



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

31st August, 2025



“Entertaining angels unawares” (c.f. Hebrews 13:2)

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and 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.

Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (1954–)

Opening Hymn: 440 (vv. 1-3, 6)

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (The “Green” or “Blue” book)*

SENTENCE

All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted

Luke 14:11

*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 (p. 121).

COLLECT

O God,
you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place
in the festive assembly of the new covenant:
teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord
in the poor and the outcast,
so that we may learn to recognise each other
as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 2:4–13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob,
and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, ‘Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?’

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, ‘Where is the LORD?’
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children’s children.
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

PSALM 81:1, 10–16

Response: Oh, that my people would listen.
(8:00 a.m.)

1. Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob....
10. I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and said,
'Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.' **R.**
11. 'And yet my people did not hear to my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.
12. So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices. **R.**
13. O that my people would listen to me!
that Israel would walk in my ways!
14. I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes. **R.**
15. Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.
16. But Israel would I feed you with the finest wheat,
and satisfy him with honey from the rock. **R.**

at 10:00 a.m.

1. Sing we merrily unto God our strength :
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob....
10. There shall no strange god be in thee :
neither shalt thou worship any other god.
11. I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt :
open thy mouth wide and I shall fill it.
12. But my people would not hear my voice :
and Israel would not obey me.
13. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts :
and let them follow their own imaginations.

14. O that my people would have hearkened unto me :
for if Israel had walked in my ways,
15. I should soon have put down their enemies :
and turned my hand against their adversaries.
16. The haters of the LORD should have been found liars :
but their time should have endured for ever.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever....

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Gradual Hymn: 341

GOSPEL *Luke 14:1–14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy.

And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees,

‘Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?’ But they were silent.

So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away.

Then he said to them,

‘If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well,
will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?’

And they could not reply to this.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour,
he told them a parable.

‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet,

do not sit down at the place of honour,

in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you,

“Give this person your place”,

and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place,

so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”;

then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,

and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him,
'When you give a luncheon or a dinner,
do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours,
in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,
and the blind.
And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,
for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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 Church of South India; The Diocese of The Murray; St Paul's, Frankston; St Thomas', Werribee;
St Peter's, Box Hill; Christ Church, South Yarra; St Aidan's, Noble Park;
and Mothers' Union Australia.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Ann; Angus; Chris; Coral; Jackie; Josiah; Josie; Matthew; Muriel; Murray;
Peter; Sarah; Tess; Verley; Members of the Victorian Police Force; the community of Geelong
Christian College; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Shirley Bowman; James St John;
John Kennedy Stephen; Patsy Turner; Neal Thompson and Vadim De Waart;
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Richard Robinson Belshaw;
Joseph Farrington; Burnice Furzer; Lillie Gillanders; Charles Gregory; June Jackson; Marcus Manders;
John (Jock) Mackenzie; Rose MacPherson; Winifred McConnell; Timothy Malloch; Ruth Olver;
John Sanderson; Clifford Searby; Violet Smith; Frederick Stanes; Doreen Wagstaff;
and Marjorie Watson.

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

Offertory Hymn: 288

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 128) begins using one of the prayers that follow.

During communion at 10 a.m., the choir will sing:

*Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!*

Words: from the *Salisbury Diurnal*,
trans. G. H. Palmer (1846 – 1926)
Music: William H. Harris (1883–1973)

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

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

1. All our hope on God is founded;
God does still our trust renew.
Through all change and chance God guides us,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls our hearts to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray our trust;
What with care and toil we build here,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is our temple and our tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep God's wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and light attend him,
Beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At God's hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges, *alt.* (1844–1930)
Music: 'Michael', Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Postlude: Chorale Improvisation, *Praise the Lord, O my soul*
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933) Op.65

Scripture Readings next week:

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1–11
Philemon

Psalms 139:1–5, 12–18
Luke 14:25–35

The Week Ahead

Monday	Martyrs of New Guinea (d. 1942)
Wednesday	Gregory of Rome, bishop and teacher (d. 604) Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in NSW (d. 1868)

Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Reflections on the Lessons

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

Roster for today Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 24 August 2025		Roster for next week Thirteenth after Pentecost 7 September 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Bryan Elmes
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistants	Leigh Mackay Helen Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistants	Leonie Bird Venetia Patchett
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Miriam Cherry Leigh Mackay	Readers	Campell Paine Charles Tegner
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Geraldine Powell
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Vincent Amos Philip Jenkins
Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	Gracemary Huntley Vincent Amos	Readers	Riley Brooks Vincent Amos
Morning Tea	Suzanne Lennie Robyn Whitehouse	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Judy Wright

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; Mary; and Simon.

Notices

Today, being the 5th Sunday in the month, there is a collection for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Support network. Please give generously for this continuing significant contribution to the plight of some of the most vulnerable people in this country. And see below...

#EndTheWaiting Vigil 2:00 -3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 at the Brigidine Ministry Centre, 54 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park. Sign up to show up here: (<https://events.humanitix.com/endthewaiting-vigil-macnamara-electorate>). Thousands of asylum seekers who came to Australia **more than a decade ago** are facing serious hardship and destitution in our community. Most were rejected under the 'Fast Track' procedure, which Labor has acknowledged was unfair and inefficient. They are still waiting for their cases to be decided. The government's re-election this year offers a window of opportunity to address this injustice and put an end to the suffering of so many individuals and families stuck in limbo.

Reasons to join the vigil (<https://www.endthewaiting.com/>):

Demand that the government **immediately provide a pathway to permanency** for all asylum seekers failed by Australia's unjust system, including those processed under Fast Track. Ensure that all asylum seekers have work rights while their claims are processed. Issue one visa that lasts until a claim is resolved, ending the need for repeated applications for renewal.

At the vigil we will hear from asylum seekers and local political and community leaders, sending a simple, quiet and powerful message that it's time for action.

"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." (*Matthew 25:35*)

These words should shape our nation's policies.

Leigh Mackay, OAM

St Peter's, Eastern Hill has its **As-New & Second-Hand Book Fair** on **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September**. Half their parish hall is high quality Christian theology and spirituality, the other half is fiction, non-fiction, biography. A great event for students of theology and all readers. <https://www.stpetersbookroom.com.au/>

Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday and we will welcome **The Reverend Kezhalezo Angami**, Assistant Curate at St John's Footscray as our preacher at 8 and 10. He will speak about God's call in all of our lives, and how this might be shaped.

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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.*