



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

27th September, 2026

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 (at 10:00 a.m.): Trio on the Chorale *Jesu meine Freude*

Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg (1718–95)

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: 362 (NEH)

Sentence

Come, let us turn to the LORD, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6:1a, 2b

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.
For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above all name, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit;
one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1–7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarrelled with Moses, and said,

‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?’ But the people thirsted there for water;

and the people complained against Moses and said,

‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried out to the LORD,

‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’

The LORD said to Moses,

‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.

Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1–4; 12–16

(at 8:00 a.m.)

Response: We will recount the wonderful works of the LORD.

1. Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3. That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebearers have told us,
we will not hide them from their children.
4. We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done...

R.

R.

12. He worked marvels in the sight of their forebears,
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

13. He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.

R.

14. He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16. He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

R.

(at 10:00 a.m. Sung by the choir)

**Response: We shall listen, LORD,
to your teaching and heed the words of your mouth.**

The musical score is written for a choir in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'We shall listen, LORD, to your teaching, and heed the words of your mouth.' The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment. There are some triplets and longer notes in the melody, particularly in the phrase 'of your mouth'.

1. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
2. I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3. things that we have heard and known,
that our forebears have told us.

R.

4. We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, the might,
and wonders God has wrought.... **R.**
12. The LORD wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,
13. the LORD divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap,
14. led them with a cloud in the daytime,
and all the night with a fiery light,
15. cleft rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,
16. made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1–13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me,
not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 374 (vv1–4)

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–32

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

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.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people
came to him as he was teaching, and said,
‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’
Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer,
then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.
Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’
And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us,
“Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”,
we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’

So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them,
'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said,
"Son, go and work in the vineyard today."

He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir";
but he did not go.

Which of the two did the will of his father?

They said, 'The first.'

Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes
are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him,
but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him;
and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe 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

We pray for The Church of Bangladesh; Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;
Episcopal Area of Geelong and its new bishop, Bishop Nigel Pope; and Anglicare Victoria.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Bryan; Dennis; Emily; John; Leonie; Max; Megan; Nicole; Rebecca;
Richard; Sarah; Ted; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: David John Conolly; Bernice Heydon Robinson;
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Jean Collier Armstrong; Margaret Bridges;
Richard Coles; Barbara Hindell; James Essex Holt; Elaine Jarvie; Mary Lewis; Irene Lowe;
David McInne; Nancy Macindoe; Richard Markillie; Nancy Milne; Robert Llewellyn Moline;
Kenneth Moss; Rosa Brenda Righetti; Peter Shepherd; William (Bill) Tickner;
Peter Campbell Trumble; and John Weigall.

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

Offertory Hymn: 280

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

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.

Text: Collected by Henry Bull (1566)
in "Christian Prayers and Holie Meditations"
Music: Richard Farrant (c. 1530 – 1580)

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

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

Final Hymn: 306

Postlude: Fugue No. 10
Georg Philip Telemann (1681–1767)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	Michael & All Angels 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	Jerome, priest and biblical scholar (d. 420)
Thursday	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIbmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 27 September 2026		Roster for next Sunday 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4 October 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Campbell Paine
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Judy Mallinson
Eucharistic Assistant	Miriam Cherry	Eucharistic Assistant	Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	David Sheppard Hamish Tadgell	Readers	Miriam Cherry Campbell Paine
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie	Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Jenny McPherson	Acolytes	Lyn Beaumont Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistant	Lyn Beaumont	Eucharistic Assistant	Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	Muriel Porter Charles Tegner	Readers	Meg Winter Gavin Watson
Morning Tea	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse	Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett
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; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Jenny; Liza; Sarah; and Simon.

NOTICES

Notice of Special Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern
Special Meeting, being a type of Statutory Parish Meeting will take place following the 10.00am Eucharist today.

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.

