



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
4 July 2021**



Jesus began teaching in the synagogue

(Mark 6: 3)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

At 10 am Setting: *Christ Church Mass* Philip Matthias (b.1954)

Opening Hymn

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Sion, city of our God;
He whose words cannot be broken
 Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
 What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded
 Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
 And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
 Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
 Never fails from age to age.
3. Saviour, if of Sion's city
 I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy Name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
 All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
 None but Sion's children know.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807)

Music: 'Abbot's Leigh', Cyril Taylor (1907–91)

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation, then a sentence of Scripture is read.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say or sing together:

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

O Lord our God,
you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us
than we are to seek them;
and more willing to give than we desire or deserve:
in our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts –
the Spirit who makes us your children.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel:

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said,
'Look, we are your bone and flesh.

For some time, while Saul was king over us,
it was you who led out Israel and brought it in.

The LORD said to you:

It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel,
you who shall be ruler over Israel.'

So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron;
and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron
before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

David was thirty years old when he began to reign,
and he reigned for forty years.

At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months;
and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah
for thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold,
and named it the city of David.

David built the city all around from the Millo inwards.

And David became greater and greater,
for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

II Samuel 5: 1 – 5, 9–10

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

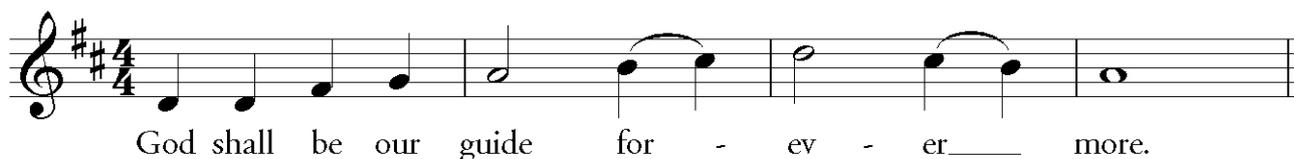
PSALM 48

At 8 am, we say together

Response: In the city of our God is his holy hill.

1. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
in the city of our God.
2. High and beautiful is his holy hill:
it is the joy of all the earth.
3. On Mount Zion, where godhead truly dwells,
stands the city of the Great King:
God is well known in her palaces as a sure defence. **R.**
4. For the kings of the earth assembled:
they gathered together and came on;
5. They saw, they were struck dumb:
they were astonished and fled in terror. **R.**
6. Trembling took hold on them, and anguish:
as on a woman in her travail;
7. Like the breath of the east wind:
that shatters the ships of Tarshish. **R.**
8. As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts:
in the city of our God, which God has established for ever.
9. We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God:
in the midst of your temple. **R.**
10. As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise:
even to the ends of the earth.
11. Your right hand is full of victory – let Zion's hill rejoice:
let the daughters of Judah be glad,
because of your judgements. **R.**
12. Walk about Zion, go round about her,
and count all her towers:
consider well her ramparts, pass through her palaces;
13. That you may tell those who come after that such is God:
our God for ever and ever, and he will guide us eternally. **R.**

At 10 am, the choir sings the psalm, and we respond with the following refrain:



1. Great is the lord and highly to be praised:
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
2. Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth is the hill of Zion,
the very centre of the world and the city of the great King.
3. God is in her citadels: he is known to be her sure refuge. **R.**
4. Behold, the kings of the earth assembled
and marched forward together.
5. They looked and were astounded: they retreated and fled in terror.
6. Trembling seized them there:
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them. **R.**
7. As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the lord of hosts, in the city of our God;
God has established her for ever.
8. We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness O God,
in the midst of your temple.
9. Your praise, like your Name O God, reaches to the world's end;
your right hand is full of justice. **R.**
10. Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice:
because of your judgments.
11. Make the circuit of Zion walk round about her:
count the number of her towers.
12. Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds:
that you may tell those who come after.
13. This God is our God for ever and ever;
he shall be our guide for evermore. **R.**

