



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

Welcome to St George's

Third Sunday in Lent

7 March 2021

Please note that it remains mandatory to wear a mask inside the church but only during singing.

All pew sheets, music sheets or any other papers used must be taken home for further use or disposal.



8:00 am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.
whose mercy endures forever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

*During Lent, the ancient Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis, is omitted.
Instead, we say together another ancient refrain, the Trisagion:*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

The President says

Let us pray.

*The community may pray silently, before the President "collects" the communal prayer in
the prayer of the Church for the day and for the season, to which the people respond:*

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book Exodus

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Exodus 20: 1–17

Reader For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Psalm 19

R: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth. **R.**

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
And in keeping them there is great reward. **R.**

Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
Lest they get the mastery over me:
So shall I be clean, and innocent of great offence.

May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God,

the world did not know God through wisdom,

God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation,

to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

but we proclaim Christ crucified,

a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,

and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

I Corinthians 1: 18–25

Reader For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Zeal for your house will consume me, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Deacon The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
All **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves,
and the money-changers seated at their tables.
Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple,
both the sheep and the cattle.
He also poured out the coins of the money-changers
and overturned their tables.
He told those who were selling the doves,
‘Take these things out of here!
Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’
His disciples remembered that it was written,
‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’

The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’
Jesus answered them,
‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’
The Jews then said,
‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years,
and will you raise it up in three days?’
But he was speaking of the temple of his body.
After he was raised from the dead,
his disciples remembered that he had said this;
and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 2: 13–22

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

HOMILY

Silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.

When the Intercessor has finished offering the Prayers of the People, the President collects the intercessions of all:

President: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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

Silence is kept

Let us the 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.**

The President pronounces absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand.

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

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

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The President says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

During the singing of this hymn, the table is laid and our offerings received

1. Author of life divine,
Who hast a table spread,
Furnished with mystic wine
and everlasting bread;
Preserve the life thyself hast given,
Preserve the life thyself hast given,
And feed and train us up for heaven.
2. Our needy souls sustain,
With fresh supplies of love,
Till all thy life we gain,
And all thy fulness prove,
And strengthened with thy perfect grace,
And, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
Behold without a veil thy face.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707–88

Tune: 'Lovely' (Rhosymedre), John Edwards, 1805–85

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer recalling God's saving acts, culminating with:

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues recalling the Supper our Lord shared with his disciples, until the deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The prayer concludes with a triumphant acclamation:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
 for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei is said:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **grant us your peace.**

The President invites people to the Lord's Table in suitable words.

After all have received the sacrament, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The President offers a prayer, ending with

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

HYMN

1. Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him all ye stars and light:
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken,
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken,
For their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious:
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name!
3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
Young and old, thy praise expressing,
Join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heaven adore thee,
We would bow before thy throne;
As thine angels serve before thee,
So on earth thy will be done.

*Words: Foundling Hospital Collection (vv. 1,2), 1796
Edward Osler (v. 3), 1798–1863
Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today 7 March	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Eucharist with <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Monday 8 March	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday 9 March <i>Sister Emma SSA</i>	9:00am 9:15am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer (Zoom) ID: 827 4357 6106, Password: 080149 or you can connect by putting into your search browser the following, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/827 4357 6106 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10 March	9:00am 5:00pm 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Lent Study Group
Thursday 11 March	9:00am 10:15am 3.00pm 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Eucharist, followed by Lent Study Group Mecwacare Eucharist Evening Prayer
Friday 12 March	9:00am 5:00pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Next Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent <i>(Mothering Sunday)</i> 14 March	8:00am 10:00am 3:30pm 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Lent Study Group Eucharist with <i>Lectio Divina</i>

BIBLE READINGS: 4th Sunday in Lent	14 March 2021
Numbers 21: 4–9	Ephesians 2: 1–10
Psalms 107: 1–3, 17–22	John 3: 14–21

FROM THE VICAR

For Anglicans of a certain age (I'm one), this morning's first reading from Exodus is remarkably familiar. We may need to restrain ourselves from responding instinctively, "Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law" on at least nine occasions while we listen to the reading! As we've seen already this Lent, our readings from the Hebrew Scriptures explore the covenants God made with our ancestors in the faith, Noah and Abraham. The Ten Commandments, which we hear this morning, are the next, and the most famous, of those covenants. Interestingly, this is also the first where any demand is made of people. The first two have been all about what God will do for and with those people God enters into covenant. The reading from Exodus begins in a similar way: *this* is what God has done for the people of Israel and, we are made to realise for us – brought you out of the land of Egypt, brought us all out of the house of slavery. And the 'thou shalt' and 'thou shall not's that follow are the people's response to God's gracious initiative of salvation.

