



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

The Incredulity of St Thomas

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, 1602

Sanssouci, Potsdam

27 April, 2025

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 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 AT 10 A.M.

Parish Eucharist Michael Dudman (1938–94)

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

Opening Hymn: 106

SENTENCE

Jesus 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.’

John 20:27

COLLECT

Living God,
for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles,
they made them stand before the council.
The high priest questioned them, saying,
‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,
yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching
and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’
But Peter and the apostles answered,
‘We must obey God rather than any human authority.
The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus,
whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.
God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour,
so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
And we are witnesses to these things,
and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:14–29

Response: **This is the day that the Lord has made;**
(at 8:00 a.m.) we will rejoice and be glad in it.

14. The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
15. There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
16. ‘The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!’ **R.**
17. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
18. The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
19. Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. **R.**
20. ‘This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.’
21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
22. The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief corner-stone.
23. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**
24. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success!
26. Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R.**
27. God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
28. ‘You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.’
29. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever. **R.**

**Response: This is the day the Lord has made,
(10:00 a.m.) let us rejoice and be glad. (Repeat)**

1. Give thanks for the Lord is good, for God's love endures for ever.
Let the tribes of Israel say: 'God's love endures for ever.' **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; God's hand raised me up.
I shall live, I shall not die, and recount God's mighty deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16–24

A reading from the Revelation to John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 102

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34



‘You believe, Thomas, because you have seen me;
Blessed are those who have not seen me, yet believe.’

Alleluia, 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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Willochra; St George's, Monbulk;
St George's, Travancore; St Barnabas', Glen Waverley.

For all in need

We pray for: Ann; Coral; George; Helen; John; Kaye; Margaret; Mary; Neil; Paul; Ravi; Roma; Sam;
Tim; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Pope Francis;
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Jan Akehurst; George Bloom;
Brian Wilson Cherry; George Granger; Mary Frances Hewett; Barry Willard Kennedy;
June Manders; Edith Manning; Frank Oldfield; Frederick John Richards; Constance Jean Sawyer;
Henry Sullivan; Rosemary Walmsley; Reginald Weller.

Offertory Hymn: 125 (vv. 1, 4, 5–8)

During communion, the cantor will sing:

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when, humbly, in thy Name
Two or three are met together
Thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

Words: B.R.

Music: Harold W. Friedell (1905–58)

Final Hymn: 113

Postlude:

Two short preludes from Das Orgelbüchlein:

“Christ lag in Tobesbanden” (Christ lay in death's dark prison), BWV625
&
“Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ” (The blessed Christ is risen today), BWV628

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The Week Ahead

Monday	St Mark, Evangelist & Martyr, Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	ST GEORGE, Patronal Festival Eucharist at 6:00 p.m., <i>followed by Patronal Festival dinner at Giorgio's – see below</i>
Thursday	Ss Philip and James, Apostles & Martyrs, Eucharist at 10:15

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>

Reflections on the Lections (see below)

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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

Scripture Readings next week

Acts 9: 1–20

Revelation 5: 6–14

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 30

John 21:1–19

Roster for today SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 27 April 2025		Roster for next week THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4 MAY 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistants	Helen Baddeley Venetia Patchett	Eucharistic Assistants	Miriam Cherry Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	David Sheppard Hamish Tadgell	Readers	Helen Baddeley Leonie Bird
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Alison Canty Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistants	Judy Mallinson Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Gracemary Huntley Muriel Porter	Readers	Jenny McPheson Meg Winter
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

NOTICES

Many thanks to the many people in the Parish who did and gave so much to the preparations and the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. There was a cast of many people, but the church looked splendid and our worship was a fitting tribute to the Season. It has been interesting to hear many positive comments on the beauty of the church from those who have taken time after performing their civic duties to come and 'rest awhile' in a sacred and peaceful space.

Please join us for a festive and celebratory morning tea in the Vicarage after the 10 a.m. liturgy today. We were unable to congratulate and make much of our newly baptized and confirmed brother and sisters in Christ – Lewis, Melissa, Rose, Suzanne on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning last week, so join us this morning.

Our Patronal Festival Eucharist followed by dinner takes place this coming Tuesday, April 29. It is not too late (though it will be by the end of tomorrow!) to sign up to come to dinner at Giorgio's following the 6 p.m. eucharist. Do join us to continue the seasonal celebrations!

Reflections on the Lections returns this Wednesday evening (April 30). After too long a gap (for which, apologies from the Vicar), Reflections on the Lections will return via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from this week. We hear that, on the road to Emmaus, Jesus "beginning with Moses and all the prophets... interpreted to the disciples the things about himself in all the scriptures." (Lk. 24: 27). Would you like to join with fellow disciples in reading and thinking about the Lectionary readings set for the coming Sunday, discussing what is revealed in them, asking questions, exploring themes and issues of interest. If you are interested, please let the Vicar know (so that you can be sent the readings before – though they are listed above.) The Zoom link is listed above.

Please continue to use the prayer for a new Archbishop in your daily prayers. Pray for the Board of Nominators, and members of Synod who undertake a crucial ministry for this (and every) Diocese: discerning the right person as the next bishop of our Diocese. Pray, too, for the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rome, both seeking new bishops.

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.





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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.*