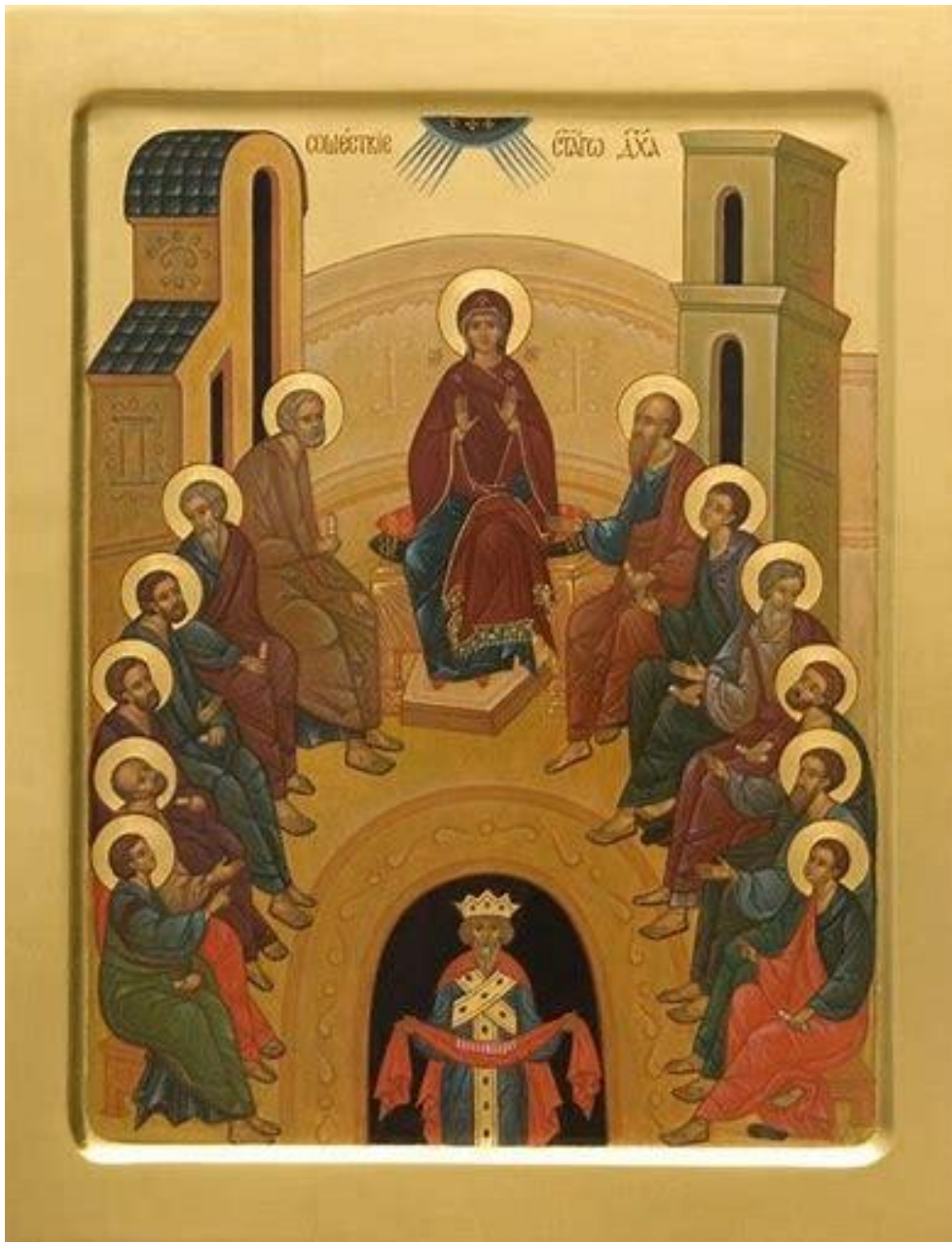




**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
MALVERN**

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST (ALSO KNOWN AS WHITSUNDAY)



June 8, 2025

8:00 a.m.

The Feast of Pentecost is often taken as the day on which the church began, and so today is frequently called 'the birthday of the Church'. This, of course, depends on one's understanding of what constitutes the Church: is it the calling of the disciples by Jesus? Is it that moment on the Cross when Jesus commits his mother into the care of his beloved disciple? Is it the conception of Jesus, when Mary becomes the first to 'bear God' in and to the world? Perhaps the fact that there are so many possible 'birthdays' for the Church, so many times when the Spirit can be seen to be poured out on the Church, shows us that what we are dealing with here is not any 'fixed day' (or date – a fact that the date of Pentecost always depends on Easter underlines), but a constant outpouring of God's gracious goodness.

Certainly, the Feast we celebrate today gives us a chance to recall and celebrate that what continues to sustain the Church is the gracious gift by God of God's creating, empowering, loving, and warming Holy Spirit. As Luke tells it, the rag tag bunch of disciples, following Jesus' command as he departed from them to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, become empowered to confess all that they saw God had done in and through Jesus to a large crowd gathered in Jerusalem. The crowd was gathered for the holy feast of Pentecost, that day which, in Jewish faith, marks the 'Feast of Weeks' – or a form of Harvest Festival. But it also came to signify, by the time Acts was written, a reminder of the covenant God established with all creation when God spoke to Noah. It became, therefore, a time to remember when God renewed the whole creation after the flood.

There is, therefore, a lovely 'symmetry' that in this Christian festival we recall the gift of the Spirit and think about the power and work of the Spirit in renewing the whole creation. And, given the renewal of the earth following the flood, it is a reminder to us that this renewing of the Spirit comes after Jesus has overcome the flood of death. We have been reflecting on this since Easter. Hence, Pentecost also marks the end of the liturgical Easter season (though every Sunday is a remembrance of Easter and the Resurrection.).