Second Reading

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

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago
was caught up to the third heaven—
whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.
And I know that such a person—
whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—
was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told,
that no mortal is permitted to repeat.
On behalf of such a one I will boast,
but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.
But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool,
for I will be speaking the truth.
But I refrain from it,
so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me
or heard from me,
even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.
Therefore, to keep me from being too elated,
a thorn was given to me in the flesh,
a messenger of Satan to torment me,
to keep me from being too elated.
Three times I appealed to the Lord about this,
that it would leave me, but he said to me,
'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'
So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,
persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ;
for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

II Corinthians 12: 2–10

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

At 10 am, we sing

Gradual Hymn

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love many never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.
2. Wherefore with my utmost art,
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.
3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

*Words: George Herbert (1593–1632)
Music: 'Gwalchmai', John. David Jones (1827–70)*

Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor!

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus left that place and came to his home town,
and his disciples followed him.

On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, 'Where did this man get all this?

What is this wisdom that has been given to him?

What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James
and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?'

And they took offence at him.

Then Jesus said to them,

'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town,
and among their own kin, and in their own house.'

And he could do no deed of power there,

except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,
and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff;
no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

He said to them,

'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you,
as you leave,

shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

They cast out many demons,

and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Mark 6: 1-13

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A homily is given, then silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.

INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of Armidale; Social Responsibilities Committee; St Andrew's Aberfeldie.

For all in need

Jenny, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Leon, Erica, Josh, Vincent, Clive, John.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: William Green, Valda Konings, Eva Mary Reichardt, Frank Mansell, George (Warwick) Ramsden, Margaret Osmond, Mary Diane Gibson, John Giggins, Margaret Ilona Minchin, Prudence Julia Lanigan, Sheila Elin Joyce Wikkramatileke.

The President gathers and concludes the intercessions, saying:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence is kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

During the following hymn, the gifts of the people are brought to the altar.

Offertory Hymn

1. Author of life divine,
Who hast a table spread,
Furnished with mystic wine
And everlasting bread,
Preserve the life thyself hast given,
Preserve the life thyself hast given,
And feed and train us up for heaven.
2. Our needy souls sustain
With fresh supplies of love,
Till all thy life we gain,
And all thy fullness prove,
And, strengthened with thy perfect grace,
And, strengthened with thy perfect grace,
Behold without a veil thy face.

Words: Charles Wesley (1708–88)

Music: 'Lovely (Rhosymedre)', John Edwards (1805–85)

The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy. Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The President continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

At 8 am we say:

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

At 10 am we sing:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

During Communion, the following motet is sung (10.00am only):

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour all people;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost
be among you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Words: Book of Common Prayer (1928), arr. by John Rutter
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please stand.

A prayer is offered by the President, which ends

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Hymn

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
2. Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
3. We are the Church, Christ bids us show
That in his Church all nations find
Their health and home, where Christ restores
True peace, true love, for humankind.

Words: James Quinn, SJ (1919–2010)
Music: 'Deo Gracias', English tune (15th century),
arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude (at 10 a.m.): *Toccata in 7*, John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday-Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Monday, 5 July	Psalms 15, 16 I Samuel 25:23–44 John 3:1–21	Psalm 17 Micah 1 Galatians 2:11–21
Tuesday, 6 July <i>John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	Psalm 18:1–31 I Samuel 26 John 3: 22–36	Psalm 18: 32–52 Micah 2 Galatians 3:1–14
Wednesday, 7 July	Psalm 19 I Samuel 27:1–28:2 John 4: 1–15	Psalm 119:1–16 Micah 3 Galatians 3:15–26
Thursday, 8 July Eucharist at 10:15	Psalms 20, 21 I Samuel 28:3–25 John 4:16–26	Psalms 24, 26 Micah 4:1–7 Galatians 3:27–4:7
Friday, 9 July	Psalms 5, 6 I Samuel 29:1–30:6 John 4:27–42	Psalms 7, 8 Micah 4:8–5:5a Galatians 4:8–20
Saturday, 10 July	Psalm 25 I Samuel 30: 7–25 John 4:43–54	Psalm 10 Micah 5:5b–15 Galatians 4:21–31
Next Sunday, 11 July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist, with hymns Holy Eucharist & meditation

Bible Readings next week

2 Samuel 6: 1–5, 12b–19
Ephesians 1: 1–14

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 24
Mark 6: 14–29

FROM THE VICAR

Certain Biblical phrases have become common sayings or expressions in our culture – even if many who use them today have no idea of their origin. We hear two of them in today’s readings: “Prophets are not without honour except in their home town” and the pithier, “a thorn in the flesh”.

