



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ALSO MARKING

**70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACCESSION
OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**



February 6, 2022

8:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The people stand as a bell is rung

Opening Hymn

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest – to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)
Music: 'St Denio', adapted from a Welsh song (c. 1839)

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 in suitable words, followed by a sentence of Scripture

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:

Most holy God,
in whose presence angels serve in awe,
and whose glory fills all heaven and earth:
cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace
so that your word spoken through us
may bring many to your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
we ask you to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lady,
 Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace;
and grant that she, being devoted to you with her whole heart,
and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by your guidance,
come to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

In the year that King Uzziah died,
I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty;
and the hem of his robe filled the temple.
Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings:
with two they covered their faces,
and with two they covered their feet,
and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called,
and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of unclean lips;
yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me,
holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar
with a pair of tongs.

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:
‘Now that this has touched your lips,
your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’
Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying,
‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’
And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Isaiah 6: 1–8

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
2. I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,
for you have made your name and your word
supreme over all things. R.
3. At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength in my soul.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
5. And they shall sing the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great. R.
6. For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
7. Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.
8. The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands. R.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the church in Corinth:

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters,
of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received,
in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved,
if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—
unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
and that he was buried,

and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one
time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am,

and his grace towards me has not been in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—
though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim

and so you have come to believe.

I Corinthians 15: 1–11

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret,
and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,
he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake;

the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon,
and asked him to put out a little way from the shore.

Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’
Simon answered,
‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing.
Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’
When they had done this,
they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.
So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.
And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying,
‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’
For he and all who were with him
were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;
and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee,
who were partners with Simon.
Then Jesus said to Simon,
‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’
When they had brought their boats to shore,
they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5: 1–11

For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**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

We pray for The Church of Ireland; Anglicare Australia; Korowa Anglican Girls' School; St John's Camberwell; St John's Highton; St Paul's Caulfield North.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Erica, Peter, Leon, Josh, Vincent, John, Margaret, Andrew, Joan, Thea, John, Brian, Lloyd, Jackie and Barry, John, George, Clive, Chris, Nicoll and Jill and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently: Ivy Davies; and those anniversary of death occurs this week: Harold Braund, Katina Elliott, Herbert Fowler, Audrey Henry, Catherine Horne, Peter Howard, Elise Marie Moss, Violet Newton, Geoffrey Parsons, Marian Ransome, Anna Shepherd, Ruth Were, Marjory Werner, Jessie Willers.

The President concludes

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

Simon Peter fell at Jesus' feet and said,
'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.'

Silence is kept.

Likewise, 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

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

During the following hymn, the people's gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared.

Offertory Hymn

1. Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.
2. Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:
3. 'Lord thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'
4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'
5. With his seraph train before him,
With his holy church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:
6. 'Lord thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'

Words: Richard Mant (1776–1848)

Music: Richard Redhead (1820–1901)

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 the deacon says:

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.**

A brief 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.

We say together:

**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.

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.

Communion is distributed.

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand

The President offers a prayer, concluding with:

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.**

Please sit for notices.

All stand.

The President then offers a prayer, appointed to be read on Accession Day:

Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world,
and dost order them according to thy good pleasure:
We yield thee unfeigned thanks, for that thou wast pleased,
as on this day, to set thy Servant, our Sovereign Lady,
Queen Elizabeth, upon the throne of this realm.
Let thy wisdom be her guide, and let thine arm strengthen her;
let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity,
abound in her days;
direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory,
and the welfare of her subjects;
give us grace to obey her cheerfully for conscience sake,
and let her always possess the hearts of her people;
let her reign be long and prosperous,
and crown her with everlasting life in the world to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

National Hymn

1. God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!

Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!
2. Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice:
God save The Queen!

Words: Anonymous
Music: Origin obscure, popularised (1745) in the setting by
Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–78)

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and to all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

REFLECTIONS ON THE LECTIONS

The gospel and the reading from Isaiah we hear this morning are rather obviously about responding to God's 'calling'. In the midst of worship in the temple, Isaiah has a rather startling and grand vision. We may wonder whether the hymn we will sing this morning, which refers to the 'vision that delighted', is using some poetic licence: Isaiah's initial response seems to resemble terror and a sense of awe ("Woe is me"), rather than 'delight'! Nevertheless, he clearly knows who he has seen, and the only response possible for him is, 'here I am, send me.'

Peter receives another rather startling vision. But this vision comes, not in the context of the liturgical trappings of temple worship, but in the midst of his everyday job: fishing. (A job which, by the way, seems not to have been going particularly well that day!). Yet he, too, realizes who he has seen. It leads to a different response from Peter, however: "Go away from me, I am sinful". Jesus, however, has other ideas and so Peter, like Isaiah, responds by going in the way he is called.

