St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8th November, 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**.*

Interlude: Piano Sonata No. 12 in F Major, K.332 – Movement II. Wolfgang Amadaeus Mozart (*1756–91*)

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: 239

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42, 44

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)

Collect

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives 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

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem,
and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel;
and they presented themselves before God.
And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:
Long ago your ancestors— Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—
lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many….

'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness;
put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt,
and serve the LORD.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River
or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living;
but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us
and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;
and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples,
the Amorites who lived in the land.
Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God.
He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.
If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn
and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.'
And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!'

Then Joshua said to the people,
'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.'
He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you,
and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.'

The people said to Joshua,
'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.'

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day,
and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

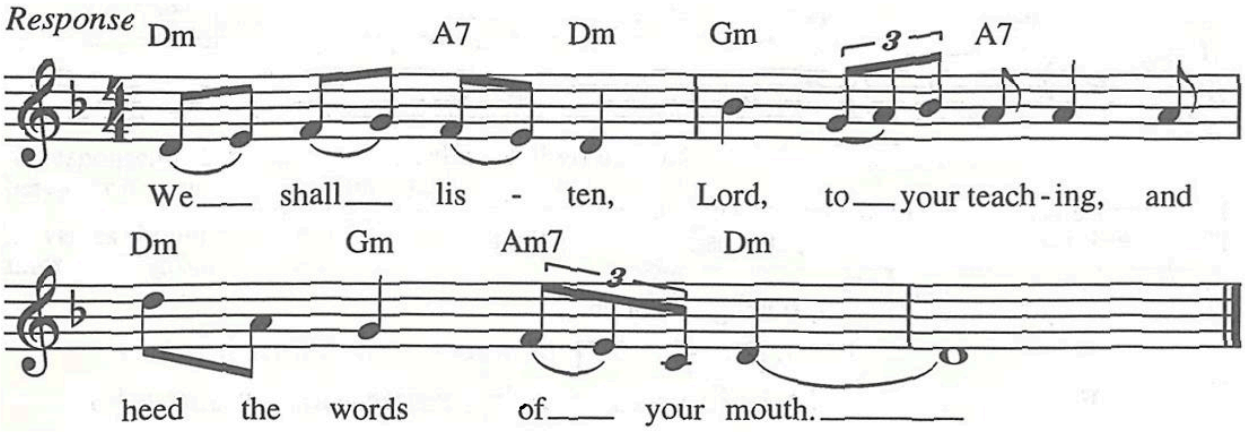
Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1–7

Response: We will recount the wonderful works of the LORD.
(at 8:00 a.m.)

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 the mysteries of ancient times, **R.**
3. That we have heard and known, and what our forebears 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.**
5. He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
   which he commanded them to teach to their children;
6. That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
   that they in turn might tell them to their children;
7. So that they might put their trust in God,
   and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.) *Response & Chant:* Timothy E. Kimbrough



Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Things that we have heard and known,
that our forebears have told us. **R.**

We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generations,
the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might
and the wonders God has wrought. **R.**

The LORD wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

The LORD divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made waters stand like a heap,
led them with a cloud in the daytime,
and all night with a fiery light.

Cleft rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,

Made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:9–18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anyone write to you,
for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another;
and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia.
But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly,
to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you,
so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve as others do
who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air;
and so we will be with the Lord for ever.
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *(at 10:00 a.m.)*: 16

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1–13

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

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 spoke this parable to the disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
But at midnight there was a shout,
"Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."
Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.
The foolish said to the wise,
"Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."
But the wise replied,
"No! there will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."
And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet;
and the door was shut.
Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,
"Lord, lord, open to us."
But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you."
Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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 for Oceania.

For the Anglican Church
We pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo; Diocese of Bunbury; Episcopal Area of Dandenong - Bishop Paul Barker; Archdeaconry of Berwick; Casey & Cardinia Deanery; and Geelong 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: Alison; Ann; Dennis; Gina; Ian; Jenny; Jon; Nicole; Ray; Rebecca; Richard; Sarah; Venetia 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: Léline Angela Burns; Natali Cerini; Ruby Cooke; George Terrell (Sam) Crowl; Moen Djismoen; Norma Djismoen; John Terrell Goodall; Dora Hills; Elizabeth (Beth) Knight; Lilian MacKenzie; James Morison; Judith (Judi) Anne Morrison; Margaret (Peg) Nelson; Margaret Tenison Philip; and Charles Sexton.

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

Offertory Hymn: 302

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

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth in him,
should not perish but have everlasting life.

