



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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23rd August, 2026



*Consegna delle chiavi (The Delivery of the Keys to Saint Peter), 1481–82, fresco,
Pietro Perugino (c. 1446–1523), Sistine Chapel, Vatican City*

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**.

Prelude: Offertorie

Cesar Franck (1822–90)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book

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

Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (1954–)

Processional Hymn: 206 (NEH)

Sentence

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God,
the one coming into the world.'

John 11:27

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung),
the Confession and Absolution, followed by the ancient hymn, Gloria in excelsis (p. 121).*

COLLECT

O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown us the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 1:8–2:10

A reading from the book Exodus.

A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.'

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh.

But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.

The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour.

They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.'

But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?'

The midwives said to Pharaoh,

'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.'

So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people,

'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

The woman conceived and bore a son;

and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.

When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.'

So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son.

She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

Response: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

(at 8:00 a.m.)

1. If the LORD had not been on our side let Israel now say;
2. If the LORD had not been on our side when our enemies attacked us,
3. Then would they have swallowed us up alive,
in their fierce anger towards us; **R.**
4. Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
5. Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. **R.**
6. Blessed be the LORD! he has not given us over to be prey for their teeth.
7. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we have escaped.
8. Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)



1. If the LORD himself had not been on our side, let Israel now say;
2. If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
3. Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their anger burned towards us; **R.**
4. Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
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the maker of heaven and earth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1–8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same function,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another.
We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering;
the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;
the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 172

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13–20

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

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 when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.
And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

By the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father for the world and for the Church.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa; Diocese of The Murray; Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Williamstown, Deanery of Williamstown; and Trinity Grammar School.

For all in need

We pray for: Ann; Dan; Dennis; Emily; Fiona; Greta; John; Josie; Keith; Louisa; Max; Murray; Nicole; Rebecca; Richard; Ronald; Sarah; Shirley; Ted; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Gloria Joyce Bell; Shirley Doris Bowman; Freda Burnett; Bertram Cowley; Edna Jean Fyfe; Reginald Hayden; Dawn Hilsberg; Mary June Jackson; Ray Pritchard; Elfrida Reeson; Catriona Elizabeth Scott; Clifford Smith; Susan Meg Stuckey; and Alfred Watson.

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

Offertory Hymn: 360

The Great Thanksgiving (one chosen from p. 128 ff) begins.

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

O give thanks unto the Lord, the Lord is good;
For his steadfast love endures forever more.

Words: Psalm 136:1
Music: Joseph Corfe (1740–1820)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 143)

Notices are given (followed at 10 a.m. by):

Final Hymn: 461, (omit vs. 5)

Postlude: Plein Jeu
François Couperin (1668–1733)

Roster for today 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 23 AUGUST 2026		Roster for next Sunday 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 30 AUGUST 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Bryan Elmes
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell
Eucharistic Assistant	Malcolm Tadgell	Eucharistic Assistant	Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	David Sheppard Simon Dickie	Readers	Miriam Cherry Bryan Elmes
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie	Sides-persons	Grant Rowlands Melissa Carson
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Lyn Beaumont	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistant	Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistant	Meg Winter
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Judy Mallinson Geraldine Powell	Readers	Muriel Porter Brian Tobin
Morning Tea	Jenny McPherson Sandra Morgan	Morning Tea	“Bake it Blue” Fundraising Allegra and Gracemary Huntley
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Jenny Robertson
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Jenny Robertson

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr, Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday	Monica, mother of Augustine (d. 387), Eucharist 10:15 a.m.
Friday	Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d. 430)
Saturday	Beheading of John the Baptist

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>

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 3:1–15

Psalm 105:1–6; 23–26

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

NOTICES

With great joy we announce that The Archbishop of Melbourne has given notice that he intends to ordain The Reverend Dr Callum Robert Dawson to the Holy Order of Priest in his Cathedral Church of St Paul on the morning of **November 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

We offer warmest congratulations to Callum and Alexandria, and give thanks to God for another fine priest who will offer much to this parish and the wider Diocese and Church.

Our monthly collection for St Alban's occurs today. Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Albans in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

A presentation on progress of the Restoration Project will be offered at both morning services today.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) St George's allocated collection days are four/year, each on the last day of a month having five Sundays. **Thus, the next will be on 30th August.** The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project do wonderful work in assisting those in need and strive with grace against many difficulties. Collection flyers to identify the items most required can be found on the service counter.

Notice of Special Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern

At its meeting on 18 August 2026, the Parish Council resolved to convene a Special Meeting, being a type of Statutory Parish Meeting.

Therefore, in accordance with Rule 2.2 of the Parish Rules, the Churchwardens hereby give notice that a Special Parish meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will take place following the 10.00am Eucharist on **Sunday, 27 September 2026**.

The sole item of business of this meeting will be to consider a proposal to reduce the size of the Parish Council:

- from 13 members, comprising the Vicar, three churchwardens and 9 other persons, one-third nominated by the Vicar and two-thirds elected by the parishioners,
- to 10 members, comprising the Vicar, three churchwardens and 6 other persons, one-third nominated by the Vicar and two-thirds elected by the parishioners.

Please be sure to attend this meeting.

Children's Medical Research Institute is hosting a "Bake it Blue" fundraising morning tea next Sunday, 30th August after the 10:00 a.m. service. 1 in 20 children faces a birth defect or genetic disease, like cancer and cystic fibrosis. By supporting this morning tea, you'll help find treatments and cures for kids who need them most. Allegra and her mother, Gracemary Huntley are keen organisers for this event. Indulge in some cakes, chicken sandwiches, biscuits, Blue tea, a small raffle and take-home goodies!

Praying for the sick or dying is a deep and rich dimension of Christian discipleship: it dates from the earliest days of the Church in Jerusalem. For more than thirty years, St George's Church has continued this tradition, and sent a faithful and devoted team of volunteers to pray and care for patients at Cabrini Hospital. This ministry is unique in the Diocese of Melbourne. Every Tuesday morning, we join the full-time pastoral care team, support them in their role, and host a midday prayer service in the beautiful Cabrini chapel.

We are looking for new members to join our team!

If you want to learn more, please contact either Gregory or Callum.

2027 APBA Australian Lectionary and Australian Anglican Church Calendar are now available for order. The order form can be found on the table, left as you enter the hall. Payment can be made at the office or Direct Debit to St George's ADF Account: BSB: 703 122 Account No.: 0500 9778. Please reference your name & ACCC/Lectionary.

**Faith and the Arts series at St Peter's, Eastern Hill:
There are More Things in Heaven and Earth:
A Renaissance Prince or a Reformation Play?
Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.**

Come hear our very own Fr Gregory speak on this topic;

Tuesday, 22nd September from 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

15 Gisborne Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3022.

Bookings via email: arts@stpeters.org.au or call 0401 826 325.

Bookings can also be made, and more information on this event found, by scanning this QR link on the right.

Flyers can also be found at the service counter – invite your friends!



In this season



A new regular newsletter sharing stories, reflections, prayer and encouragement from across the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

Stay connected with what God is doing across Melbourne and Geelong, and join in prayer for our shared life together.

Please share it with others who may like to receive it.

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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.*