Furthermore, the gift of the Spirit to the apostles and other disciples described in Acts – that they could speak so that each member of the large crowd in Jerusalem could 'hear, each of us, in our own native language' (Acts 2:8) – shows a reversal of the Tower of Babel. Now, rather than different languages being a sign and cause of confusion and disunity between peoples, the Spirit transforms those 'differences', enabling the differences to be a sign of God's embrace of all creation, not a single group or tribe.

This gives us quite a bit to ponder as we gather as the Church in this place today and each Sunday. Are we allowing the Spirit to empower us; so that, rather than a 'rag tag' collection of people who may feel rather tired and worn out by the stresses and tensions in the modern world, we are empowered to share the transforming love of God? Are we listening to the promptings of the Spirit, so that we, too, find ways of sharing the good news to those around us in ways they can understand? Are we as a community and a nation allowing the Spirit to transform our differences and our view of difference, so that, rather than causing hostility and confusion, we see them as signs of God's abundance? Above all, are we able to hear, see and feel the Spirit leading us into all truth: the truth of God's reconciling love for all people and the continual renewing of God's creation, in which God invites us to discern and then play our part?

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The people stand as a bell is rung.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant welcomes the congregation in suitable words, followed by:

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say together

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness,
and of judgement.

Silence is kept.

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution, to which all respond:

Amen.

We then say together:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the Celebrant 'collects' the silent prayer:

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai
gave the law to Moses,
and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit:
grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit
which you poured forth upon you apostles,
we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1–21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on
each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven
living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was
bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language
of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt

and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,
both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—

in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

‘What does this mean?’

But others sneered and said,

‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you,
and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose,
for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 104: 26–36, 37b

**Response: Send forth your Spirit, LORD,
and renew the face of the earth.**

26. O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

R.

27. Yonder is the great and wide sea,
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

28. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan
that you made for the sport of it.

29. All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season;

30. You give it to them, they gather it up;
you open your hand and they are filled with good things.
31. You hide your face and they are terrified;
you take away their breath and they die
and return to their dust. **R.**
32. You send forth your spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
33. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
34. He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R.**
35. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
36. May these words of mine please him, I will rejoice in the LORD.
37. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Alleluia! **R.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:14–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Rome

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—

if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 14: 8–17, 25–27

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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.

Philip said to Jesus,

‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

Jesus said to him,

‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, “Show us the Father”?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own;

but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in

the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me

because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who

believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater

works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you

ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my

name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it
neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon, silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Diocese of Ballarat; St Mark's, Templestowe; St Cuthbert's, Grovedale; St Stephen's, Greythorn; Christ Church, St Kilda; and Archdeaconry of Frankston.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Coral; Douglas; George; Helen; John; Josie; Katie and family; Kaye; Neil; Paul; Ravi; Roma; Sam; Simon; Tim; Vicky; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts. With Nigel, we give thanks for healing blessings granted.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Elizabeth Dickie; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Winifred Mary Barber; Wilhelmena Belcher; Eric Vanden Driesen; Judith Granger; Alexander Green; Eric Douglas Brangwin Green; Edmund Hagerty; Sydney Haselden; George Hill; Geoffrey Holroyd; Alison Clare Hughes; Ennys Boyd-Jones; Hilda Lester; Henry Mark; Olive Newnham; Katharine (Kitty) Roff; Caroline Sanderson; Ula Sanderson; Vera Theobald; Ruby Wailes; and William Wedlake.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

United by the Spirit, we are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Celebrant offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Celebrant then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the prayer, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

A brief silence is kept.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:

As this broken bread was once many grains
which have been gathered together and made one bread.
**So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

We say together:

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion is distributed.

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand. The Celebrant offers a prayer, concluding with:

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Please sit for notices.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which all respond:

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Readings next week:

Proverbs 8:1–4; 22–31
Romans 5:1–5

Feast of The Most Holy Trinity

Psalm 8
John 16:21–15

The Week Ahead

	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until the Eve of Pentecost)
Monday	Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary (d. 597)
Wednesday	Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Friday	Antony of Padua, missionary and preacher (d. 1231)

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

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Roster for today Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday) 8 June 2025		Roster for next week Feast of Trinity Sunday 15 June 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Campell Paine	Sides-person	Venetia Patchett
Acolyte	Ravi Renjen	Acolyte	Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Helen Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Simon Dickie
Readers	Betty Renjen Leigh Mackay	Readers	David Sheppard Hamish Tadgell
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Philip Jenkins Malcolm Tadgell (Th)	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistants	Sandra Morgan Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Ewan Morgan Judy Wright	Readers	Ray Lester Gavin Watson
Morning Tea	Geraldine Powell Cynthia Kunaratnum	Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Andrea King

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

NOTICES

Next Sunday we celebrate **The Feast of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity: Trinity Sunday**. This is one of the great feasts of the Church's year, especially *this* year as we celebrate 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea, in which the mystery of God as Trinity of Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – began to be clearly articulated by the Undivided Church.

Spiritual Cafe is on this 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.

Book club will meet on 16 June in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will discuss the book *Talking to my Country* by Stan Grant. All welcome. Contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

As there are 5 Sundays in June, there will be a collection for the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** on the **Sunday June 29**.

As well as the usual goods brought, (and flyers for what to bring can be found on the entrance bench), BASP now accepts direct debit donations (those over \$2 are tax deductible):

Account name: BASP Trust, BSB: 083 004, Account Number: 56 924 6603. This is the last tax deductible donation for this financial year.

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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:
land which 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.*