. It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
3. Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **R.**
4. It is like the dew of Hermon, that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5. For there the Lord ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 1: 1–2: 2

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (*10:00 a.m. only*): 102

GOSPEL

John 20: 19–31

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again,

'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him,
'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him,
'Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,
which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Episcopal Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Bendigo; The Parish of St Thomas',
Langwarrin w. St Peter's, Pearcedale; St John's Highton; St Nicholas' Mordialloc;
St Andrew's Aberfeldie; Holy Apostles' Sunshine and Police Force Chaplains and members of the
Police Force.

For all in need

Alan; Elizabeth; George; Helen; James; Jenny; Pam; Roma; The Stewart Family and others we
mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: +John Stewart and Mary Elizabeth Owies
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:

Hilda Amos; Jack Amos; Sue Angliss; Charles Matthew Cooch Bennett; Donald Eric Bowman;
Arthur Carter; Helen Cameron Carter; Dorothy Clark; Brian Arthur Corless; Gertrude Edington;
Eileen Fulton; Joyce Helen Granger; Estelle Gregory; Laura Gregory; Myrtle Hill;
Margaret (Peg) Horsburgh; John Horsfield; Robert Howard; Alice Mary Johnson; Robert Kither;
Lawrence Krome; Margaret Ellen Lamble; Robert Lemon; Helen Liliias McGee; Violet Mansell; Corrie
Mark; Dianne Mercer; Mary Newton; Nancy Fay Nicholson; Marie Perry; Marjorie Powell;
Helen Reddrop; Margaret Elliott Robinson; Maxwell Robinson; Norman Robert Seach;
Graham Slobom; Lucy Beaumont Slobom; Diana Smith; John Hedley Summons and Lilla White.

Offertory Hymn: 104

Final Hymn: 105

Postlude: Marche Pontificale
By C M Widor (1844–1937)

Scripture Readings next week

Acts 3: 12–20
1 John 2: 15–17, 3: 1–6

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 4
Luke 14: 36b–48

Week Ahead

Monday	The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to Mary Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. in St Martin's Chapel Georgiana Molloy, pioneer church leader and botanist from Western Australia (d. 1843)
Tuesday	William Law, priest and teacher (d. 1761) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian and martyr (d. 1945) Parish Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the North Room
Thursday	George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary bishop of New Zealand (d. 1878)

NOTICES

We warmly welcome today's preacher **Dr Meg Warner**. Dr Warner is a lecturer at Luther King Centre for Theology and Ministry, Manchester, UK, and comes to us after a being Holy Week preacher at St George's Cathedral, Perth. Please introduce yourselves to her and make her welcome.

St Alban's collection occurs at all services **today**. Given Holy Week and Easter, we are now two weeks behind our usual collection for the food programme at St Albans. As we are one of the chief fundraisers for this important work and parish-partnership, please give as generously as possible this morning, to ensure that the many people who rely on St Albans will be given necessary food and support. St Alban's parish has sent us a card in appreciation of our continued support of their important work. It is pinned to the entrance notice board for you to see.

The Morna Sturrock Fellowship Fundraising Dinner is this Wednesday 10 April 2024. The purpose of the dinner 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, our preacher today, Dr Meg Warner, 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. Enquires: Briony O'Halloran, events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au or 83410216. Bookings can be made through: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1189620?>

Book Club will meet Monday, 15 April in the North room at 2:00 p.m. to discuss *We were the lucky ones* by Georgia Hunter. All welcome. If you would like to join our group, please contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

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". 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. 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.

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.**

Looking ahead:

Patronal Festival Sunday April 28 (the fourth Sunday of Easter).

There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. for St George's Day, 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. There will be a "bring and share" lunch.

Brigidine Asylum Seeker Program (BASP) Collection is on Sunday, 21st April.

Please refer to flyers available at the back for items to donate. Further enquiries can be made to Charles Tegner on 0418530658.

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; Janine; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; Josie; Keith and Erica; Mary Therese; Nicola; Noel and Reva; +Peter; Ron; Sarah; Simon and Stephen.

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.