Patronal Festival



Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving for the life and witness of George of Lydda, Martyr

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Setting of the Eucharist:

Holy Trinity Mass, John Ross

All stand.

Deacon: Let us proceed in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation,
 And the precious corner-stone,
 Who, the two walls underlying,
 Bound in each, binds both in one,
 Holy Sion's help for ever,
 And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
 Dearly loved by God on high,
 In exultant jubilation
 Pours perpetual melody,
 God the One, in Threefold glory,
 Singing everlastingly.

The Procession having reached the step, the Celebrant prays the following Collect, then censes the Icon of St George:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray:

Graciously hear us O Lord, holy Father,
Almighty, everlasting God;
and may it please you to send your holy angel from heaven
to keep, cheer, guard and defend all
who are gathered together in this holy place,
dedicated to your Great Martyr, George,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The hymn and Procession recommence.

- 3. To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today; With thy wonted loving kindness, Hear thy people as they pray; And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls for ay.
- 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
 Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
 Here to have and hold for ever,
 Those good things their prayers obtain,
 And hereafter, in thy glory,
 With thy blessèd ones to reign.
- 5. Laud and honour to the Father, Laud and honour to the Son, Laud and honour to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One, Consubstantial, co-eternal, While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Latin, c. 7th century tr. J. M. Neale (1818–66) Music: 'Westminster Abbey', by Henry Purcell (1659–95) Descant: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Celebrant: 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.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Celebrant 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 sing 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 Celebrant 'collects' the silent prayer:

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive 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

Revelation 12: 7–12

A reading from the Revelation to John:

War broke out in heaven;

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.

The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

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

PSALM 126

Sung Response:



1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,

it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

R.

2. The heathen themselves said,

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

R.

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in a dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

R.

4. They go out, they go out full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

R.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:1-13

A reading from the second letter to Timothy:

Take strength, my son, from the grace of God which is ours in Christ Jesus.

You heard my teaching in the presence of many witnesses;

hand on that teaching to reliable people

who in turn will be qualified to teach others.

Take your share of hardship, like a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

A soldier on active service must not let himself be involved in the affairs of everyday life if he is to give satisfaction to his commanding officer.

Again, no athlete wins a prize unless he abides by the rules.

Farmers who do the work have first claim on the crop.

Reflect on what I am saying, and the Lord will help you to full understanding.

Remember the theme of my gospel: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, born of David's line. For preaching this I am exposed to hardship, even to the point of being fettered like a criminal;

but the word of God is not fettered.

All this I endure for the sake of God's chosen ones, in the hope that they too may attain the glorious and eternal salvation which is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying you may trust: If we died with him, we shall live with him; If we endure, we shall reign with him; if we disown him, he will disown us; If we are faithless, he remains faithful, For he cannot disown himself.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

- I. Lo! God is here! Let us adore
 And own how dreadful is this place!
 Let all within us feel his power,
 And silent bow before his face:
 Who know his power, his grace who prove,
 Serve him with awe, with reverence love.
- Lo! God is here! Him day and night
 The united choirs of angels sing;
 To him, enthroned above all height,
 Heaven's hosts their noblest praises bring;
 To thee may all our thoughts arise
 Ceaseless, accepted Sacrifice.

Words: German, G. Tersteegen (1697–1769), tr. John Wesley (1703–91)

Music: 'Mach's Mit Mir Gott', first published J. H. Schein (1628)

harmony J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

GOSPEL John 15: 18–21



If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

c.f. 1 Peter 4:14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus continued speaking to the disciples, and said:

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.

If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own.

Because you do not belong to the world,

but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you.

Remember the word that I said to you,

"Servants are not greater than their master."

If they persecuted me, they will persecute you;

if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon.

After 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

Deacon: Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for the Church throughout the world, remembering today all churches and institutions who share with us the patronage of George, and especially the Cathedral Churches of St George in Perth and Jerusalem, and the Chapel of St George within Windsor Castle; The Church of Bangladesh; The Diocese of Willochra; St Thomas's Moonee Ponds; St Mark's Camberwell; St Augustine's Mentone; and Holy Trinity Williamstown.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for: Alan; Elizabeth; James; Jenny; Jenny and Jeff; Keith; Pam; Roma and those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Jan Akehurst; George Bloom; James Harold Elliott; George Granger; Barry Willard Kennedy; June Manders; Edith Manning; Frank Oldfield; Frederick John Richards; Cyril Sadlier; Reginald Weller; John Rudolph Whitbourne and Thomas Whitbourne.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence is kept.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart, 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 lie;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces Absolution, and the people respond **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The Celebrant says:

Jesus stood among the disciples and said, 'My peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you.' Alleluia!

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen, be always with you. Alleluia! And also with you. Alleluia!

