



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 May, 2025



“The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb”
from The Ghent Altarpiece

by Jan van Eyck (c. 1380 – 1441)
St Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium

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: 117

SENTENCE

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour
and glory and might for ever and ever.

Revelation 5:13

COLLECT

Almighty God,
Through your Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–20

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias.

The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'

The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.'

At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'

But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.'

But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,

and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying,

'He is the Son of God.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30

**Response: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up.
(at 8:00 a.m.)**

1. I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2. O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.
3. You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. **R.**
4. Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness
5. For his wrath endures by the twinkling of an eye,
his favour for a lifetime.
6. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. **R.**

Response: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up.

7. While I felt secure, I said, 'I shall never be disturbed.
you, LORD, with your favour made me as strong as the mountains.
8. Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. **R.**
9. I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with the LORD, saying,
10. 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?'
11. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD be my helper. **R.**
12. You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
13. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R.**

**Response: I will praise you, LORD, for you have rescued me.
(10:00 a.m.)**

1. I will praise you, LORD, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink in the grave. **R.**
2. Sing psalms to the LORD, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with the dawn. **R.**
3. The LORD listened and had pity. The LORD came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O LORD my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:6–14

A reading from the Revelation to John.

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures
and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered,
having seven horns and seven eyes,
which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.
He went and took the scroll from the right hand
of the one who was seated on the throne.
When he had taken the scroll,
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb,
each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the saints.
They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.’

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne
and the living creatures and the elders;
they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth
and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!’

And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’
And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 110

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19



Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

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.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias;
and he showed himself in this way.

Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee,

and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them,
'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.'

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach;

but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?'

They answered him, 'No.'

He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat,
and you will find some.'

So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were
so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes,
for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish,
for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it,
and bread.

Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'

So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish,
a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many,
the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'

Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?'

And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished.

But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Ballarat; Emmanuel Iranian Congregation; St James', Kilsyth with St Peter's, Montrose; St James', Mount Eliza; St John's, Toorak; Stewardship Agencies; St Paul's Cathedral – Service for Prevention of Domestic Violence.

For all in need

We pray for: Ann; Coral; Elizabeth; George; Helen; John; Judy; Kaye; 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 whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Stuart Budds; Evelyn Cartledge; Myra Leslie Douglas; Eric Easton; Alan Gregory; Reginald Edward Gregory; Robert Edmund Hagerty; Phyllis Ramsden; Thomas Whitbourne; and Ian Douglas Reid, whose ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance this morning.

Offertory Hymn: 104

During communion, the choir will sing:

Jesus Christ is risen:
The feast, good Christens, therefore keep:
A Lamb hath bled to save the sheep;
Christ innocent, our ransom paid,
Mankind and God at one hath made.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Jesus Christ is risen:
In battle royal, wonder-strife,
Life fought with Death for very life:
The Prince of life, but three days dead,
Now reigns in bliss, our living Head.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Jesus Christ is risen:
My Saviour Christ, my hope, my stay,
Hath risen from the tomb today.
Before you into Galilee
He goeth; there ye shall see him.
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Words: 'Victim Paschale', trad. XIth Century
trans. G.R. Woodward

Music: Trier Gesangbuch, harm. Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Final Hymn: 112

Postlude:

Fugue in G Minor (BWV 578), J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The Week Ahead

Thursday <i>Julian of Norwich</i>	Eucharist at 10:15; Meeting of Stonnington Deanery, noon.
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Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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Reflections on the Lections

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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Roster for today THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4 MAY 2025		Roster for next week FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11 MAY 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-persons	Claire Sheppard David Sheppard
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Betty Renjen
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Helen Baddeley Leonie Bird	Readers	Hamish Tadgell Lorilae Garcia
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Alison Canty Meg Winter	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistants	Robyn Whitehouse Meg Winter
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Jenny McPherson Meg Winter	Readers	David Powell Suzie Hill
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Miriam Cherry

Scripture Readings next week

Acts 9: 36–43
Revelation 7: 9–17

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23
John 10:22–30

NOTICES

We extend a warm welcome to Julie Reid and other members of the family of Ian Douglas Reid, whose ashes will be interred at the conclusion of the 10 a.m. liturgy.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed time, cooking and baking skills to the stall on Friday, and for showing the warm and welcoming face of St George's to the many who were voting here. Special thanks to those who co-ordinated and procured/produced the food and other goodies: Robin Barrett and Len Whitehouse (both of whom were here all day!), as well as Ewan Morgan who ensured the BBQ was able to run. Funds raised, rather like votes, are still being counted...

Thank you also to all who contributed to a splendid evening of worship and continuing fellowship when we commemorated our Patron, St George, last Tuesday. It was a heart-warming evening of celebration not only of St George, but of the community that gathers here under his patronage.

SAVE THE DATE. The next Spiritual Café will be held on Tuesday 10 June at Giorgio's Restaurant at 6.30pm. Further details to follow.

Samson and Delilah – at least, the operatic version by Camille Saint-Saëns – will be performed by Melbourne Opera at the Palais Theatre, June 1 and 3. Natalie, from our choir, is singing in this production, and would love to see familiar faces in the audience. It is also good to reflect on how a famous Biblical story has inspired (and been transformed) in an artistic work.

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.



*“Feed my sheep”
Icon from the church of St Peter in Gallicantu,
Jerusalem*

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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.*