When we think about the rag-tag group of people who undertook the Exodus, those whom God had promised Abraham would be made a multitude and a great nation, we can see why Paul is so confident that it is that *same* God who uses what strikes the world as 'foolishness' to reveal the *true* wisdom of God. It is the same God whom the Jesuit writer Gerard Hughes describes as the "God of Surprises": a God revealed in the majesty of creation ("the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork", as the psalmist puts it) and revealed chiefly, so the Christian faith proclaims, in 'Christ crucified' who is 'the power of God and the wisdom of God'.

Sometimes, rather like those who question Jesus in this morning's gospel, we seek 'a sign' to confirm that it really is God we're dealing with in some of the events we see and live into. But the witness of all of Scripture seems clear: you know what God is like, you've seen how God acts. And, as we prepare ourselves for Easter, we are forcefully reminded that we see God acting most clearly when we recall that 'in three days God will raise up' the Son who was crucified. And we then recognise the wisdom of God in this, and the faithfulness and consistency of the God who 'brings us out of the land of bondage' to new life. We can see, too, that the covenant God makes with all people is one that leads from slavery to life, and that God's laws are a powerful testament (which is another way of saying 'covenant') to that life-giving love that *is* God.

So, perhaps this Sunday and throughout Lent, we can all re-embrace our Anglican heritage, and fervently pray, "Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee."

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO WELL-LOVED PARISHIONERS

On Friday, two members of the Body of Christ here at St George's celebrated major milestones, and we join in that celebration with them today:

- Keith Wailes turned 95
- Bishop Peter Hollingworth celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate, and the 36th anniversary of his consecration as bishop is soon.

LENT STUDY GROUPS

Continue this week at the following times and places:

Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Ormond

Thursdays at 11:00ish, in the Parish Centre, immediately after the 10:15am eucharist

Sundays at 3:30pm, in the Parish Centre, prior to evening service

'COVID19 NORMAL' REGULATIONS

The restrictions and rules for services often change in these times of Covid19 pandemic.

Please observe all the current guidelines:

- **If you feel unwell, you must not attend church.**
- **It is mandatory to wear a mask, covering your mouth and nose, at all times indoors, including in church. Only the person leading or speaking in a service can be unmasked, unless you have a medical exemption.**
- **Sanitising of hands is mandatory as you enter AND as you leave the church.**
- The density quotient of **2** sq m per person, can only be used if **everyone registers electronically** prior to the start of the service. This allows **102** to attend the service, making a total of **120** including choir, clergy, servers etc. The 2 sq m spatial distancing rule means ensuring a minimum of an elbow's distance at all times.
- When people do not register electronically, prior to the start of a service, we are required to use the density quotient of **4** sq m per person. This allows only **51** people to attend and they must sit in alternate pews, maintaining a distance of 1.5m.
- You are reminded that shaking hands, hugging, kissing or any other kind of physical contact is not permitted **at any time**, with anyone not in your immediate family/household.

- There will be no passing around of the collection bowl to avoid multiple handling the bowl. The collection bowl/s are placed at the door as you arrive for your offering.
- Communion will remain in one kind only, that is no sharing of a common cup, for the foreseeable future.
- All Pew Sheets are single use only. Please do not leave them in the church or on site after the service, rather take them home for re-use or disposal.
- Please note that whilst we have multiple services some days and the premises are again being hired out again, the church, parish centre and offices are cleaned and sanitised following WorkSafe pandemic guidelines, so you can be assured of the cleanliness of the buildings and furnishings.