Ironically, our own culture’s most usual response to the gospel mirrors that in the original contexts of both these sayings: rejection. Most obviously (because we hear the whole sorry tale in today’s reading from Mark), when Jesus attempts to proclaim, in his home town, the good news that he is sent into the world to embody as well as proclaim, he is not listened to and scoffed at. The ‘home crowd’ takes offence at him. And Mark goes so far as to say he could do no deeds of power there because of their unbelief. Yet, still, he sends the disciples out to other villages and towns to do precisely what he hasn’t been able to do at home.

Similarly, over the entire correspondence St Paul has with the Church in Corinth, we hear how, having spent long months working with them and proclaiming the good news to them, when Paul goes away to do the same to other communities, the Corinthians get drawn away and more impressed by other (so-called) ‘super-apostles’. It appears they attempted to tell the Corinthians that their remarkable spiritual experiences were better than anything Paul had experienced; that they preached more eloquently and passionately than him; and that they proclaimed a better gospel than he did. It is almost as if the obstacles they present to the gospel Paul proclaimed become a ‘thorn’ in Paul’s flesh – a pain he feels the need to overcome in extreme ways: hence some of the extraordinary ‘boasting’ we hear today.

By contrast, we also hear that David is able to enjoy the universal acclaim of all the people of Israel as he is crowned king. It appears that, having survived the attempts of Saul to kill him, David can now ‘rest easy’ on his throne. Sadly, as we’ll see over the next few weeks, nothing could be further from the truth. David’s own family will rebel against him.

The message seems to be: if popularity, “success” (as the world sees it) and a comfortable life are what you are after, then following God according to the way of Jesus is not for you. David, Paul, and of course Jesus, all show, however, that it is in those times when we feel most despairing and abandoned that God says (as Paul wonderfully puts it), “Ah! Now you’ve realised: my grace is sufficient for you. Your seeming weakness is all I need to do the work I want to do in and for you.” Perhaps, when we feel most scoffed at or ignored is the time God may get to work in us, too? Simultaneously, that may be the very time Jesus sends us to do his work.

NOTICES

Morning Tea

will be served after the 10.00 a.m. service today in the hall. All are warmly invited.

Looking Ahead

Première of *Missa Gracia* by Calvin Bowman **Sunday, August 15**

Commissioned jointly to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St George's, and in honour of the late Ann Stewart, Calvin Bowman's congregational setting of the eucharist will first be heard at 10:00 a.m. on August 15 (the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Followed by

Parish Luncheon

At its most recent meeting, the Parish Council decided that it was about time (COVID-19 permitting!), that we gathered again for a Parish luncheon. Given the Première of the *Missa Gracia* on that day, it was also felt the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary would be a good day for this to happen. More details will be announced (together with booking information) soon, but enter this date in your diaries now and be prepared for a joyous morning's worship, followed by a fun afternoon of fellowship.

Pastoral Care Visiting Team

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 5 July at 1.00 p.m. in the South Room.

Assistant Curate – Change of hours

Please note that Brenda's working hours have changed. From this week, she is available for Parish matters from Saturday to Tuesday. She is no longer available on Thursdays. She can be contacted on the mobile 'phone number and email address recorded on the back page of each pew sheet. Should you have recorded in your phone or computer any personal contact details not stated in the Pew Sheet, Brenda would be grateful if you would kindly delete them from your devices.

Revised 'giving' arrangements for St Mark's and St Alban's

Donation dates for St Marks and St Albans have changed. Please note the following:

St Mark's – 2nd Sunday of every month – 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. services

In November 2021, donations can be made on the 1st and 2nd Sundays

St Alban's – 4th Sunday of every month – 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. services

In November 2021, donations can be made on the 3rd and 4th Sundays

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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.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to the Country on which this Church stands, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.