



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

11 January, 2026

8:00 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 service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia**;*

SENTENCE

A voice came from heaven, saying,

‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased’.

Matthew 3:17

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung).*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that all who are baptised into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Response: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name;
worship the LORD in beauty and holiness. R.
3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendour. R.
5. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the voice of the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. R.
7. The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
9. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, 'Glory!' R.
10. The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.
11. The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. R.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all.'

That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;
how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,
not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify
that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.
John would have prevented him, saying,
'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'
But Jesus answered him,
'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.'
Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,
suddenly the heavens were opened to him
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.
And a voice from heaven said,
'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit.

The Sermon.

After the sermon, silence is kept.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church in Central America; The Diocese of Melbourne; Christ Church, Berwick; Anglican Development Fund; and Billie Vonne Maiden, to be baptized this morning.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Coral; David; George; Josie; Katherine; Murray; Cynthia (and family); Roger (and +Kate and family); Will (and family); the Goodes family as they mourn; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Helen Goodes; Neil Nyholm; and those anniversary of death occurs at this time: John Stockton Baddeley; Frederick Barber; Bessie Dutra; Patricia Hagerty; Ethel Hawker-Blyth; Catherine Jane Horne; Cynthia McInnes; Kenneth Mountford; Ross Rampling; Florence Scott; Daisy Searby; Frederick Southcott; Elsie Frances Summons; and Christina Tadgell.

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

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 148) begins.

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 148)

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

Roster for today: The Baptism of Our Lord 11 January 2026		Roster for next week Second Sunday after Epiphany 18 January 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	David Sheppard	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolyte	Christopher Miles	Acolyte	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistants	Malcolm Tadgell Miriam Cherry	Eucharistic Assistants	Simon Dickie Betty Renjen
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Betty Renjen David Sheppard	Readers	Lorilae Garcia Miriam Cherry
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Meg Winter Alison Carty	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Jenny Macpherson
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Robyn Whitehouse	Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Ray Lester
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Gracemary Huntley Jenny McPherson	Readers	Ray Lester Gavin Watson
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan David Amos	Morning Tea	TBC
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Pam Felgate	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Pam Felgate	Reader	Judy Wright

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

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d. 367)
Wednesday	Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian church (d. 1235)
Saturday	Antony of Egypt, abbot (d. 356)

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined via Zoom at:

Morning Prayer **9:00 a.m., Monday, Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Wednesday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWR1dmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer **5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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Reflections on the Lections **in recess until early February**

Scripture Readings next week:

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1–7

Psalm 40:1–14

I Corinthians 1:1–9

John 1:29–42

Notices

On **Tuesday** (6th January), we mark the Feast of the Epiphany with a eucharist at 9:30 a.m. This Feast marks the visit of the Wise Men to see the Christ child in Bethlehem and, in the designation given in the *Book of Common Prayer*, it is known as “The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles” – meaning that our Lord is revealed as the Saviour of all. Epiphany marks the 12th day of Christmas, and the end of the Christmas season. Do join us for this important feast of the Church.

6th January is also the birthday of Ann Sprague and, because this year it is a significant birthday, there will be a special morning tea (with cake!) this morning. Come to the hall after the service and celebrate a long and full life with this distinguished former Church Warden and pillar of the nursing profession in this state.

We will be holding a series of fundraiser concerts in 2026. The first will be on **Saturday 9th May at 2pm** in our Hall. **Featured artists: Shu-Cheen Yu and her Lotus Wind Choir.**

Put the date in your diary now and encourage others to attend! Further information and bookings will be available early next year. Possible date for our second concert, Saturday 25 July with a Christmas theme.

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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.*