SERVERS AND READERS TRAINING:

Preparation for Holy Week and Easter

As we prepare for the great festivals of the Church in Holy Week and Easter, all readers and servers are strongly encouraged to attend an afternoon of rehearsal and training. This will be held on Saturday, 20 March from 3:00pm in the church. We will end in time for Evening Prayer. Any apologies to the Vicar.

USE OF NAME BADGE

If you are using your name badge in church (and the Vicar is most grateful for those who are doing so as a help to him), COVID regulations require you to take this home at the end of each service and to bring it back for use at the next service you attend. Unfortunately, the name badge cannot be left in the church.

If you do not have a name badge and would like one, please let Brenda know after any service.

ROSTERS

All Covid Safe Officers, Sidespersons, Servers, Readers, Intercessors, Crucifers, Acolytes are required to let Brenda know by email before Sunday, 21 March of ANY inability / preferences to attend services in Holy Week.

Monday – Thursday 7:30pm

Good Friday – 12 noon

Easter Vigil – 8.00pm

Easter Day – 9:30am

The Roster will be completed and posted on Monday, 22 March.

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND MACO DONATIONS

As has been mentioned, St George's is hoping to provide modest scholarships (ideally for one singer per part), so that younger singers can be brought to experience the joys and wonders of the Anglican musical tradition. Donations to fund such scholarships are best made through the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation, as this enables the donations to be tax-deductible. Donations can be made via the link below:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page>

Please note the following:

Under 'Select the Fund you wish to donate to', select MACO

Under 'Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc (MACO)', select St George's Malvern - Music Fund

ST GEORGE'S SOUND SYSTEM

McLean Sound undertook a recalibration of the sound system in the past week. Any feedback will be gratefully received after today's liturgies. We are continuing to explore a radical 'simplification' of the system and equipment. We give hearty thanks to Ron Tayles, who has looked after the current system for many years. A new team is being prepared, and will be in place when a new, more simplified system is installed.

VISIT TO BISHOPSCOURT GARDEN

During Open Gardens Victoria weekend, the garden of Bishopscourt at 20 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne, the home of Archbishop Freier, will be opened to the public on 27th and 28th March from 10.00am to 4.30pm.

There will also be Devonshire teas, tours on Sat 2.00pm and Sun 11.00am; propagated plants and books on Bishopscourt for sale.

Entry \$10, Students \$6, under 18s free.

Bookings essential via TryBooking www.trybooking.com/BOVOL

The Activities Group is being advised of this opportunity and will be emailed a copy of the flyer from Bishopscourt. Anyone else requiring the flyer or wishing to be added onto the Activities Group list, please email your request to Charles Tegner - ctegner@bigpond.net.au.



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**2021
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Melbourne Tuesday 16 March 2021 | Sydney Wednesday 17 March 2021

The fourth Sharwood Lecture in Church Law will be delivered in Melbourne and Sydney by the Honourable Justice Debra Mullins AO

Will the ties that bind break under the strain? The future for the constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia.

This topic is relevant in light of the current issues facing the Anglican church after the Commonwealth legislative reforms permitting same-sex marriage and the recent Appellate Tribunal decisions in regard to the blessing of marriages, including same-sex marriages, and clergy discipline. The lecture will not be limited to these issues, but they will be used to highlight the broader issues with the current constitution and explore what the future could be for the constitution and the Anglican Church of Australia.

The fourth Robin Sharwood Lecture will be delivered by the Honourable Justice Debra Mullins AO. Justice Mullins is a judge of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Queensland. Since 2014 she has been the Chancellor of the Diocese of Brisbane, having previously served as Deputy Chancellor since 2004. Justice Mullins is the Chair of the Church Law Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Date:	Tuesday 16 March 2021
Time:	7.30pm, followed by light refreshments
Location:	The Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052
Cost:	Free admission, but bookings are essential
RSVP:	By COB Friday 12 March 2021 Click here to RSVP
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is open during the following times:

Monday-Friday - 9:30am-12:30pm

If visiting the office, please observe all protocols relating to Covid 19 including signing in and sanitizing your hands.