



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY

31st May, 2026



The Hospitality of Abraham
Icon (c. 1411–1425)
Andrei Rublev (c. 1360– c. 1430)
Trinity Cathedral, Sergiyev Posad,
Russia

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Before the service **speak to God**; during the service, let **God** speak to you;
after the service speak to **one another**.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book (with seasonal additions p. 158)

Setting of the Eucharist (at 10:00 a.m.):

Christ Church Mass, Philip Matthias (1954–)

Processional Hymn: 146

SENTENCE

Proclaim the Name: 'The LORD, the LORD, a God who is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

Exodus 34:6

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung),
the Confession, Absolution and Gloria in excelsis.*

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given to us your servants
grace by the confession of a true faith
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
and evermore defend us from all adversities,
for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 34.1-8

A reading from the book Exodus:

The LORD said to Moses,
'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones,
and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets,
which you broke.

Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and
present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain.

No one shall come up with you,
and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain;
and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.'

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones;
and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai,
as the LORD had commanded him,
and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there,
and proclaimed the name, 'The LORD.'

The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed,

'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children
and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FOR THE PSALM: FROM THE SONG OF THE THREE

This canticle, taken from the deuterocanonical portions of the Book of Daniel (inserted between 3:23 and 24 in the Bible of the first Christians) is part of the 'Song of the Three Young Men', put into the mouths of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as they moved unscathed through Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace.

Response: Worthy to be praised and exalted forever.

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears: **R.**

Blessed is your holy and glorious name: **R.**

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple: **R.**

Blessed are you who behold the depths: **R.**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom: **R.**

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven: **R.**

Song of the Three, 29–34

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth:

Brothers and sisters,

Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace;
and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 466

GOSPEL

Matthew 28.16–20

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

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.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee,

to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them,

‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

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

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for Église Anglicane du Rwanda; The National Council of Churches in Australia; Multicultural Ministries; Indigenous Ministry; Children's, Youth and Families Ministry; Church Planting and Renewal; Education, School, Hospital and Prison Chaplains; Disability, Inclusion and Accessibility; Prevention of Violence against Women; and National Schools Networks.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Austin; Dan; Deborah, Fiona, Sarah and all the Hollingworth family; Elizabeth; Gwyn; Harry; Imad; Josie; Kenny; Marie; Max; Muriel; Nicolae; Nigel; Priya; Richard; Robyn; Ron; and Wendy; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: +Peter John Hollingworth; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Robina Bisset; Angela Carlisle; Alistair Hillier; Harold Hood; William Ian Lowry; William McLaren; Arthur Mansell; John Lockwood Morrison; Jocelyn Margaret Ray; Ian Douglas Reid; Herbert William Satchell; Dorothy Valentine; Isabel Hope Wallace; and Noel Willsmore.

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

Offertory Hymn:

1. I bind unto myself today
 The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
 The Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ever,
 By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan river;
 His death on cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
 His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
 I bind unto myself today.

3. I bind unto myself today
 The power of God to hold and lead,
 His eye to watch, his might to stay,
 His ear to hearken to my need.
 The wisdom of my God to teach,
 His hand to guide, his shield to ward,
 The word of God to give me speech,
 His heavenly host to be my guard.
4. Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me.
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all who love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
5. I bind unto myself the name,
 The strong name of the Trinity;
 By invocation of the same,
 The Three in One, and One in Three.
 Of whom all nature hath creation:
 Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
 Praise to the Lord of my salvation.
 Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Words: St Patrick (372–466)
 tr. Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818–95)

Music: St Patrick's Breastplate (Irish traditional melody)
 arr. and harm. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1904) vv. 1 – 3, 5
 Deirdre, Irish traditional melody v. 4

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 158) begins.

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

*O holy Jesus,
 most merciful redeemer,
 friend and brother,
 may I know thee more clearly,
 love thee more dearly,
 and follow thee more nearly.
 Amen.*

Words: St Richard of Chichester (1197–1253)
 Music: L. J. White (1910–73)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 158)

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

Final Hymn: 144

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 12:1–9
Romans 4:13–25

Psalm 33:1–12
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Week of Prayer for Reconciliation continues (until Wednesday) Justin, martyr at Rome (d. c. 167)
Wednesday	Martyrs of Uganda (d. 1886); Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr (d. 1977) John XXIII, bishop of Rome, reformer (d. 1963)
Thursday	Corpus Christi 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Friday	Boniface of Mainz, bishop and martyr (d. 754) Requiem Eucharist for +Peter Hollingworth, 11:00 a.m. (Christ Church South Yarra)

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are online each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, 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 Lections

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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

