



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 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: 114

SENTENCE

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

1 John 4.16b

*We move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung), Confession then Gloria*

COLLECT

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1–18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.

There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.”

But a second time the voice answered from heaven,
 “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.”
 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.
 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house
 where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a
 distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me,
 and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing
 in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;
 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.”
 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us
 at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said,
 “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed
 in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?
 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying,
 ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Response: Praise, O praise the name of the LORD.
(at 8:00 a.m.)

1. Alleluia!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
2. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host!
3. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! **R.**
4. Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
5. Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
6. He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law, which shall not pass away. **R.**
7. Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
8. Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind doing his will;
9. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

10. Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds! **R.**
11. Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
12. Young men and maidens, old and young together,
13. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
14. He has raised up strength for his people,
praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! **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 21:1–6

A reading from the Revelation to John.

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

‘See, I am making all things new.’

Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

Then he said to me,

‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

1. Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him;
praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, that never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God has made his saints victorious:
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
praise and glorify his name.

*Words: based on Psalm 148
Versified by Anon. (Foundling Hospital Collection) (1796),
Music: 'Austria', adapted from Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)*

GOSPEL

John 13:31–35



I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

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.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said,
'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself
and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer.
You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,
"Where I am going, you cannot come."

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon.

*After the sermon, silence is kept before the liturgy continues with the Creed on p. 123 of **APBA***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; All Saints, Preston; St Thomas', Burwood; St David's, Doncaster East; St Thomas', Anglican Church, Werribee; St John's, Flinders with St Mark's, Balnarring; and Korus Connect.

For all in need

We pray for: Ann; Coral; Emily; George; Helen; John; Judy; Kaye; Neil; Paul; Ravi; Roma; Sam; Tim; Vicky; 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: Janet Alexander; Lily (Pat) Boughton; Sheila Burgess; Ethel Eileen Cameron; Colin Cruth; Ian Harry (Toby) Cuming; Neda Marie Fish; Nancy Hillier; Percival Philp (Peter) Jackson; Janet Lloyd; Roger Bailie Nicholson; Hilda (Peg) Payne; Gladys May Reilly; Pauline Scott-Mackenzie; Elsie May Smith; Sabina Beatrice Victoria Westcott; Samuel Richard Creswick Wood; and Brian Arthur Corless, whose ashes are to be interred this morning.

The Peace (p. 127) is shared, followed by the

Offertory Hymn: 296

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 127) begins with the Seasonal Introduction (p. 154) and continues with one of the prayers (pp. 128-9 or 136-8)

During communion, the choir will sing:

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| 1 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. | 2 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. |
| 3 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: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Music: H. W. Friedell (1905–58)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer the final prayer (p. 144)

Notices are then given followed, at 10 a.m. by

Final Hymn: 126

Postlude: Chorale Improvisation on "Now thank we all our God" Op.65
by Siegfried Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Roster for today FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18 MAY 2025		Roster for next week SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25 May 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Campell Paine	Sides-person	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Ravi Renjen	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Suzanne Hill Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Venetia Patchett
Readers	David Sheppard Betty Renjen	Readers	Jenny Robertson David Shepperd
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Philip Jenkins	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Alison Canty
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Judy Mallinson
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Gavin Watson Ray Lester	Readers	Gracemary Huntley Vincent Amos
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		FEAST of the ASCENSION 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Andrea King

Scripture Readings next week

Acts 16:9–15
Revelation 21:10–14, 22–22:5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 67
John 14:23–29

The Week Ahead

Monday	Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, <i>monastic reformer and bishop</i> (d. 988)
Tuesday	Holy Eucharist at Cabrini Hospital 12 noon. All welcome.
Thursday	Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	John (d. 1791) and Charles (d. 1788) Wesley, <i>evangelists</i>

Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVldm1XWDQ4Zz09>

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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NOTICES

We 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.

Next week we will welcome the family and friends of Pam Goodes, as we inter her ashes.

The Collection for **St Alban's will occur on the fourth Sunday (next week) of the month**. 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.

Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 10 June. Our guest speaker is Yvonne Panagacos OAM.

Yvonne is a talented iconographer following the traditional Byzantine style. Examples of her work can be found in Anglican churches and private collections both here and abroad.

Yvonne held senior positions in secondary education, significant roles in the Greek community in Melbourne and Australia and is a past President of the Lyceum Club.

