



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

23 MARCH, 2025



Our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

1 Corinthians 10:1

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.):

Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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.

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God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

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

Sentence:

‘Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.’

Isaiah 55:6

Collect of the Day and the Season:

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water
that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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

Isaiah 55:1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this:

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1–8

Response: My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

(8:00 a.m.)

1. O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water;
2. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. **R.**
3. For your loving kindness is better than life itself,
my lips shall give praise you.
4. So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name. **R.**
5. My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
6. When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches. **R.**
7. For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
8. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. **R.**

Psalm 63

(10:00 a.m.)

1. O LORD, you are my God, for you I long: show me your face.
Your life within me makes my spirit strong, LORD of all grace.
For you I thirst like deserts parched and dried;
within your care my soul is satisfied.
2. My spirit seeks your glorious majesty: show me your face.
Your constant love gives more than life to me, LORD of all grace.
Thus will I bless your name through all my days,
and lift my hands to you in thankful praise.
3. I pray to you and in your help confide: show me your face.
You feed my soul and I am satisfied, LORD of all grace.
O keep me in the shelter of your throne;
to you I cling, my joy, my God alone.

Music: William H. Harris (1883–1973)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’

We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

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

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Repent, says the Lord; The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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 time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them,

‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way
they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?’

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?’

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable:

‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down!

Why should it be wasting the soil?”

He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good;

but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Anglican Church in Central America; The Diocese of Tasmania; St Columb's, Hawthorn; St James', Croydon Hills and St Mark's, Wonga Park; St Paul's, Frankston; St Peter's, Ocean Grove; and Overnewton Anglican Community College.

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; Kaye; 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: Estelle Gregory; Laura Gregory; Myrtle Hill; Margaret (Peg) Horsburgh; John Horsfield; Robert Howard; Howard Jenkins; Alice Mary Johnson; Helen Liliias McGee; Violet Mansell; Dianne Mercer; Mary Ann Mercer; Mary Newton; Marie Perry; and Diana Smith.

Offertory Hymn: 273

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heav'only frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest.
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame:
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

*Words: William Cowper (1731–1800)
Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

Final Hymn: 74 (vv. 1, 4, 6)

Postlude: Fugue in G Minor BWV 578 by J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

Joshua 5:2–12
2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Psalm 32
Luke 15:11–32

Roster for today THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 23 March 2025		Roster for next week FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY) 30 March 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-person	Campbell Paine
Acolyte	Jenny Weller-Newton	Acolytes	Malcolm Tadgell Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistants	Venetia Patchett Betty Renjen	Eucharistic Assistants	Jenny Weller-Newton Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Leonie Bird
Readers	Miriam Cherry Bryan Elmes	Readers	Charles Tegner Jane Baddeley
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Sandra Morgan	Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse
Acolytes	Meg Winter Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Pam Felgate
Eucharistic Assistants	Robyn Whitehouse Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Ray Lester
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	Suzie Hill Nicholas Bird	Readers	Gavin Watson Vincent Amos
Morning Tea	Suzanne Lennie Robyn Whitehouse	Morning Tea	David Amos Robin Barrett
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Judy Wright

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

It being the fourth Sunday of the month, our usual **retiring collection for St Alban's will occur this morning**. Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Albans in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent – the 'midway point'. Traditionally, this has been celebrated as Mothering Sunday. We hope, as usual, to provide Simnel Cake for all who will be present. If you would be interested in providing some Simnel Cake, or learning how to do make, please offer to and speak with Sandra Morgan and/or Judy Mallinson.

Next Sunday also being the fifth Sunday of the month means a regular collection for the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**. As well as the usual goods brought (washing powder; dish washing detergents; household cleaning products; sugar; cooking oil; cans of fruit and tomatoes; peanut butter; tea; coffee; cheese; honey; canned tuna; shampoo; shaving cream; toothpaste; toothbrushes; soap; deodorants), BASP now accepts direct debit donations (those over \$2 are tax deductible):

Account name: BASP Trust

BSB: 083 004

Account Number: 56 924 6603

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: Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866. And see further above). 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. The figures for last week are:

Income: \$4,212.05

Expenditure: \$6,271.00

Loss: \$2058.95

You will see there is a substantial loss. 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 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.

Save the dates:

Tuesday April 8 – Spiritual Café (see below)

Saturday April 12: Prepare the Church for Holy Week*

Saturday April 19: Clean the Church (incl. flower arranging and brass polishing) for Easter*

*Both from 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday April 29: St George’s Patronal Festival at 6:00 p.m., followed by Patronal Festival dinner (at Giorgio’s)

Spiritual Café, Tuesday April 8: 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.

The Week Ahead

Monday	Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador (d. 1980) Paul Couturier, ecumenist (d. 1953)
Tuesday	The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. in the Lady Chapel Holy Eucharist at noon: Cabrini Chapel.

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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

<p>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.</p>
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

***PREACHER: THE REVEREND**

DR SUZANNE BOORER

***“Suffering, Lament and Betrayal:
a journey to Hope”***

Palm Sunday, April 13

**Holy Eucharist (with distribution of palm crosses)
8:00 am; 10:00 am (including procession); 5:00 pm**

Holy Week (14 – 16 April)

**Monday*, Tuesday* and Wednesday*
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist (with address)**

Maundy Thursday*, April 17

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist, with address and Watch

Good Friday, April 18

**10:00 am Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion***

Easter Eve, April 19*

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil with New Fire, Holy Baptism (Renewal
of Baptismal Vows) and First Eucharist of Easter**

Easter Day, April 20

**7:30 am Holy Eucharist
9:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist*
6:00 pm Festival Evening Prayer of Easter
(preacher: The Vicar)**

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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples
of the East Kulin nations
as the continuing Custodians of the land upon which we meet:
land that was taken, not ceded.*

*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.*