



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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

11 May, 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: 105

## **SENTENCE**

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

*Revelation 7:17*

## **COLLECT**

Gracious God,  
you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together:  
may we not wander from his flock,  
but follow wherever he leads us,  
listening for his voice and staying near him,  
until we are safely in your fold,  
to live with you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 9:36–43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha,  
which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.  
At that time she became ill and died.

When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there,  
sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’

So Peter got up and went with them;

and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs.

All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing  
that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed.  
 He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.'  
 Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.  
 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows,  
 he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa,  
 and many believed in the Lord.  
 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.  
 Hear the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 23**

**Response:     The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**  
**(at 8:00 a.m.)**

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
 he leads me beside still waters. **R.**
3. He revives my soul.  
 and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I shall fear no evil;  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R.**
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
 you have anointed my head with oil; and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **R.**

**At 10:00 a.m., there is no psalm, as we sing the Gradual Hymn (in its customary place) for the psalm**

## **SECOND READING**

*Revelation 7:9–17*

A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,  
'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'  
I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.'  
Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 459

## GOSPEL

John 10:22–30



‘I am the good shepherd,’ says the Lord; ‘I know my sheep and mine know me.’

**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.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him,

‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’

Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe.

The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me;

but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else,

and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **For the Anglican Church**

The Anglican Church in Japan; The Diocese of Gippsland; All Saints, Newtown/Geelong West; St John's, Footscray; St. Andrew's, Keilor East; St Paul's, Caulfield North; St James', Dandenong; and Victorian Council of Churches.

### **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: Elizabeth Ellison Armstrong; Alexander Stanley Bailey; Margaret Elizabeth Batt; Edgar Chandler; Betty Glover; William Hardy; Christopher Blyth Johnson; Margery Johnson; Katherine Garrat McNaughton; Anne Nicholls; Peter Olney; Peggy Shannon; Jess Slattery; and Albert Wilson.

Offertory Hymn: 101 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7)

*During communion, the choir will sing:*

Christ the Lord hath risen  
From his three day prison:  
Meet it is to make merrie;  
Jesus will our solace be:  
*Alleluya, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!*

Christ to knap asunder  
Chains that kept us under,  
Satan's yoke, was slain of yore:  
Now he lives to die no more.  
*Alleluya, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!*

Christ our Victor-giant  
Quells the foe defiant:  
Let the ransom'd people sing,  
Glory to the Easter King.  
*Alleluya, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!*

*Words and Tune: 'Christ ist erstanden', trad. XII<sup>th</sup> Century  
trans. and harm. G.R. Woodward*

Final Hymn: 120

Postlude:

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

<b>Roster for today</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>11 MAY 2025</b>		<b>Roster for next week</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>18 MAY 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Claire Sheppard David Sheppard	Sides-person	Campell Paine
Acolyte	Christopher Miles	Acolyte	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Betty Renjen	Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Leonie Bird
Readers	Hamish Tadgell Lorilae Garcia	Readers	David Sheppard Betty Renjen
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell	Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Philip Jenkins
Eucharistic Assistants	Robyn Whitehouse Meg Winter	Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	David Powell Suzie Hill	Readers	Gavin Watson Ray Lester
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Judy Wright

### Scripture Readings next week

Acts 11: 1–18  
Revelation 21: 1–16

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148  
John 13:31–35

## **NOTICES**

**Next Week** we will welcome family and friends of the late Brian Corless OAM as his ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance following the 10 a.m. eucharist. The following week, we do the same for the family and friends of Pam Goodes as her ashes will be interred.

**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 Adelaide, Canterbury and Rome, all 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.

## **The Week Ahead**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Eucharist - Matthias, Apostle and Martyr</b>
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### **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**

**7:30 p.m., Wednesday**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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