Roster for today TRINITY SUNDAY 31 May 2026		Roster for next Sunday SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7 June 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry Venetia Patchett	Sides-persons	Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistant	Betty Renjen
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	David Sheppard Jane Baddeley	Readers	Miriam Cherry Jenny Robertson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Grant Rowlands Tim Lennie	Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie
Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Alison Canty	Acolytes	Meg Winter Pam Felgate
Eucharistic Assistant	Meg Winter	Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Geraldine Powell Brian Tobin	Readers	Jenny McPherson Vincent T-Amos
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Jenny Robertson	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Jenny Robertson	Reader	Miriam Cherry

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

NOTICES

Today is the quarterly occasion for our collections for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)

Please refer to the flyers on the entrance service counter for current items of most need.

A Requiem Eucharist to celebrate the life of the Right Reverend and the Honourable Dr Peter John Hollingworth, AC, OBE, ChStJ will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday 5th June at Christ Church, South Yarra. All from St George's are most welcome and, indeed, encouraged to attend if able. Given the problems of parking near Christ Church, we may organise a bus so that people from St George's can be taken to and from here to Christ Church. Please indicate to Adrian or the Vicar if this would be helpful.

Spiritual Cafe - Tuesday 23 June: Our guest speaker is The Reverend Andrew Stewart, Chaplain, Junior School Teacher and Religious Education Teacher at Mentone Grammar. Andrew has 25 years' experience working in Anglican schools and chaired the Chaplains in Anglican Schools Network in Victoria for 12 years.

His topic is 'Connecting young people to the Anglican Church' – a timely subject. 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.

SAVE THE DATE - Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy will be our speaker at Spiritual Café on Wednesday 12 August.

Our series of fundraiser concerts in 2026 continues with **Christmas in July on Saturday, 25 July 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** – **SAVE THE DATE!** Details to follow.



*A note on today's cover image:

The image on the front cover of today's Pew Sheet is a reproduction of the famous icon of Andrei Rublev called "The Hospitality of Abraham". It is a representation of the account in Genesis 18, where we read "The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance to his tent... [Abraham] looked up and saw three men standing near him." (Gen. 18:1, 2). Abraham invites the three men to eat and drink with him, and it is then that the promise that Sarah will have a son is confirmed. This icon depicts the three men 'eating and drinking' with Abraham; where we, the viewers, occupy Abraham's place.

Given the mysterious composition, with the three men looking at one another in loving rapture and with downcast eyes, some in the West took to calling this "The Old Testament Trinity icon". It is **not**, nor was it ever intended to be. According to the teaching of the Orthodox Church, icons can only represent those who have taken on human, bodily form at some point in time. Thus, Jesus and the saints can be presented iconographically, because Jesus was incarnate, and the saints were human beings. Angels can be represented because they were seen by human eyes at certain times in history. We see those represented in icons, through the art of the icon writer and the eyes of faith, as they appear in glory.

Only one person of the Divine Trinity, the eternal Son, ever took on human form, however. Therefore, neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit is, according to orthodox theology expressed in the Seventh Ecumenical Council (held at Nicaea – again; this time in 787), able to be represented in iconic form. While the 'three men' described in the Genesis story are said to be an appearance of the LORD, Abraham sees them as three separate beings. The Trinity does not exist as three separate beings, but as 'one being (or substance) in three persons'.

Furthermore, while the appearance of the LORD as three men *may* be read by Christians, figurally or typologically, as a 'pre-figuring' of the revelation of God as Trinity (a revelation made by the Incarnation of the Beloved Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit), this can only be done with great caution, sensitivity and even reluctance. Taking Jewish sacred texts and unthinkingly reading them solely in Christian terms risks (or is) supercessionist: asserting that the witness of the people of God's first covenant has been superceded and therefore no longer has validity. That is, frankly, a form of cultural imperialism that strikes me as rather un-Christian.

So... we may enjoy the wonderful artistry and sacred insight of this, one of the finest of Orthodox icons. We can rejoice that, when the LORD appeared to Abraham, and Abraham was moved to offer hospitality, he received in turn a far greater gift of hospitality – the confirmation of the promises made to him by the LORD concerning a son. Abraham and Sarah were brought into the divine offering of love by a God who wished to connect and be in relationship with human beings. And we can rejoice that, in the sending of the eternal Son, in the person of Jesus Christ, we are invited into that same divine offering of eternal love. But... I think we misread the original story in Genesis, and we certainly misconstrue the original intention of Andrei Rublev (who, as a faithful Orthodox Christian, would never have presumed to represent the Father or the Holy Spirit iconographically), if we see this image as an "Icon of the Trinity".

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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:
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.*