



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 18 July 2021

*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 Country,
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*



*Jesus said, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves
and rest a while.”*

(Mark 6: 31)

ZOOM SERVICE THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

Sunday, 18 July 2021

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9.00am Eucharist

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Password: 630283

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As we meet this morning by Zoom, a reminder of the suggestions and patterns that were helpful in the lockdown of last year:

ZOOM ETIQUETTE

The following helpful hints will ensure best results for all when using zoom.

- 1. Find a comfortable place to sit during the service.**
- 2. Why not dress as if you were going to church?**
- 3. Please connect no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled time. If you connect once the service begins this may cause disruptions.**
- 4. Adjust the volume of sound from your device when listening using your device's controls, not Zoom.**
- 5. Please click on mute. Only turn mute 'off' if you have been asked to read in the service. Then click mute 'on' again after finishing reading.**
- 6. It is advised that you switch off your video unless speaking: this will minimize the drain on your own internet provider.**
- 7. Please do not try to adjust your controls once the service starts.**
- 8. Please turn mobile phones to silent.**
- 9. At the end of the service, we will turn off 'mute' so you can chat to one another if you wish for 10 minutes.**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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 this sentence of Scripture is read:

As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. *Mark 6: 34*

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 together:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ 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:

Collect

Eternal God,
author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:
guide us by your word and Spirit
amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
but may run our course in safety
 until we come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel:

Now when David was settled in his house,
and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,
the king said to the prophet Nathan,
'See now, I am living in a house of cedar,
but the ark of God stays in a tent.'
Nathan said to the king,
'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:
Go and tell my servant David:

Thus says the LORD:

Are you the one to build me a house to live in?

I have not lived in a house

since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day,
but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel,
did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel,
whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying,
'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David:

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

I took you from the pasture,

from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel;

and I have been with you wherever you went,

and have cut off all your enemies from before you;

and I will make for you a great name,

like the name of the great ones of the earth.

And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them,

so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more;

and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,

from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel;

and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover, the LORD declares to you

that the LORD will make you a house.

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors,

I will raise up your offspring after you,

who shall come forth from your body,

and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for my name,

and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89: 21–38

Response: I will make David my first-born.

21. 'I have found my servant David:
and anointed him with my holy oil.
22. My hand shall uphold him:
and my arm shall strengthen him.
23. No enemy will deceive him:
nor shall the wicked hurt him. **R.**
24. I will crush his adversaries before him:
and strike down those that hate him.
25. My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:
and through my name his head shall be lifted high.
26. I will set the hand of his dominion upon the Western Sea:
and his right hand shall stretch
to the streams of Mesopotamia. **R.**
27. He will call to me, "You are my Father:
my God, and the rock of my salvation."
28. I will make him my first-born son:
and highest among the kings of the earth.
29. I will ever maintain my loving-kindness toward him:
and my covenant with him shall stand firm. **R.**
30. I will establish his line for ever:
and his throne like the days of heaven.
31. If his children forsake my law:
and will not walk in my judgements;
32. If they profane my statutes:
and do not keep my commandments;
33. Then I will punish their rebellion with the rod:
and their iniquity with blows.
34. But I will not cause my loving-kindness to cease from him,
nor will I betray my faithfulness. **R.**
35. I will not profane my covenant:
nor alter what has passed from my lips.

36. Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness:
 “I will not prove false to David. R.
37. His posterity shall endure for ever:
 and his throne be as the sun before me;
38. Like the moon that is established for ever:
 And stands in the heavens for evermore.” R.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the church in Ephesus:

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,
 called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—
 a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—
 remember that you were at that time without Christ,
 being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel,
 and strangers to the covenants of promise,
 having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
 have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one
 and has broken down the dividing wall,
 that is, the hostility between us.

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,
 so that he might create in himself one new humanity
 in place of the two, thus making peace,
 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body
 through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
 and peace to those who were near;

for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,

but you are citizens with the saints

and also members of the household of God,

built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together

and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

in whom you also are built together spiritually

into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2: 11–22

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!

‘My sheep listen to my voice,’ says the Lord;

‘I know them and they follow me.’

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.

The apostles gathered around Jesus,

and told him all that they had done and taught.