Her topic is "*Icons- a window to the spiritual world*". We will also be joined by Sally Ann Fraser, another icon writer. They are bringing a display of their icons for us to enjoy.

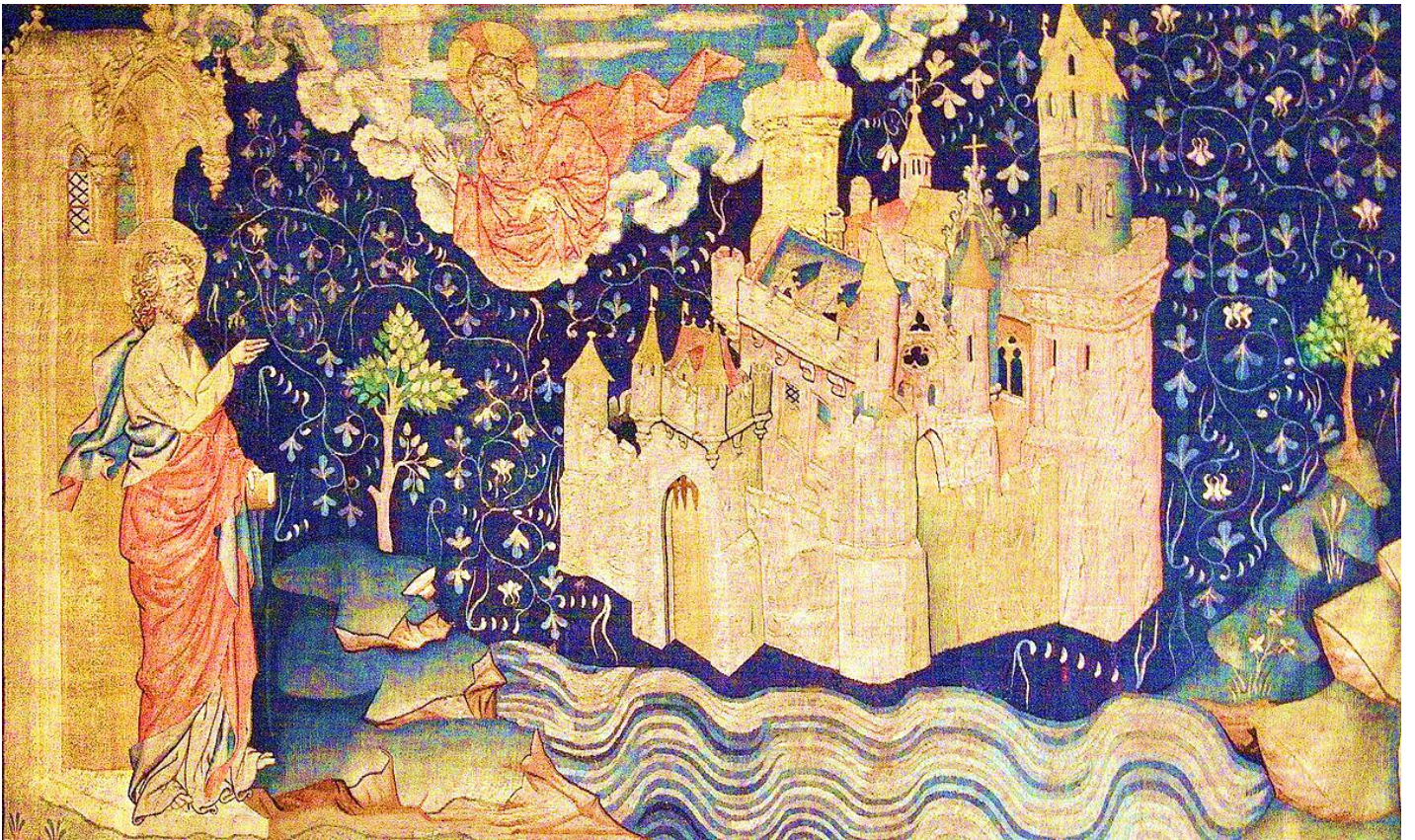
Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30 p.m. For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

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.

The Synod to begin the process of electing a new Archbishop begins this coming Friday, May 21. Please keep the Board of Nominators and all members of Synod – especially those from our own Parish (The Vicar, Leonie Bird, Sandra Morgan, Judith Wright and Malcolm Tadgell) – in your prayers in the coming week. Pray, too, for the Dioceses of Adelaide and Canterbury, also 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 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.*