



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

Patronal Festival



**Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving
for the life and witness of
George of Lydda, Martyr**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand as the bell is rung.

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Celebrant welcomes the congregation in suitable words, followed by a sentence of Scripture.

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 sing together:

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence is kept.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

We say together:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the Celebrant 'collects' the silent prayer:

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 12: 7–12

A reading from the Revelation to John:

War broke out in heaven;

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.

The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated,
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent,
who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world —
he was thrown down to the earth,
and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

**Response: Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

1. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R.**
3. Then they said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them!'
4. The LORD has done great things for us
and we are glad indeed. **R.**
5. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, from our bondage
like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out, weeping, carrying the seed
will come again, with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:3–13

A reading from the second letter to Timothy:

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs;
the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer.

And in the case of an athlete,

no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

It is the farmer who does the work

who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Think over what I say,

for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David —
that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship,

even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,

so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

c.f. 1 Peter 4:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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.**

Jesus continued speaking to the disciples, and said:

‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.
If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own.
Because you do not belong to the world,
but I have chosen you out of the world — therefore the world hates you.
Remember the word that I said to you,
“Servants are not greater than their master.”
If they persecuted me, they will persecute you;
if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.
But they will do all these things to you on account of my name,
because they do not know him who sent me.’

John 15: 18–21

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon.

After the sermon, 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

Deacon: Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for the Church throughout the world, remembering today all churches and institutions who share with us the patronage of George, and especially the Cathedral Churches of St George in Perth and Jerusalem, and the Chapel of St George within Windsor Castle; The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Willochra; Archdeaconry of the Yarra; Deanery of the Yarra/Plenty; and Anglican Kindergartens.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you.

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Coral; George; Harry; Hilary; Imad; Jenny; Jenny; John; Josie; Judy; +Kate and family; Lyn; Lyn; Max; Murray; Natalie and family; +Peter; Ravi; Richard; Sarina; Sophie; Susan; Wendy; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for Alan Gregory whose ashes are interred this morning;

those who have died recently: Ailsa Archer; Jenny Sasse

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Jan Akehurst; George Bloom; Brian Wilson Cherry; George Granger; Mary Frances Hewett; Barry Willard Kennedy; June Manders; Edith Manning; Frank Oldfield; Frederick John Richards; Constance Jean Sawyer; Henry Sullivan; Rosemary Walmsley; and Reginald Weller.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The deacon says:

Jesus stood among the disciples and said,

‘My peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you.’ Alleluia!

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The Celebrant then says:

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you. Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia!

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way.

[Throughout the Easter season, it is customary to use the greeting:

‘Christ is Risen. Alleluia!’, to which the response is ‘He is risen indeed. Alleluia!’]

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The people's gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared.

The Celebrant offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Celebrant then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

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 Celebrant continues with a prayer, concluding 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 Celebrant continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

A brief silence is kept.

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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We sing:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is distributed.

After Communion, silence is kept.

All stand

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Celebrant: God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with George and all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Notices are given.

All stand as the Clergy move to the entrance of St Martin's War Memorial Chapel for

ANZAC COMMEMORATION

Deacon: God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

Celebrant: We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.
We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in world wars
and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Let us pray:

God of love and liberty,
we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy.
We remember those who in time of war
faithfully served their country.
We pray for their families,
and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.
Make us a people zealous for peace,
and hasten the day
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation
neither learn war any more.
This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life
for the sake of the world:
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Clergy move to the War Memorial plaques

Celebrant: We remember those whose names are written here,
who went from this community to serve or to die
in World War One.
As you were with them in all that they suffered, bring them,
with all the redeemed, to eternal life in Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

Silence is kept for two minutes.

Celebrant: O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces this blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday	Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)
Saturday	Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d. 373)

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>

Reflections on the Lectons

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

SCRIPTURE READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 30:18–21

I Corinthians 15:1–8

**PHILIP AND JAMES,
APOSTLES AND MARTYRS**

Psalms 19:1–6

John 14:6–14

Roster for today GEORGE, MARTYR with COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC DAY 26 April 2026		Roster for next Sunday PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS 3 May 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-persons	Miriam Cherry Venetia Patchett
Acolyte	Malcom Tadjell	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Venetia Patchett	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Jane Baddeley Campbell Paine	Readers	Jane Baddeley Hamish Tadjell
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie
Acolytes	Alison Canty Meg Winter Malcolm Tadjell (Th)	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Alison Canty
Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Gavin Watson Vincent Amos	Readers	Gavin Watson Gracemary Huntley
Morning Tea	Suzanne and Tim Lennie	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Meg Winter
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Jenny Robertson
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Jenny Robertson

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.

NOTICES

Welcome to our Patronal Festival with commemoration of ANZAC Day.

Being the fourth Sunday in the month, today will also see **a collection for St Alban's**. 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.

Today is the final Sunday in the Church building for some months.

To assist with the transition of liturgical matters to the hall, please volunteer some time to move things by writing your name on the sign-up sheet at the service counter.

The times are broadly split into mornings and afternoons of Monday to Wednesday, 27th – 29th April. The last window is on Thursday afternoon 30th April.

Looking further ahead:

Spiritual Café Tuesday 12 May. Our guest speaker is **Professor Peter Sherlock**, Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Charles Sturt University. He worships at St Paul's Cathedral where he sings in the choir and is a member of Archbishop in Council. His topic is Sacred Memory: The How and Why of Church Monuments drawing on his book, *The Monuments of Westminster Abbey: Power and Memory in Early Modern Britain*. He explores how and why Christians erect monuments to the dead in the sacred space of churches. Copies of the book will be available on the night for \$60 (cash or credit card). Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30pm followed by the speaker at 7.30pm. For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

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.

Bookings for this event can be made through the QR Code on the right or this link <https://www.trybooking.com/DLKYO>.



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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

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.

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