He said to them,

‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’

For many were coming and going,

and they had no leisure even to eat.

And they went away in the boat

to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them,

and they hurried there on foot from all the towns

and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;

and he had compassion for them,

because they were like sheep without a shepherd;

and he began to teach them many things....

When they had crossed over,

they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,

and rushed about that whole region

and began to bring the sick on mats

to wherever they heard he was.

And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms,

they laid the sick in the market-places,

and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak;

and all who touched it were healed.

Mark 6: 30–34, 53–56

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.

For the Anglican Church

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of North Queensland; Victorian Council of Churches; St John's Bentleigh; St James & St Peter Kilsyth/Montrose; St Matthews Panton Hill with St Andrew's.

For all in need

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

For the Faithful Departed

Those who have died recently: Christopher Gonsalves;
and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Penelope Clapp, William Alfred, Harold Adcock, Ernestine Lobb, Margaret Dieudonnee Ringersma, Esther May Elliott, Florence Nelson, John Davis, Roma Simmons, Roma Florence Bruce, Jack Lusby Burns, Susan Moody, Leigh Manning, John Pritchard, Jeannie Ferguson, Mary Sexton, Lawrence Stokes.

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

The gifts are set up on the altar and the President offers prayers, 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.**

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

as we come to the Holy Communion of the body and blood
of our Saviour Christ,

the current restrictions on gathering mean that we cannot do
what we would normally do, and physically share in the bread and wine
in remembrance of Christ's body broken and blood shed for us.

Nonetheless, we can and should still participate spiritually. As we join in the celebration of this sacrament: “if we come with a penitent heart and lively faith, we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood; we dwell in Christ and he in us; we are one with Christ and Christ with us” – even when, as now, we are not able to consume the bread and wine physically. And, in faith and hope, we look forward to the time when we can gather again together to partake physically in the sacrament and in communion with each other.

During this time, all are encouraged to make what is traditionally called ‘spiritual communion’. To assist in this, you might use one of the following prayers:

PRAYERS OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion physically, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

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.**

FROM THE ASSISTANT CURATE

I think it is fair to say that these days we suffer from a surplus of information ... and a deficit of wisdom. We may even be at risk of drowning in a tsunami of information. So much data is literally at our finger-tips ... and our fingers do the walking! A stroke of the keyboard, or phone pad, gives us immediate access to a universe of knowledge. It can be overwhelming ... How can we make sense of it all? ... How can we distinguish between what is reliable and unreliable, between fact and opinion, between what is relevant and what is not? Great faiths and philosophies promise a 'knowing' of another kind. It is a knowing of the heart, a treasure of wisdom hidden deep within.

Discovering this wisdom requires patient seeking and listening. Even more, the seeker of wisdom must make room for the truth that is discovered, must be ready to surrender attitudes and desires that are the stuff of folly. In the Christian tradition, true wisdom is the wisdom of the cross. This is the wisdom Jesus taught by his preaching, his deeds of power, and his way of life. It is the wisdom that God's Spirit reveals in the heart of the Church.

Without it we are like the crowd in today's gospel, "sheep without a shepherd". As we discovered previously in this gospel, Mark has a habit of enclosing a story within a story [he incorporated the cure of the woman with the haemorrhage into the story of Jairus' daughter]. Two weeks ago, we read of the mission of the Twelve, and today we pick up their return. In between these two passages Mark inserts the story of the beheading of John the Baptist. Today's passage about the return of the apostles, their being taken aside by Jesus, the arrival of the crowd, and Jesus' taking pity on the people, rounds off the mission episode and prepares the way for the 'feeding' story. It is striking that in Mark's account, which we do not actually get to read in the Sunday lectionary, Jesus feeds the crowd first with his teaching, and only later with the loaves and fish. But by way of contrast, in John's gospel, from which we will read over the next month, Jesus feeds the people first with the loaves and fish, then responds to their questioning by teaching them at length about the bread of life. In the final verses of John chapter 6 we once again see Jesus "mobbed" by the crowds. This is but the beginning of a wider movement to start flocking to him wherever he goes, particularly with their sick ones. This final extended summary is the culmination of a series of statements stressing the enthusiasm of the crowds to gain access to the healing power that radiates, almost automatically, from him. These healings seem to be more a by-product of his mission ... they are not central to its direction nor do they reveal his true identity ... that will require a much longer journey of faith.

