



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

## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2025



Annibale Carracci (1602). *Domine, quo vadis?*,  
National Gallery, London

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.*

The cover to this week's pew sheet shows an account of the legendary meeting of Jesus and Peter in around c. 64. Peter was encouraged by other disciples in Rome to flee the city as Nero's persecutions began. As Peter walked along the Via Appia away from the city, he encountered Jesus heading in the other direction. The story goes that Peter said, "Where are you going, Lord?" (Domine, quo vadis? in Latin). The Lord's response was, "I am going back to die for my people again." Peter then turned around and returned to Rome where he, along with Paul and many others, was martyred. There is a 'Quo Vadis' Chapel on the Appian Way in Rome still. The story was, and is, a representation of this morning's gospel, where disciples are challenged to be 'indifferent' (or even to hate) all things which we would normally value, in order to 'take up the cross' and follow where Jesus calls us.

**Prelude:** *Andante* in e-minor

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

SETTING AT 10 A.M.

*Christ Church Mass* Philip Matthias (1954–)

Opening Hymn: 76 (omit vv. 3)

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

## SENTENCE

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 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 (p. 121).*

## COLLECT

God of the ages,  
you call the Church to keep watch in the world  
and to discern the signs of the times:  
grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,  
so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word,  
and complete the work you have set before us;  
through your Son, 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 18:1-11*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’

So I went down to the potter’s house,  
and there he was working at his wheel.

The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand,  
and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you,

O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? Says the LORD.

Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom,  
that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,

but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil,  
I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom  
that I will build and plant it,

but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice,

then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you  
and devising a plan against you.

Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 139:1–5, 12–18

**Response: You, O LORD, created my inward parts.**  
(8:00 a.m.)

1. LORD, you have searched me out and known me.  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
2. You trace my journeys and my resting-places,  
and are acquainted with all my ways. **R.**
3. Indeed, there is not a word is on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it all together.
4. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.... **R.**
12. For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
13. I will thank you, for I am marvellously made;  
your works are wonderful and I know it well. **R.**
14. My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret,  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
15. Your eyes beheld my limbs yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them. **R.**
16. How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great the sum of them!
17. But if I were to count them,  
they would be more in the number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. **R.**

at 10:00 a.m.



1. O LORD, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
2. You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways. **R.**
3. For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, LORD, know it altogether.
4. You have encompassed me behind and before,  
and have laid your hand upon me.
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it. **R.**
6. Where shall I go from your spirit:  
or where shall I flee from your presence?
7. If I ascend into heaven you are there:  
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also. **R.**
8. If I spread out my wings towards the morning,  
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9. even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me. **R.**
12. For you have created my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
13. I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.
14. You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you,  
when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Philemon*

The letter of Paul to Philemon:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister,  
to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God  
because I hear of your love for all the saints  
and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective  
when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.  
I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love,  
because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you  
to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love —  
and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.  
I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,  
whose father I have become during my imprisonment.  
Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you  
and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.  
I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place  
during my imprisonment for the gospel;  
but I preferred to do nothing without your consent,  
in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.  
Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while,  
so that you might have him back for ever,  
no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother —  
especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.  
If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything,  
charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand:

I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.  
Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord!  
Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you,  
knowing that you will do even more than I say.  
One thing more — prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping  
through your prayers to be restored to you.

Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 357

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 14:25–35*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

**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.**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down

and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish,

all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying,

"This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king,

will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away,

he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple

if you do not give up all your possessions.

'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away.

Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; St Mark's, Forest Hill; St Paul's, Gisborne; St Stephen's and St Mary's, Mount Waverley; All Saints', Newtown; Christ Church, St Kilda; and Defence Force Chaplains.

### **For all in need**

We pray for: Alison; Andrew and family; Angus; Ann; Ann; Ashton; Coral; Cynthia; George; Jackie; Josiah; Josie; Kaye; Matthew; Muriel; Murray; Neil; Nevan, Rachel and family; Roger (and +Kate and family); Sarah; Tess; Verley; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those who have died recently: Theresa Cecilia Heintze (née Scott); and Christopher McIntosh; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Paula Abrahams; Violet Atkins; Gloria Joyce Bell; Eva Davis; Margaret Ann Findlay-Hughes; Alan Hain; May Hardy; William Jarvie; Ian William Johnson; Leslie Lyons; Helen Pepperell; Marjorie Sawyer; and Lorna Tickner.

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

**Offertory Hymn: 274**

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

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

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, that makest me dwell in safety.*

Words: from Psalm 5,  
arr. S. S. Wesley

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 – 76))

*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: 400**

**Postlude:** Fugue in B-minor

Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)



<b>Roster for today</b> <b>Thirteenth Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>7 September 2025</b>		<b>Roster for next week</b> <b>Holy Cross</b> <b>14 September 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-person	Campell Paine
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistants	Leonie Bird Venetia Patchett	Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Simon Dickie
Readers	Campell Paine Charles Tegner	Readers	Betty Renjen Leigh Mackay
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Geraldine Powell	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Vincent Amos Philip Jenkins	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Philip Jenkins
Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Ray Lester
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Riley Brooks Vincent Amos	Readers	Gavin Watson Brian Tobin
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Cynthia Kunaratnum
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Miriam Cherry

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.

