



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

22 February, 2026



*The temptation of Christ,
Duccio di Buoninsegna (Tuscan), fl. 13th Century*

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** (with Lenten variations on p. 151)*

Setting (at 10:00 a.m.): A Lenten Setting (for St George's, Malvern) E. A. Nixon

Opening Hymn: **The Lent Prose**

Cantor: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

All: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Cantor: To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory;
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

All: Hear us, O Lord...

SENTENCE

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Matthew 4:4

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY AND SEASON

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are,
yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will,
that, as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

A reading from the book Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ ...

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’

The woman said to the serpent,

‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’

But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Response: I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

1. Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
2. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
3. While I held my tongue, my body withered away
because of my groaning all day long.

R.

Response: I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

4. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R.**
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my guilt;
6. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD',
then you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R.**
7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
8. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R.**
9. 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
10. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding,
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you. **R.**
11. Great are the tribulations of the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
12. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin.

For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

No Gradual Hymn in Lent

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

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 was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'

But he answered, 'It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city
and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,
'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down;
for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,
and “On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written,

“Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain
and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;
and he said to him,

'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 Ireland; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn; St Eanswythe's, Altona with St Clement's, Laverton; and parishes, clergy and people in the Archdeaconry of Williamstown.

For all in need:

We pray for: Ann; Coral; David; George; Gregory SJ; Jenny; John; Josie; Katherine; Mary and the Adamson family; Murray; +Kate and family; Susan; Sarina; Sophie; the family of Aria; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: Aria; Michael Adamson; Roger William Prowd; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Stanford Ames; Wylie Ames; Barbara Edith Anthonisz; Mariannus (Mac) Cuming; Mary Jean Emery; Victor Field; George Findlay; Heather Hume-Cook; and Peter Willers.

In Lent, now follows the Prayer of Humble Access:

Let us pray.

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon introduces the Confession:

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence is kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing 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, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Deacon: Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

All: **We meet in his name and share his peace.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 300

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 151) begins.

When we reach the mystery of faith, we sing:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your death and resurrection you have set us free.**

During communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart,
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Words: Lidley's Prayers (1566)
Music: Richard Farrant (1530–80)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 152)

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

Final Hymn: 64

Postlude: tbc

The Week Ahead

Monday	Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr (d. c. 155)
Tuesday	Matthias, Apostle & Martyr – 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Friday	George Herbert, parish priest, poet (d. 1633)

Roster for today First Sunday in Lent 22 February 2026		Roster for next Sunday Second Sunday in Lent 1 March 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	David Sheppard Claire Sheppard	Sides-persons	Venetia Patchett Miriam Cherry
Acolyte	Ravi Renjen	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistant	Helen Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Malcom Tadgell
Readers	Judy Mallinson Hamish Tadgell	Readers	Jane Baddeley Campbell Paine
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson
Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Alison Canty	Acolytes	Meg Winter Jenny McPherson
Eucharistic Assistant	Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Muriel Porter Vincent T-Amos	Readers	Gracemary Huntley Brian Tobin
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; Roma; and Sarah.

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

NOTICES

We warmly welcome Bishop Alison Taylor as the celebrant at this morning's 10 a.m. eucharist, and thank her for her ministry with us.

Lenten Study

The book for our Lenten Studies this year is ***Giver of Life: The Holy Spirit in the Creed and the Christian Life Today***, by Jane Williams. Study groups will occur, as last year, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings (Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>), and following the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist on Thursday mornings. The groups begin this week. The books are **\$35 each**.

Our regular collection for St Alban's occurs today. 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.

Thanks to all who assisted in the set up for and cooking of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday evening, especially to Sandra and Ewan Morgan. Thanks also to Ewan, Sandra and others who set up and provided hospitality for the Archbishop's "Road Show" on Thursday afternoon.

Next Sunday (March 1), there will be a **special Parish Meeting** following the 10:00 a.m. service, to provide information, and explain all the implications and exciting developments of the Restoration Project, which has now been approved by Church Wardens and Parish Council.

Spiritual Café returns for 2026! Tuesday 31 March. Save the date; details to follow.

Lenten Quiet Day with Dr Paula 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!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Genesis 12:1–4a
Romans 4:1–5; 13–17

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalm 121
John 3:1–17

Lent

Welcome, deare feast of Lent! who loves not thee,
He loves not temperance or authoritie,
But is compos'd of passion.

The Scriptures bid us fast: the Church says, 'Now
Give to thy Mother what thou wouldst allow
To ev'ry corporation.'...

True Christians should be glad of an occasion
To use their temperance, seeking no evasion,
When good is seasonable;
Unlesse authorite, which should increase
The obligation in us, make it lesse,
And power it self disable....

It's true we cannot reach Christ's forti'th day
Yet to go part of that religious way
Is better than to rest:

We cannot reach our Saviour's puritie;
Yet we are bid, 'Be holy ev'n as He':
In both let's do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone
Is much more sure to meet with Him than one
That travelleth by-wayes;
Perhaps my God, though He be farre before,
May turn, and take me by the hand, and more,
May strengthen my decayes.

Yet, Lord, instruct us to improve our fast
By starving sinne, and taking such repast
As may our faults controll;
That ev'ry man may revell at his doore,
Not in his parlour – banqueting the poore,
And among those, his soul.

*from 'The Temple'
by George Herbert*

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners 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 connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.