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, 19 July	Psalm 45 2 Samuel 3: 20–39 John 6:52–71	Psalms 46, 47 Proverbs 4:20–5:14 Romans 1:26–325
Tuesday, 20 July	Psalm 48 2 Samuel 4:1–5:5 John 7:1–13	Psalm 49 Proverbs 5:15–6:5 Romans 2:1–11
Wednesday, 21 July	Psalm 50 2 Samuel 5:6–25 John 7:14–31	Psalm 119:41–64 Proverbs 6:6–19 Romans 2:12–24
Thursday, 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i> Eucharist at 10:15	Psalm 32 1 Samuel 16:14–23 Luke 7:36–8: 3	Psalm 30 Hosea 14 Galatians 15:40–16:8
Friday, 23 July	Psalms 54; 55:1–12 2 Samuel 7 John 8:1–11	Psalm 55:13–28 Proverbs 7:6–27 Romans 3:9–20
Saturday, 24 July	Psalms 56, 57 2 Samuel 8:15–9:13 John 8:12–30	Psalms 60, 61 Proverbs 8:1–21 Romans 3:21–31
Next Sunday, 25 July St James, Apostle and Martyr	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist, with hymns Holy Eucharist & meditation

Scripture Readings next week

Jeremiah 45
Acts 11: 27–12:3

ST JAMES, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

Psalm 126
Matthew 20: 20–28

NOTICES

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). (And see below **)

Followed by

Parish Luncheon

**** Introduction to the new setting – *Missa Gracia* Sundays August 1 & 8**

If you would like to sing our new mass setting a few times before it is officially premiered on August 15, there will be two short 'meet the music' sessions after church on Sundays August 1st and 8th. To assist planning, if you are interested in this, please speak with ea, or email her: music@stgeorgesmalvern.org

Synod

October 13 – 16

This week, we received the Archbishop's Mandate summoning all members of the 53rd Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne to the meetings of the second session of the Synod.

Please keep all involved in the organisation of this vital event in the life of the Diocese in your prayers – especially our own ('our very own') Malcolm Tadgell who, as Registrar, bears most of the burden of its organisation and smooth-running.

Parish Retreat

November 5 – 7

Advance notice of a forthcoming Retreat for interested members of St George's to attend. This will be a directed retreat, mainly in silence, right beside the sea at Queenscliff. A retreat allows time to come away from the demands of everyday life and spend time in the silent company of others and God. There will be time to walk along the beach, for reading, walking the labyrinth in the grounds or simply sitting and enjoying the stillness. There will be times for Eucharist, prayer together each morning and evening, and some short sessions to help guide your reflection. Delicious meals, with other hospitality, will be provided by the caring staff at Santa Casa, and the comfort of your self-contained single room.

Dates / Times:	Friday 5 th (from 4pm) – Sunday 7 th November (after lunch)
Place:	Santa Casa, 33–35 Flinders Street, Queenscliff
Cost:	\$240 inclusive of all meals, individual en-suite room, linen and towels etc provided.
Dietary needs:	Can be accommodated
Booking:	Speak with Brenda

If you have not attended a retreat before (or one involving some silence), or have any questions, please talk with Brenda. Similarly, if the total cost may be prohibitive, please raise your concern with Brenda.

Assistant Curate – Change of hours

Please note that Brenda's working hours have changed. 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.

Pastoral Care Visiting Team

Next meeting of the Team is tomorrow, Monday 19th July. In light of the continuing lockdown, this meeting will be Zoomed.

True Vision

One of our parishioners, Wendy Stone, is part of the team launching the very first Disability Forum, in partnership with the City of Stonnington Disability and Access Committee. Please feel invited to attend on Saturday 31st July, 2–4 p.m. in the Banquet Hall at Malvern Town Hall. The film, 'True Vision' will be shown, afternoon tea provided and a 'Q&A' session, including Wendy on the panel. Registration is essential - please take a flyer from the bench at the back of the church for further details.

Parish Database

If you have never received an email from the church addressed to all parishioners advising of certain upcoming events or changes, you may not be on the parish database! If you think this may be true for you, please email Nisha in the church office with your details.

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