



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
MALVERN**

**SOLEMN EUCHARIST  
FOR THE  
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**



**8:00 a.m.**

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*The Congregation stands as the bell is rung*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Dear sisters and brothers, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people.

As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified,  
as we now come to him for cleansing.

In their old age Simeon and Anna, enlightened by the Spirit,  
recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory.

So let us, gathered by the same Spirit,  
recognise him in the breaking of the bread,  
until he comes again, revealed in glory.

Let us pray.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,

**All** **in the midst of your temple.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

**All** **that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

God is the Lord who has shown us light.

**All** **Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.**

## **Sentence**

My eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

*Luke 2:30–32*

*We say together:*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness,  
but shall have the light of life.’

*c.f. John 8:12*

*Silence is kept.*

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

**All Merciful God,  
our Maker and our Judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces Absolution, and the people respond*

**Amen.**

*We say together:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

*The people pray silently, and then the Celebrant 'collects' the silent prayer:*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we humbly pray that,  
as your only Son was presented in the temple  
in accordance with the law,  
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

*Malachi 3:1–4*

A reading from the prophecy of Malachi:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,  
and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.  
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight —  
indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.  
But who can endure the day of his coming,  
and who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap;  
he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,  
and he will purify the descendants of Levi  
and refine them like gold and silver,  
until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.  
Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD  
as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Reader:** Hear the word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24

### Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

- 1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it:  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R.**
- 3 'Who can ascend the hill of the LORD?  
and who can stand in his holy place?'
- 4 Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to a falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud. **R.**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in!
- 8 'Who is this King of glory?'  
'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, the mighty in battle. **R.**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in!
- 10 'Who is he, this King of glory?' **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 2:14–18*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Since the children share flesh and blood,  
he himself likewise shared the same things,  
so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death,  
that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery  
by the fear of death.

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels,  
but the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered,  
he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**Gospel**

*Luke 2:22–40*

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses,  
they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

(as it is written in the law of the Lord,

‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’),

and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord,

‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon;

this man was righteous and devout,

looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death  
before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,

to do for him what was customary under the law,

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four.

She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favour of God was upon him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit.*

*A sermon is preached.*

*After the sermon, silence is kept.*

*All stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers are offered for the world and the church and all God's people.*

*At the end of each petition, the following is said:*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for The Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of Bendigo; St Mary's, Warburton and All Saints', Yarra Junction; and Christ Church Grammar School.

### **For all in need**

May all who are in trouble, need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you, especially: Anath; Ann; Bethany and family; Catherine and family; Charlie; Coral; Helen; John; Kaye; Margaret; Mary; Nigel; Ravi; and Roma; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed:**

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Garry O'Dell Armstrong; John Noel Box; Harold Braund; Robin Francis Martin Brown; Elizabeth Dowsey; Katina Elliott; Herbert Fowler; Frank Hansen; Audrey Henry; Peter Howard; Grace Martin; Mary Moline; Marian Ransome; Deborah Ricklefs; Ruth Were; Marjory Werner; and Louise Willsmore.

*After the final petition, the prayers are concluded thus:*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All: Grant that what we have asked in faith,  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1:78,79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share God's peace with those around them.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The gifts are set up on the altar and the Celebrant offers prayers, to which the people respond:*

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:*

... we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues the prayer until:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues the prayer, which concludes:*

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

*As the Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*Together, we sing:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us your peace.**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*The people and ministers receive the sacrament.*

*After Communion, silence is kept.*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*All stand.*

*A prayer is offered by the Celebrant, which ends*

Father,  
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.

*After the notices, the clergy and server move to the font. All turn to face the font.*

### FINAL RESPONSORY

*The Celebrant says:*

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**All Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**All Help us, who have received the bread of life,  
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**All Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**All Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**All Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant pronounces:*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.

**All Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

**All Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, + the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:1–13

I Corinthians 15:1–11

Psalm 138

Luke 5:1–11

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## NOTICES

**Today we welcome to St George's our new Honorary Assistant Priest, Fr Jeremy Cavanagh.** Born and raised, and undertaking his initial studies in Australia, Jeremy was ordained in the Diocese of London, and has been serving in the parishes of St Stephen and St John, Westminster, and St Saviour's, Pimlico. He is returning to Australia, and is delighted to have the opportunity to be a part of the community here in Malvern and at St George's. Please make him very welcome and introduce yourselves to him.

**This Tuesday evening, February 4, the Commissioning of The Reverend Dr Aaron Ghiloni** as Vicar of St John's, Camberwell, takes place at **7:00 p.m.** St John's is at 552 Burke Road, Camberwell.

**The St. George's Book Club is 35 years old.** Over these years we have enjoyed hundreds of wonderful books, shared warm fellowship and increased our understanding of the human condition, places and events. **Our first meeting for the year is on Monday 10th February at 2.00pm in the North room** above the hall. We will be discussing the book *Molly* by Rosalie Ham. All are welcome. Sandra Morgan 044 884 306.

**Spiritual Café Returns Tuesday 25 February:** Our guest speaker is **the Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Robert Gribben AM**, a minister of the Uniting Church in Australia, previously the General Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches. He taught liturgical studies at an Anglican theological college in UK, followed by many years lecturing at UFT, and was a founding member of the Victorian Council of Christians and Jews.

His topic is '*Iznik, Türkiye: its 1700-year-old creed – and us*': a celebration of Nicaea, its historical setting and some contemporary ways of seeing its relevance plus some personal ecumenical experiences.

Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30 p.m. Speaker will speak at 7.30pm. Bookings via email: [office@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesmalvern.org) or call 9822 3030.

Save the date for the next Spiritual Café: 8 April.

## The Week Ahead

Monday	First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, Sydney 1788
Tuesday	Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d. 865)
Wednesday	Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d. 1597)

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined via Zoom at:

### **Morning Prayer**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRI dmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

### **Evening Prayer**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRI dmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

<b>Roster for today</b> <b>THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST</b> <b>IN THE TEMPLE</b> <b>2 February 2025</b>		<b>Roster for next week</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>9 February 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-person	Campbell Paine
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolytes	Bryan Elmes Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistants	Jenny Weller-Newton Leonie Bird	Eucharistic Assistants	Leigh Mackay Jeremy Cavanagh
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Miriam Cherry David Sheppard	Readers	Jane Baddeley Hamish Tadgell
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Meg Winter Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Niko Nikolakopoulos
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Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Geraldine Powell Vincent Amos	Readers	Ray Lester Riley Brooks
Morning Tea	Geraldine Powell Claire Sheppard	Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Pam Felgate

Of your charity, **please continue to pray** for those in long term need or sickness:  
His Majesty the King; Angus; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Liza; Sarah; and Simon.

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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples  
of the East Kulin nations*

*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 and living connection to Country,  
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*