## Scripture Readings next week:

Numbers 21:4b–9  
1 Corinthians 1:18–24

## Holy Cross

Psalms 78:1–2; 34–48  
John 3:13–17

### The Week Ahead

Monday	<i>Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord</i>
Wednesday	Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) (d. 1931)
Saturday	Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr (d. 258)

#### Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

#### Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

#### Reflections on the Lections

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempkL0hrQTthORXBFeFFBdz09>

### Notices

**Today is Vocations Sunday** and we 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. Please pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained ministry and the religious life in our Diocese and national Church. Please make him welcome.

**We welcome Christopher Cook**, who returns today, and for much of the remainder of the year, as our Interim Director of Music.

**Book club will meet on 8 September** in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will discuss *Bruny* by Helen Rose. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

**The Vicar will be on leave** from tomorrow. He will be travelling to Sydney, where he has been invited to preach at Christ Church St Laurence (his "sending parish") on the occasion of the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church – the first church building in Australia to be dedicated and consecrated by a bishop (Bishop William Grant Broughton – first and only bishop of Australia – of whom there is a window on the south side of our nave). He will return on Wednesday September 17.

**St Peter's, Eastern Hill** has the last day of its **As-New & Second-Hand Book Fair today**. 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/>

Parishioners will be saddened to hear that Tess Heintze, youngest child of John and Thea Scott, died overnight last Sunday. Tess and Nevan were regular worshippers at St George's whenever they returned to Melbourne (their home was in Sydney) for holidays. Her sudden illness and death was a shock, but sister Rachel says it was peaceful. There will be a funeral service for Tess at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13 at St James', King Street in Sydney – where Tess and Nevan worshipped weekly. As it coincides with his time in Sydney, the Vicar will attend the funeral. Early next year, Tess's ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden, together with her parents and sister Catriona.

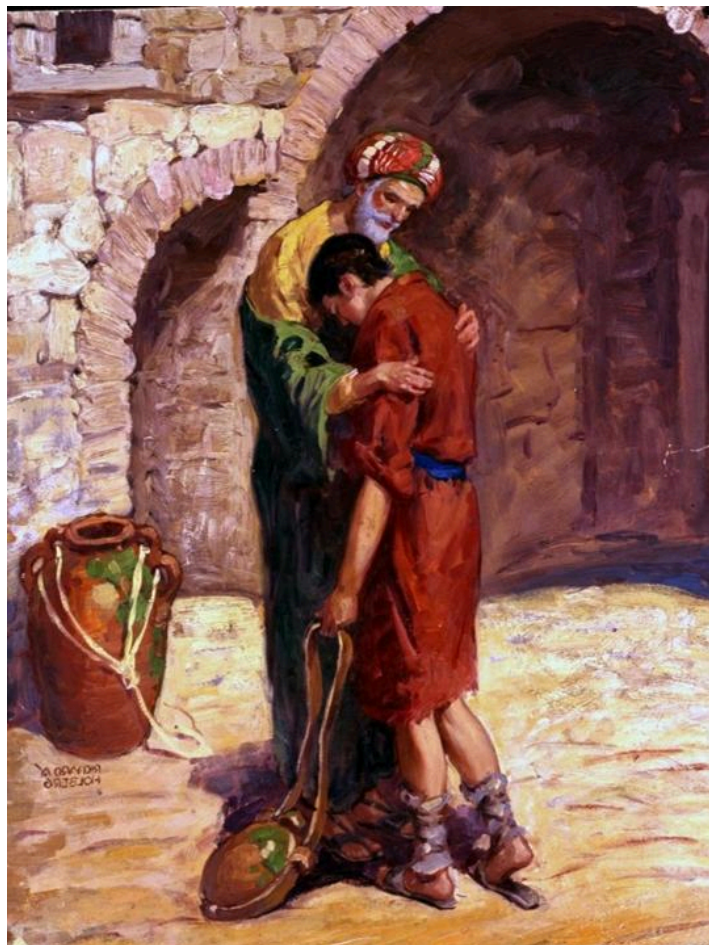
## **Looking Ahead**

### **Sunday, September 21: Matthew, Apostle and Martyr.**

Following the 10 a.m. eucharist, there will be a refresher or training session for **all servers**. If any wish to volunteer to join the group of servers, that Sunday would be an excellent time to do so, and to learn alongside others all that is done.

**Sunday, September 28**, being the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, will see our regular collection for **St Alban's**. 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.

Following the 10 a.m. eucharist there will be a refresher session for all **readers**. If you would like to contribute to the ministry of the parish in this way, please come to that session.



*Philemon receives Onseimus*

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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.*