



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
MALVERN**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

16 MARCH, 2025



“How often have I desired to gather your children together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings”

*Mosaic, altar of Dominus Flevit Church, Mount of Olives
Jesus as mother hen gathers the chicks.*

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938–1994)

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer 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.**

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

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

Sentence:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

Collect of the Day and the Season:

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1–12; 17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision,
'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'
But Abram said, 'O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless,
and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'
And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring,
and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'
But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir;
no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'
He brought him outside and said,
'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.'
Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'
And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.
Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans,
to give you this land to possess.'
But he said, 'O LORD God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'
He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old,
a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'
He brought him all these and cut them in two,
laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.
And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and
terrifying darkness descended upon him....
When the sun had gone down and it was dark,
a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.
On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,
'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river,
the river Euphrates.'

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

Psalm 27

Response: The LORD is my light and my salvation.

(8:00 a.m.)

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who shall stumble and fall. **R.**
3. Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid:
4. And though war should rise against me
yet will I put my trust in him. **R.**
5. One thing have I asked from the LORD; one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
6. To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple. **R.**
7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me safe in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock. **R.**
8. Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me;
9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD. **R.**
10. Harken to my voice O LORD, when I call:
have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face':
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R.**
13. You have been my helper:
cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14. Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will sustain me. **R.**
15. Show me your way O LORD;
lead me in a level path, because of my enemies.

16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice. **R.**

17. What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

18. O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the LORD. **R.**

**Response: Do not be afraid, I am with you;
(10:00 a.m.) I have called you by your name,
you are mine;
I have called you by your name,
you are mine.**

1. The LORD is my light and my help;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strong-hold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
For this I long:
To live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life. **R.**

3. I am sure I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart,
Hope in the LORD **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17– 4:1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me,
and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ;
I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.
Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame;
their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed
to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things
subject to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

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

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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

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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him,

‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’

He said to them,

‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing
cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is
impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”’

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets
and stones those who are sent to it!
How often have I desired to gather your children together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
See, your house is left to you.
And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,
“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Melbourne; St Barnabas', Glen Waverley; Holy Trinity, Pascoe Vale Oak Park; St Agnes', Black Rock; St Stephen's and St Mary's, Mount Waverley; St John's, Heidelberg; and Mentone Girls' Grammar School.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you.
We pray for: Ann; Carole and Family; Coral; George; Helen; John; Judy; Margaret; Marilyn; Mary; Patricia; Patrick; Ravi; Roma; Sam; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Leonard Dixon; Arthur Emery; Jillian Gosper; Marlene Esma Johnson; Effie MacMeikan; Patricia Mary Olney; Mary Elizabeth Owies; John Brooke Scott; Alastair Reginald Stephen; and Patricia Wuchatsch.

Offertory Hymn: 148 (vv.1, 5-8)

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee,
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

Words: Psalmist
Music: Richard Farrant (1535–80)

Final Hymn: 364

Postlude: Prelude in D Minor by Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Roster for today SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 16 March 2025		Roster for next week THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 23 March 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Jenny Weller-Newton
Eucharistic Assistants		Eucharistic Assistants	
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Helen Baddeley Bryan Elmes Jenny Robertson Campbell Paine	Readers	Venetia Patchett Betty Kenyon Miriam Cherry Bryan Elmes
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell	Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Sandra Morgan
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Jenny Macpherson	Acolytes	Meg Winter Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Meg Winter Clergy	Eucharistic Assistants	Robyn Whitehouse Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Niko Nikolakopoulos Brian Tobin	Readers	Suzie Hill Nicholas Bird
Morning Tea	Claire Sheppard Cynthia Kunaratnam	Morning Tea	Suzanne Lennie Robyn Whitehouse
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Miriam Cherry

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Isaiah 55:1–9

I Corinthians 10:1–13

Psalm 63:1–9

Luke 13:1–9

The Week Ahead

Monday	Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland (<i>d. 461</i>)
Tuesday	Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and teacher (<i>d. 386</i>)
Wednesday	Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 9:00 a.m. Eucharist
Thursday	Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (<i>d. 687</i>)
Friday	Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr and liturgist (<i>d. 1556</i>)
Saturday	Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath and Wells, teacher (<i>d. 1711</i>)

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 **8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

Evening Prayer **5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

Lenten Zoom Study Group **7:30 p.m., Wednesday**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your Church in this diocese
a shepherd after your own heart
who will walk in your ways,
and with loving care watch over your people.
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.
So may your Church be built up
and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

NOTICES

Book club will meet tomorrow in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will discuss the book *Life After Truth* by Ceridwen Dovey. All welcome. Sandra Morgan.

Lenten Studies, using the book *Many Roads to Easter* by Fr Andrew Hamilton, SJ, continue this week. One group meets via Zoom on Wednesday evening (7:30 p.m. – Zoom link: [\[link\]](#)). The other group meets in person on Thursday mornings, immediately after the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist (i.e., from around 11:30 a.m.).

As is our yearly custom in Lent, each week we will publish the amount received in the last week, as well as the expenditure for running the parish each week of the year.

Meeting ID: 888 9252 3142; Passcode: 744886. And see further above

The figures for last week are:

Church Income: \$967.55

Church Expenditure: \$6,155.35

You will see there is a large short fall. To assist in this, please contact Geraldine Powell: dgp3934@icloud.com/0414 831 968 for details.

Please continue to use the prayer for a new Archbishop in your daily prayers.

Also, please pray for the Board of Nominators, and members of Synod who, together, will undertake a crucial ministry for this (and every) Diocese: discerning the right person as the next bishop of our Diocese.

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.

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: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org. Their names can then be included at their “years’ mind”.

The Living Well Centre is conducting a Central Australia Pilgrimage on Saturday, July 26 to Sunday, August 3, 2025. The hosts are Cath Connelly and John Stewart. This is an invitation to be on Country amidst the silence of stunning landscape and to be immersed in the ancient wisdom of our First Nation peoples – Alice Springs, King’s Canyon, Simpson’s Gap, Hermannsburg and Stanley Chasm and make our way towards Uluru, heartbeat of Australia. All the details are on the brochure on the service counter.

Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 8 April Our guest speaker is Dr Elizabeth Carew-Reid, OAM. Elizabeth is a retired General Practitioner and long-time volunteer (including 20 years with Very Special Kids (Life Member), the community support program at the Church of All Nations, Carlton and through a homework club).

Her topic is “The Unplanned Volunteer; saying yes to opportunities to help others.” Join us for dinner at Giorgio’s, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30 p.m. Speaker will start at 7.30pm. Bookings via email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

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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.*