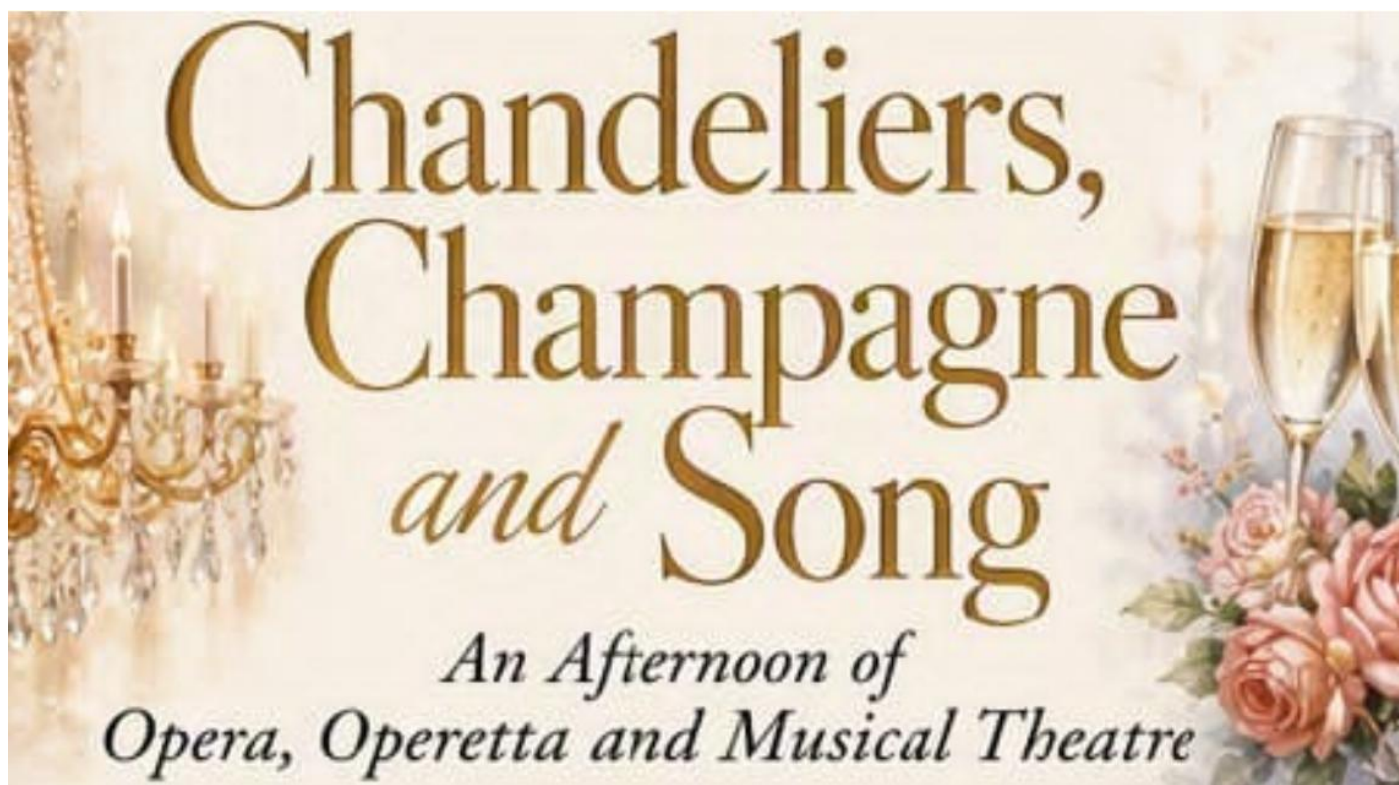
Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 29th September - Our guest speaker is Dr Kathleen McGuire Senior Lecturer in Education (Music), Faculty of Education and Arts, Australian Catholic University, Composer, Music Director, Justice Choir Naarm and many other roles. Her topic is “*Finding a reason: A composer’s pathway forged through social justice advocacy.*” Based on her chapter in a recent book comprising contributions from 30 women composers from around the world. [*The Composer, Herself – Contemporary Snapshots of the Creative Process* (Linda Kouvaras et al., eds., Palgrave-Macmillan, 2024).]
Join us for dinner at 6.30pm at Giorgio’s, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd).
Please booking via email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 20:1–4; 7–9; 12–20
Philippians 3

Psalm 19
Matthew 21:33–46

OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING CONCERT



On **Saturday 3rd October 2026** come to a wonderful concert in our church hall, at 2:00 p.m., featuring music from Opera, Operetta & Musical Theatre. Bookings can be made through Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DPJZR> or scan the QR Code on the right.



We will have a Silent Auction –

if you have any goods to donate (check out your re-gifting stash!) or labour to offer (i.e. 2 hours of gardening, knitting, sewing, cooking – purchaser provides the tools, wool, fabric, ingredients etc., and you provide the work), please let Suzie know. Goods can be given to Suzie on a Sunday or left in the office (clearly marked for the “Silent Auction” with your name and RRP if you know what might be). We've already been offered at double pass to Melbourne Opera's Parsifal (Feb 2027) - how exciting! There may be some businesses that would provide a voucher - do you have a favourite trader on Glenferrie Road whom you could approach? Before you do - please let Suzie know so we don't have potential multiple requests to the same trader. Contact Suzie Hill with any queries 0404 381 401.



The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO)

MACO is an organisation to which tax deductible donations can be made to support the 'Cultural' activities and areas at St George's. Parishioners will know that we have a continuing account with MACO to support the work of the choir, and we established another one to facilitate donations for the Restoration of the stained glass windows, classified as "of great cultural significance, in their depiction of the gospel's spread 'From Nazareth to the Pacific'."

It was always envisaged that donations through MACO for restoration works would be the preferred option for parishioners, with the National Trust appeal (which has a better 'name') for the wider community. The chief reason for this is that MACO offers donors the same tax deduction status, but the 'cut' it takes to run the fund-raising is considerably below that taken by National Trust – more money goes directly to the church.

The red **Donate Now** button takes you to the MACO Donation page.

For donating to St George's restoration:

Under '1. Select a Program in MACO', scroll down and select St George's Malvern – Windows Restoration complete the details required, then click on "**Go to Payment**" Button

Of course, it is still possible to donate to the Music Fund also; the history of music in our church goes back to the late 1800s, when the the choir started in 1869 and the organ was built in 1885. The Music Fund seeks to support all aspects of the music programme in the worship at our church.

The value of maintaining this great tradition is an important tenet of St George's.

Donations to the music programme assist with improvements to the historic George Fincham pipe organ, the ongoing viability of our RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) choir, the continuation of choral scholarships, vocal training, purchase of music, and piano tuning. It also supports the maintenance of a high standard of music in worship including special services for Advent, Holy Week, Easter and Christmas.

For donating to St George's music:

Follow the instructions above, with the following changes:

Under '1. Select a Program in MACO', scroll down and select St George's Malvern - Music Fund complete the details required, then click on "**Go to Payment**" Button

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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.*