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

[Throughout the Easter season, it is customary to use the greeting: 'Christ is Risen. Alleluia!', to which the response is 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!']

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

Hymn

 Leader now on earth no longer, Soldier of th'eternal king, Victor in the fight for heaven, We thy loving praises sing.

Chorus:

Great Saint George, our patron, help us, In the conflict be thou nigh; Help us in that daily battle, Where each one must win or die.

- 2. Praise him who in deadly battle Never shrank from foe or sword, Proof against all earthly weapon, Gave his life for Christ the Lord.
- 3. Who, when earthly war was over, Fought, but not for earth's renown; Fought, and won a nobler glory, Won the martyr's purple crown.

4. Onward, till, our striving over, On life's battlefield we fall, Resting then, but ever ready, Waiting for the angel's call.

Words: J.W. Reeks (1849–1900) Music: 'Pond Street' by John Earwaker (1936–) arr. Heather Moen-Boyd (1953–)

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

Blessed be God for ever.

The Celebrant 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 Celebrant continues with a prayer, 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 Celebrant continues the prayer until:

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

The Celebrant 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 Celebrant breaks the bread, the following is said:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We sing:

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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.

During Communion, the choir sings:

The eternal gifts of Christ the King, the apostles' glorious deeds, we sing; and while due hymns of praise we pay, Our thankful hearts cast grief away.

'Twas thus the yearning faith of Saints, The unconquered hope that never faints The Love of Christ that knows not shame, The prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father's glory shone, in these the will of God the Son, in these exults the Holy Ghost, through these rejoice the heavenly host.

Redeemer, hear us of Thy love, that with this glorious band above, Hereafter, of thine endless grace, Thy servants also may have place. Amen.

> Words: Pre-I Ith century Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) Melody: Guidetti (1582) Arr. Henry G. Ley (1887–1962)

After Communion, silence is kept.

All stand

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Celebrant: God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with George and all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

> Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Recessional Hymn

- Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand Dominion rests on sea and land, Before whose word of life or death The strength of nations is but breath: O King, enthroned all thrones above, Give strength unto this church we love.
- 2. To George our Saint thou gavest grace Without one fear all foes to face, And to confess by faithful death That Word of Life which was his breath. O help us, helper of Saint George, To fear no bonds humans can forge.
- 3. Arm us, like him, who in thy trust
 Beat down the dragon to the dust;
 So that we too may tread down sin
 And with thy saints a crown may win.
 Help us, O God, that we may be
 A church acceptable to thee.

Words: Laurence Housman (1865–1959) alt. Music: Melita, J. B. Dykes (1823–76) Descant: Alan Gray (1855–1935)

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing, to which all respond **Amen.**

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

Postlude

Fuga "alla Handel" in F Major, Op. 49, No. 4
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Catherine of Sienna, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)		
Wednesday	PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.		
Thursday	Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d. 373)		

Scripture Readings next week

Acts 10: 44–48 1 John 5: 1–12

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98 John 15: 9–17

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness: His Majesty the King; HRH The Princess of Wales; Angus; Ann; Geoff; George and Linda; Ivan and Liza; Jane; Janine; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; Josie; Keith and Erica; Mary Therese; Nicola; Noel and Reva; +Peter; Ron; Sarah; Simon and Stephen.



Roster for this Sunday Patronal Festival 28 April 2024 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Roster for Next Sunday 5 May 2024 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Acolytes	Verina Anderson	Acolytes	Judy Mallinson
	Pam Goodes Andrew Murray (Th)		
Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistants	Helen Baddeley Betty Renjen
Intercessor	Andrew Murray	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Judy Wright Charles Tegner	Readers	Coral Gordon Hamish Tadgell
6:00 p.m. Evensong		I 0:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Malcolm Tadgell (Th) Pam Goodes Pam Felgate	Acolytes	Pam Goodes Meg Winter
	-	Eucharist Assistants	Pam Goodes Geraldine Powell
		Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Gracemary Huntley David Sheppard	Readers	Ewan Morgan Andrew Murray
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Acolyte	Pam Felgate	Acolyte	Pam Goodes
Reader	Pam Felgate	Reader	Judy Wright

NOTICES

We warmly welcome today's preacher **The Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Robert Gribben, A.M.** and his wife, Susan. Please introduce yourselves to them and make them welcome.

Our Patronal Festival Celebrations continue with: Bring and Share lunch in the Hall following this service; and this evening at 6:00 p.m., with a Festive Choral Evensong, followed by some sparkling refreshments. Do come and continue our thanksgiving for the life and witness of St George.

St Alban's Food Relief collection occurs at this morning's service. We are one of the main contributors to this outreach, so please give generously at this time of great need in this disadvantaged area of our City. For further information, please contact Helen Baddeley on 0417 302 236.