One thing that seems clear from both of these stories of 'calling' is a sense of the one called that 'I am not worthy of this.' Indeed, Paul also recounts that he is 'unfit to be called an apostle'. Like Peter and Isaiah, he recognises that he has not been given God's work to do because he is the best person for the job! In fact, as Jane Williams puts it, "knowing you can't do it seems to be high on God's checklist for applicants"! And yet, despite that, and despite the enormous difficulties all three face (as we come to know), they don't turn back. They know they're not the best candidates for the job, yet they accept the task God gives them, trusting that God has a better idea of who can do what, and that God will support and be with them in what they do.

Today, with people across the Commonwealth, we recall the dedication a young woman gave when she found herself called to a role she had not been born to fulfil. And Queen Elizabeth has continued to give herself to that calling with unchanging dedication for 70 years. Clearly, as her words and actions have shown over those 70 years, she strongly feels that God called her to this role – and she has fulfilled it with a faithfulness and sense of duty that is unparalleled. And yet, it appears that despite all its demands, she has found it provides her with joy; and that she has been supported by God and the prayers of others.

As we reflect on what we might be called by God to do, there are some excellent examples for us to follow. Whether our calling comes 'in the midst of the temple', in our daily work and actions, or through the tragically early death of a loved father, we can be certain that God is with us. It is God who sends us and goes with us. This is the calling of discipleship: acknowledge we aren't really up to it, but step forward in faith, trusting in the One who calls and will ensure all is done to His glory, and the good of His people.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Day	Morning Prayer in Chapel and by	Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)
Monday, 7 February	Psalm 90 Jeremiah 16:1–21 Philippians 3:1–16	Psalm 119:89–104 Genesis 24:1–21 Luke 4:1–15
Tuesday, 8 February	Psalm 89:1–18 Jeremiah 17:1–18 Philippians 3:17–4:7	Psalm 89:19–38 Genesis 24:22–49 Luke 4:16–30
Wednesday, 9 February Reflections on the Lections at 7:30 p.m.	Psalm 89:39–53 Jeremiah 17:19–18:12 Philippians 4:8–23 Via Zoom: see details below.	Psalm 91 Genesis 24:50–67 Luke 4:31–44
Thursday, 10 February Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m. and at MECWA at 3:00 p.m.	Psalms 92; 93 Jeremiah 18:12–23 I Timothy 1:1–11 I Kings 11:4–13; Ps. 106:32–39;	Psalm 94 Genesis 21:1–34 Luke 5:1–11 Mark 7:24–30
Friday, 11 February	Psalms 95; 96 Jeremiah 19:1–20:6 I Timothy 1:12–20	Psalms 97; 98 Genesis 25:5–11, 19–34 Luke 5:12–26
Saturday, 12 February	Psalms 99; 100 Jeremiah 20:7–18 I Timothy 2	Psalm 103 Genesis 26:18–33 Luke 5:27–38
Next Sunday, 13 February Sixth after Epiphany	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on the Lections

Meeting ID: 926 3986 2120; Passcode: 551393

<https://zoom.us/j/92639862120?pwd=dkpiSXdMa0VvZnVUYm5hUWFzWGcydz09>

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9 February

NOTICES

Next Week: Première of *Missa Gracia* at 10.00 a.m.

Brenda's Final Sunday will be on Sunday February 20, followed by a farewell morning tea after the 10:00 a.m. eucharist. Donations for a farewell gift for Brenda may be left in a collection plate available at all three services today and on each of the next two Sundays. Alternatively, donations can also be left at the Parish Office. For any queries, please contact Helen Baddeley, Andrea King or Judy Mallinson.

Book Group will meet on Monday, 14 February at 2.00 p.m. in the North Room. The book for discussion is Sarah Winman's *Still Life*.

Knitting Group was to commence on Tuesday, 8 February but has been postponed to March...covid permitting.

Lenten Study Groups will be offered again this year, at times yet to be determined. To assist in ordering sufficient books, please inform the Vicar if you wish to be involved in this traditional preparation for Easter.

Anglican Identity in a Global Context

Trinity College Theological School is offering a seminar which looks at what might be entailed in being and living as a genuinely broad church, which is much more varied than its historical roots in the Church of England. It will ask which doctrines and practices are negotiable (or not), and how a variety of interpretive approaches to Scripture, tradition and reason might be held in tension.

Led by the Revd Dr Fergus King, Trinity College Theological School, Professor Charlotte Methuen, University of Glasgow (joining remotely), and the Most Revd Maimbo Mndolwa, Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania (joining remotely).

When: Saturday 26 February 2022, 9.30am–3.30pm
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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 17: 5–10;
I Corinthians 15: 12–20;

Psalm 1;
Luke 6: 17–26.

The flowers today are chosen in honour of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth

White roses for respect;
White wax flowers for love;
Blue iris, the flower for February;
Carnations, because these are the flowers Prince Phillip always gave her

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