



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

18 January, 2026

8:00 a.m., 10 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**;*

Opening Hymn: 451, vv. 1–3, 6

SENTENCE

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 1:9

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1–7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength —
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1–14

Response: I love to do your will, O God.

1. I waited patiently for the LORD; he stooped to me and heard my cry.
2. He lifted me up from the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay,
he set my feet upon a high cliff, and made my footing secure. **R.**
3. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
4. Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
they do not resort to evil spirits, or turn to false gods. **R.**
5. Great are the things you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!
there is none who can be compare with you.
6. O that I could make them known and tell of them!
but they are more than I can count. **R.**
7. In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure,
you have given me ears to hear you.
8. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
And so I said, ‘Behold I come!’
9. In the roll in the book it is written concerning me.
“I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.” **R.**
10. I have proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O LORD, you know.
11. Your righteousness have I not hidden my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great congregation. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God
that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every
kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you –
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing
of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful;
by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 394

GOSPEL

John 1:29–42

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

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.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared,
'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
This is he of whom I said,
"After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me."
I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason,
that he might be revealed to Israel.'
And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him. I myself did not know him,
but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,
"He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes
with the Holy Spirit."
And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'
The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,
'What are you looking for?'
They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher),
'where are you staying?'
He said to them, 'Come and see.'
They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.
It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.
One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him,
'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).
He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,
'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas'
(which is translated Peter).

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

Province of the Anglican Church of Congo; The Diocese of Tasmania; St Peter's, Brighton Beach; St Peter's, Mornington; Anglican Cursillo Movement; Callum Dawson, Andrew Murray and others to be ordained at the beginning of February.

For all in need:

We pray for: Coral; David; George; Josie; Katherine; Murray; Cynthia (and family); Roger (and +Kate and family); Roger (and Susan and +Peter and family); Sarina; Sophie; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those anniversary of death occurs at this time: James Ronald Austin; Doris Campbell; Harry Ernest Dawson; James Stuart Guest; Phyllis Hope Murphy; Katherine Palliser; Richard Vines; and Moira Wischer.

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

Offertory Hymn: 302

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

Final Hymn: 439, vv. 1–4, 7

Postlude: Fugue in G Minor BWV578
by J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The Week Ahead

Wednesday	Agnes, martyr at Rome, virgin (d. 304)
Thursday	Vincent, deacon and martyr (d. 304). Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus and Silas

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 **8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhUI3RWR1dmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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

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Roster for today: Second Sunday after Epiphany 18 January 2026		Roster for next week Australia Day 25 January 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist			
Sides-person Miriam Cherry			
Acolyte Ravi Renjen			
Eucharistic Assistants Simon Dickie Betty Renjen			
Intercessor Jenny Robertson			
Readers Lorilae Garcia Miriam Cherry			
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons Geraldine Powell David Powell		Sides-persons Ewan Morgan Sandra Morgan	
Acolytes Pam Felgate Jenny Macpherson		Acolytes Alison Carty Malcolm Tadgell	
Eucharistic Assistants Ewan Morgan Ray Lester		Eucharistic Assistants Miriam Cherry Betty Renjen	
Intercessor Judy Wright		Intercessor Leigh Mackay	
Readers Ray Lester Gavin Watson		Readers Suzie Hill Vincent Amos	
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
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; Angus; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Jenny; Joan; Liza; Mary; Roma; and Sarah.

Scripture Readings next week:

Deuteronomy 8:5–14 a
Hebrews 11:8–16

Commemoration of Australia Day

Psalm 125
Matthew 5:1–12

Notices

As usual, as we commemorate Australia Day next Sunday, there will be a combined morning service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a bring and share BBQ lunch.

Our regular collections for St Alban's will recommence next week, the fourth Sunday of the month. Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Alban's in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

Callum Dawson, our soon-to-begin Assistant Curate, will be made a deacon on **Saturday 7 February at 10:30 a.m. in St Paul's Cathedral**.

All are welcome to attend that service.

Also to made a deacon that day will be **Andrew Murray**, our student here in 2024. While Callum is having a small family gathering (and will be welcomed in the parish on Sunday **February 8**), Andrew is inviting all from this parish to **a post-Ordination party** from 1:30 p.m. at **St Mary's, North Melbourne**, 430 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne. If you wish to contribute finger food/small cakes for the party, please contact Susan Gribben on sgraben@ozemail.com.au or 0410 479 736.

Lenten Quiet Day with Dr Paul Gooder on Saturday, 14 March will be a time for silence, prayer and quiet reflection, along with a series of talks from Dr Gooder at particular intervals during the day. There will be a Eucharist in the Chapel at midday and opportunity for attendees to enjoy the grounds at Trinity College. Dr Paula Gooder is a speaker and writer on the Bible, particularly on the New Testament. Please register for this free event by referring to instructions on flyers located on the service counter.

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.

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.