At last year's Annual Meeting a request was made that parishioners would get back into the habit of wearing name badges. This was endorsed at the annual Parish Council Away Day. Please wear your name badge today and each Sunday. (This is especially important when we have visiting preachers here!). If you would like a new badge, please write your name on the list at the entrance desk.

Looking ahead:

The Activities Group has tickets available for the play "RBG of Many, One" Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a trailblazer in the American judiciary and this play explores her life and career. Tickets have been booked for a performance on Wednesday 1st May at the Playhouse, Arts Centre, Melbourne at 2.00 pm. Tickets \$104 each as a bulk buy.

Information cards are on the Sides-persons' bench. Please quickly advise Charles Tegner if you require tickets, Mobile 0418-530658, email ctegner@bigpond.net.au

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.



Easter Season 2024



Easter 2 April 7 Dr Meg Warner

Easter 3 April 14 Bishop Kate Prowd

Easter 4 April 21 Bishop Genieve Blackwell

Easter 5 April 28 Patronal Festival

The Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Robert Gribben AM

Easter 6 May 5
The Reverend Helen Creed

Easter 7 May 12
The Venerable Canon (Emerita)
Dr Colleen O'Reilly AM

Day of Pentecost May 19 The Reverend Canon (Emerita) Professor Dorothy Lee AM

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In our Parish Profile, members of the parish identified that 'our rich choral tradition' was an element of parish life people wished to continue and support.

As you will see above, we are advertising again for talented singers who might receive a choral scholarship to sing in the parish choir.

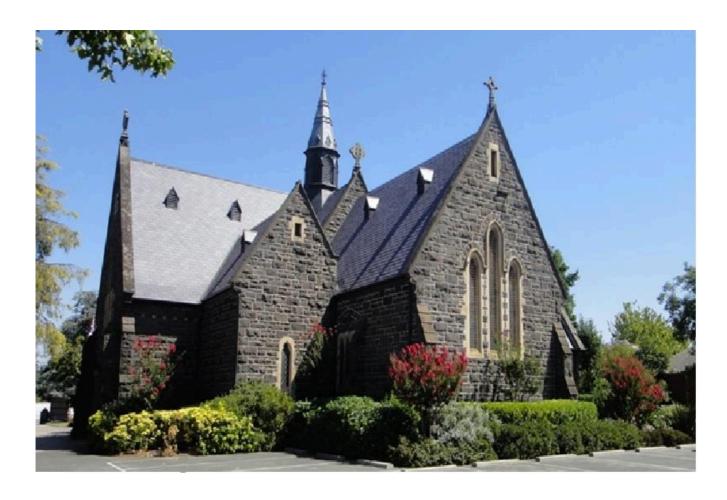
Parishioners can assist in raising money for this, by donating to the special account we hold for Choir and Music with the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO). Donations, which are tax-deductible, can be made here: https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/

Please note the following:

Under 'Select the Fund you wish to donate to', select MACO; Under 'Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc. (MACO)', select St George's Malvern – Music Fund.

Please <u>also</u> note: you are warmly encouraged to speak with any singers you know who may be looking for a friendly, welcoming choir to sing with and join.

If you have a Facebook account, please "friend" our page and "like" the scholarship post. Your friends will then be able to see this great opportunity and respond!"



In 1988, The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) classified St George's Anglican Church, Malvern as B5959, indicating in the Trust's view it is "essential to Victoria's heritage and must be preserved."

Here is your chance to help preserve it!



Donations to the St. George's external appeal through the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) are allowable as deductions for tax purposes.

Donations can be made by scanning the QR Code, visiting our website https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/supportdonations or going directly to

http://www.givenow.com.au/stgeorgemalvernroof

Your full donation will fund this important work as administration and platform costs have been absorbed by the church. Publicity is vital for the success of this appeal and volunteers are greatly needed for "Flyer-Drops" in local letterboxes. Please contact Ravi on 0412 399 897 for how you can assist.



St. George's Church, Burqin on the West Bank.

This image shows the interior of the Church of St George, Burqin, reputedly the fourth oldest church in the world. Locally it is called the "Church of the Ten Lepers" as it sits over a cave where lived the ten lepers Jesus is said to have healed on the way to Jerusalem (Luke 17: 11-19). That so ancient a church was dedicated to St George shows the importance of "The Great Martyr" in the Eastern Church from very early days.

The cult of George spread to western Europe after the invading crusaders saw many churches dedicated to him, and icons depicting him slaying the dragon. As soldiers themselves, the crusaders were taken by this saint they saw embodying knightly virtue. He displaced Edward the Confessor (the penultimate Anglo-Saxon king, and so somewhat problematic for the Norman monarchs) as the patron saint of England in the reign of Edward III who also made him patron of the Order of the Garter.

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