



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St Lydia of Philippi

25 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: 351

SENTENCE

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,’ says the Lord.
‘Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’

John 14:27

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung).
This introduces the Confession and is followed by Gloria in excelsis.*

COLLECT

Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus,
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who live with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision:
there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to
Macedonia and help us.’ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried
to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim
the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace,
the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi,
which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.
We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river,
where we supposed there was a place of prayer;

and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.
A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us;
she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.
The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.
When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying,
'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.'
And she prevailed upon us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God.
(at 8:00 a.m.) let all the peoples praise you.

- 1 May God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways may be known upon earth,
 your saving health among all nations. **R.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
 for thou shalt judge the people with equity,
 and guide all the nations upon earth. **R.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing,
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Sung by the choir to a chant by J. Nares

- 1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us :
 and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth :
 thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
 for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
 and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10–14, 22 – 21:5

A reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain
and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper,
clear as crystal.

It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels,
and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites;
on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates,
and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations,
and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb....

I saw no temple in the city,

for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light,

and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there.

People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.

But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination
or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street
of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life

with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month;

and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more.

But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,

and his servants will worship him;

they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun,
for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 14:31–35

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them.

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 said to his disciples,

‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.”

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur,
you may believe.’

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,
followed by*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of the Norther Territory; All Souls', Sandringham; St John's, Heidelberg; St Philip's, Collingwood; St Phillip's, Mount Waverley; and Anglican Boys' Society – CEBS.

For all in need

We pray for: Ann; Coral; Douglas; Emily; George; Helen; John; Josie; Judy; Katie and family; 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: Rowan Blogg; Elwood (Ted) Chandler; Margaret Courtney; Jean Frances Crameri; Betty Cuming; Harry Furlonger; Jean (Jane) Gilchrist Garden; Isabel Doreen Jager-Glover; William Mallinson; George Ian Malloch; John Lockwood Morrison; Herbert William Satchell; Julian Leitch Walmsley; and Pamela Jean (Pam) Goodes, whose ashes are to be interred this morning.

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

Offertory Hymn: 381

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)

There is no need to kneel when you come to receive the sacrament (though you are welcome to do so). In fact, the Council of Nicaea (1700 years ago this year), as well as formulating the first version of the Creed we say each Sunday, issued a Canon (XX) saying that, "as we have been raised with Christ, so, prayer should be made to God standing". This was especially to be the case in the Easter season when we celebrate Christ being raised from the dead.

During communion, the choir will sing:

*Jesu dulcis memoria
Dans vera cordis gaudia:
Sed super mel et omnia
Ejus dulcis præsentia*

The sweet memory of Jesus
Giving true joy to the heart:
But more than honey and all things
His sweet presence.

Words: St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153)

Music: 'Jesu dulcis memoria', T. L. Victoria (1549–1611)

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

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

Final Hymn: 124

Postlude:

Chorale - Improvisation "Praise the Lord, O my soul" from Op.65
Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Roster for today SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25 May 2025		Roster for next week SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 1 June 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-person	Bryan Elmes
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Helen Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistants	Leonie Bird Venetia Patchett
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Jenny Robertson David Shepperd	Readers	Charles Tegner Campell Paine
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Alison Canty	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Judy Mallinson	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Gracemary Huntley Vincent Amos	Readers	Riley Brooks Jenny McPherson
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist FEAST of the ASCENSION		10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Judy Wright

Scripture Readings next week

Acts 16: 16–34
Revelation 22:12–22

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

Psalm 97
John 17:20–26

NOTICES

We welcome family and friends of the late Pamela Goodes as her ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance following the 10 a.m. eucharist.

There is our monthly collection for **St Alban's today**. 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.

The Vicar will be **on annual leave** from **Wednesday June 4 until Saturday June 21**.

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.

The Week Ahead

Monday	Augustine of Canterbury, <i>missionary and bishop</i> (d. 605)
Tuesday	Week of Prayer for Reconciliation begins (and continues until June 3)
Thursday	Feast of the Ascension: Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth:</i> Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Reflections on the Lections

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQTthORXBFeFFBdz09>

General Synod has said that from May 27, all Anglicans in Australia are invited to join in a **Week of Prayer for Reconciliation**.

The following is offered for that, given in *An Australian Prayer Book*:

Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.
You made us in your likeness,
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled, healed, forgiven,
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen.

You might also like to use 'A thanksgiving for Australia':

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation you have given your children
the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and dense forest,
and in cities at the water's edge,
creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures
as the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of all your people
and became one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other and to your whole creation.
Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 continues tomorrow and Tuesday evenings. 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.

Of your charity, **please continue to pray** for those in long term need or sickness:
His Majesty the King; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Liza; Sarah; and Simon.



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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.*