



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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4th October, 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**.

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: 205 (vv. 1–3, 5) (NEH)

Sentence

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Matthew 21:42

*The service continues as we say or sing: Kyrie Eleison, followed by Confession and Absolution,
then all say or sing the ancient hymn, 'Gloria in excelsis' (pp. 120–121)*

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–21

A reading from the book of 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 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.

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.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning,
the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking,
they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses,
'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us,
or we will die.'

Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you
and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick
darkness where God was.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

(at 8:00 a.m.) **Response: The commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. **R.**
- 5 In the deep he has set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoices the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R.**
- 11 By them is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. **R.**
- 13 Above all keep servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
Then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m., response, first sung by the choir, then by all):

R: The sky tells the glory of God, tells the genius of God's work.

1. The sky tells the glory of God, tells the genius of God's work.
Day carries the news to day, night brings the message to night, **R.**
2. without a word, without a sound, without a voice being heard:
and yet their messages fills the world, their news reaches its rim. **R.**
3. There God has pitched a tent for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed, an athlete eager to run a race. **R.**
4. It springs from the edge of the earth, runs a course across the sky
To win the race at heaven's end. Nothing on earth escaped its heat. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me,
and for you it is a safeguard.

Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers,

beware of those who mutilate the flesh! For it is we who are the circumcision,
who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus
and have no confidence in the flesh —

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,
blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss
because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish,
in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness
of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection
and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,
if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;
but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God
in Christ Jesus.

Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind;
and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you.
Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me,
and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ;
I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.
Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame;
their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting
a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation
so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 94

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything
I have learnt from my Father.

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.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,
put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower.
Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect
his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another,
and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first;
and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.”

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves,
“This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.”

So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the
vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you
and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces;
and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables,
they realized that he was speaking about them.
They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds,
because they regarded him as a prophet.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the World

We pray on this, St Francis' Day, for all of God's creation, giving thanks for its beauty and wonder, and praying that we may rightly nurture and use with equity, care and moderation the resources of the earth.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Ballarat (as Bishop Garry Weatherill lays up his pastoral staff); Episcopal Area of Dandenong; Archdeaconry of Berwick; Camberwell Grammar School;

For all in need

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

We pray for: Adrian; Alison; Ann; Carolyn, David and the Batt family; Dennis; Emily; 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: John Michael Batt; Maxwell Morbé Lojuran; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Gwendolyn Berriman; Alice Davie; Max Elliot; Ian Johnson; Winky Lowry; Hilda Newman; Evelyn Pascal; Frederick Sydney Powell; Gerturde Rhoden; Harold Smith; Vanessa Stevens; Lester Triggs; James Whitaker; James Eliot Wilkie; Doris Wood; and Kathleen Woollacott.

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

Offertory Hymn: 273

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

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Panis angelicus,
Fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

*The bread of angels
Is made bread for humanity;
The living bread from heaven
Ends all figures:
O wonderful gift!
The poor and lowly
May feast on their Lord.*

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225–1274)
Music: Cesar Franck (1822–90)

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

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

Final Hymn: 425

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	William Tyndale, biblical scholar (d. 1536)
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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 32:1–14
Philippians 4

Psalm 106:1–6, 20–24
Matthew 22:1–14

Roster for today 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 4 October 2026		Roster for next Sunday 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11 October 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Campbell Paine	Sides-person	David Sheppard
Acolyte	Judy Mallinson	Acolyte	Chris Miles
Eucharistic Assistant	Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Miriam Cherry Campbell Paine	Readers	David Sheppard Jane Baddeley
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism	
Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson	Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson
Acolytes	Lyn Beaumont Meg Winter	Acolytes	Lyn Beaumont Pam Felgate
Eucharistic Assistant	Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistant	Meg Winter
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Betty Renjen Gavin Watson	Readers	Suzie Hill Ray Lester
Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett	Morning Tea	
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist			
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Andrea King

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

Many thanks to all involved in yesterday's splendid concert. Especial thanks are offered to Natalie Reid, who designed and conducted the entire programme, and Suzie Hill, whose organisation and enthusiasm has drive the entire series of fund-raising concerts this year.

Thanks, also, to all who attended the Special Parish Meeting last Sunday.

The unanimous result of that meeting was to reduce the Parish Council from 13 (Vicar, 3 Church Wardens and 9 Parish Councillors) to 10 (Vicar, 3 Church Wardens and 6 Parish Councillors).

The Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne begins this Wednesday October 8

at 7:00 p.m. with a eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral. All are welcome to this liturgy.

The meeting of Synod continues on Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday.

Please pray for our parish Synod representatives: Leonie Bird, Sandra Morgan, Judy Wright, Malcolm Tadgell (as a representative from General Synod), and Muriel Porter (attending as representative of St Paul's, East Kew) with Gregory and Callum, as they attend this important meeting of clergy and lay people of the Diocese. Pray for all members of Synod, and especially for all the staff working to ensure Synod proceeds smoothly.

Consequently, there will be no **Reflections on the Lections** this Wednesday.

As already announced via email, the Funeral Eucharist for the Honourable John Batt, AM will be held at St George's on **Monday, 12th October at 2:00 p.m.**



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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.*