Words: John 3:16
Music: Bob Chilcott (*1955–*)

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

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

Final Hymn: 420

Postlude: *Water Music, Suite No. 1 in F major (HWV 348)*
George Frideric Handel (*1685–1759*)

Roster for today TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 November 2026		Roster for next Sunday TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 15 November 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-persons	Claire Sheppard David Sheppard
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistant	Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	David Sheppard Lorilae Garcia	Readers	Jane Baddeley Miriam Cherry
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**	
Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Judy Mallinson Ravi Renjen	Acolytes	Lyn Beaumont Mark Haynes
Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistant	Meg Winter
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Suzie Hill Ray Lester	Readers	Gracemary Huntley Gavin Watson
Morning Tea	*In The Vicarage until December 13*	Morning Tea	*In The Vicarage until December 13*
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		**Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist**	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Judy Wright

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher (d. *461*)
Wednesday	Martin, bishop of Tours (d. c. *387*) **10:45 a.m. Remembrance Day Service** (*in St Martin's Chapel)*
Thursday	Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist (d. *1836*) **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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWR1dm1XWDQ4Zz09

Evening Prayer **5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**
Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283
https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWR1dm1XWDQ4Zz09

Reflections on the Lections 7:30 p.m., Wednesday
Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=M1czZ1JRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Judges 4:1–10 Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew 25:14–30

NOTICES

The Victorian Electoral Commission is hiring the Parish Hall **until December 6 for this year's state election**. During this time, there will be no access to the kitchen, the hall or the storage room opposite the Assistant Curate's office. Thank you for your patience and forbearance during this period. Morning Tea on Sundays will be held in the Vicarage during this time.

Submissions for Parish electoral roll are due **today, Sunday, November 8.**

Callum will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m. at St Paul's Cathedral.** Please take note of this date and endeavour to be there. He will celebrate the eucharist at each service on **Sunday, November 22.**

Following the ordination, there will be a celebration from downstairs at Giorgio's. Given the need to hire the space, there will be a necessary charge of $50 per person. (The Vicar and Church Wardens are determined, however, that cost should not be a barrier to people attending this significant event in the life of the parish, so please speak to Gregory, Robyn or Malcolm if you wish to come but feel restrained by the cost.) Please let the office know if you wish to come celebrate so that we will have correct booking numbers Phone: 9822 3030 Option 2 or office@stgeorgesmalvern.org.

On Sunday, November 22, we will have refreshments in the Vicarage after the 10:00 a.m. service to celebrate Callum's first eucharist as priest. We would greatly appreciate if you can assist by bringing cakes, sandwiches, and snacks for the occasion.
Please contact Sandra Morgan on 0448 884 306 to coordinate these items.

If you wish to contribute to a gift from the Parish for Callum to mark this milestone, please place cash in one of the envelopes provided this morning, or use that envelope to write how much you have donated (and the date) via the Tap and Go machine.

Spiritual Cafe - Tuesday 24 November - Our guest speakers are **Liz Tudor AM**, BVSc, PhD, Professor in the School of Veterinary Science., University of Melbourne. Founder of Waldhep (Western Arnhem Land Dog Health Program), and Founder and Board Chair of Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS).
And her husband **Rick Tudor AM,** MSc, DipEd. School teacher and former Principal of Trinty Grammar. Board member of four Independent Schools, Board member and Co-founder of MITS and Board Chair of The Science Schools Foundation.
Their topic is Animal welfare leading to educational opportunity in Indigenous communities.
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 (Option 2).
A video will be shown as part of their presentation. To pay for the cost to hire the projector and screen for this video, participants are invited to contribute $10 a head on the night.

The Church Wardens provide official notice that the **Annual Meeting** of the parish of St George, Malvern, will occur on **Sunday, November 29**, following a **combined morning eucharist at 9:30 a.m.**

To that end:

- Please view from today the revised Electoral Roll
- Please find forms to nominate people to serve, for the coming year, as:
  Church Warden (2 to be elected; 1 appointed by the Vicar)
  Member of Parish Council (4 to be elected; 2 to be appointed by the Vicar)
  Member of the Incumbency Committee (2 to be elected; 1 to be appointed from their number by the Church Wardens)

Please continue to pray about this matter and consider if God might be calling ***you*** to serve the parish in this way.

Please contact Sandra Morgan on 0448 884 306 to assist with refreshments after the Annual Meeting.

Sunday, November 29 is also the **last day for Adrian Chong,** our Parish Administrator. Adrian has been with St George's for almost 4 years and leaves us to commence full-time study.

Christmas concert with Stonnington City Brass will occur on 13 December at 3:00 p.m. Save the Date! More details to follow.

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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.