



# ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 May, 2024

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

SETTING AT 10 A.M.

*Music for the Parish Communion Martin How (1931–2022)*

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (The “Green” or “Blue” book)*

Opening Hymn: 134

### SENTENCE

Jesus prayed, ‘Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.’ *John 17: 11*

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*Acts 1: 15–17, 21–26*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ ...

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM I

**Response: Happy are they who trust in the LORD.**  
**(at 8:00 a.m.)**

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor in the way of the sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2. Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night. **R.**
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. **R.**
4. It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R.**

**(at 10:00 a.m.)**

Response: Keith Duke  
Chant: Colin Mawby (1936–2019)



1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night. **R.**
3. Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
4. As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **R.**
5. Therefore the wicked shall not be able  
to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

*1 John 5: 9–13*

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater;  
for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.  
Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.  
Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar  
by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.  
And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  
Whoever has the Son has life;  
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,  
so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (*10:00 a.m. only*): 131

## GOSPEL

John 17: 6–19



The Lord said: ‘I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.’

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

‘Father, I have made your name known  
to those whom you gave me from the world.

They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,

and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf;

I am not asking on behalf of the world,

but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me.

I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world

so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them

because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world,

but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.  
Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.  
As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.  
And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’  
For the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **For the Anglican Church**

The Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn; Holy Trinity & Emmanuel Oakleigh; Ascension Parish Burwood; St Peter’s Ocean Grove & All Saints’ Barwon Heads; All Saints’ Clayton; and the Council of Spiritual Health Victoria.

### **For all in need**

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

### **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those who have died recently: Alan Gregory; Joyce Edith Hartill; Elizabeth Kelly; and whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Margaret Elizabeth Batt; Edgar Chandler; Betty Glover; William Hardy; Margery Johnson; Anne Nicholls; Roger Bailie Nicholson; Peter Olney; Peggy Shannon; Jess Slattery; and Albert Wilson.

Offertory Hymn: 271

*During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:*

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| <p>1 The Lord ascendeth up on high,<br/>the Lord hath triumphed gloriously,<br/>in power and might excelling;<br/>the grave and hell are captive led,<br/>see him return, our glorious Head,<br/>to his eternal dwelling.</p> <p>2 The heavens with joy receive their Lord,<br/>by saints, by angel hosts adored,<br/>O day of exultation!<br/>Come earth, adore thy glorious King!<br/>His rising, his ascension sing<br/>with grateful adoration!</p> | <p>3 Our great High Priest hath gone before,<br/>now on his Church his grace to pour;<br/>and still his love he giveth:<br/>oh, may our hearts to him ascend;<br/>may all within us upward tend<br/>to him who ever liveth!</p> |
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Words: Arthur T. Russell (1806–74)  
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)  
arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Final Hymn: 130i (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7)

Postlude: Prelude in G Major, BWV 54,  
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

<b>Roster Sunday TODAY 12 May 2024</b>		<b>Roster for Next Sunday PENTECOST 19 May 2024</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolytes	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolytes	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistants	Miriam Cherry Leigh Mackay	Eucharist Assistants	Andrew Murray Betty Renjen
Intercessor	Jenny Robertson	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Charles Tegner Jenny Weller-Newton	Readers	Hamish Tadgell David Sheppard
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell Melissa Carson	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Pam Goodes Alison Canty	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos Andrew Murray (Th)
Eucharist Assistants	Pam Goodes Ewan Morgan	Eucharist Assistants	Geraldine Powell Pam Goodes
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Ray Lester Meg Winter	Readers	John Batt Suzie Hill
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Pam Felgate	Reader	Miriam Cherry

### Scripture Readings next week

Acts 2: 1–21

Romans 8: 22–27

### DAY OF PENTECOST

Psalm 104: 26–36

John 15: 26–27; 16: 4b–15

## **NOTICES**

We warmly welcome today's preacher, and St George's vicar emerita, **The Venerable Dr Colleen O'Reilly, AM**. Please say hello and welcome her back to St George's.

**St Alban's Food Relief collection** is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. 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.

**Many thanks** to all who contributed to making the funeral of Alan Gregory such a fitting tribute to a wonderful parishioner. A number of people (apparently) asked if anyone could have a funeral at St George's! Clearly, the large crowd thought the church looked beautiful, and were made warmly welcome by all the parochial family here.

**The Vicar** is currently in Sydney, following a family funeral. He will return on Tuesday.

Copies of the **sermon** preached by The Reverend Professor Robert Gribben AM at last Sunday morning's **Patronal Festival**, have been sent by email. If you would like a copy of it, please contact the parish office on [office@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesmalvern.org).

**As next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, please remember to wear something RED (if you have it).**

*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.*

## **From the Vicar:**

On Wednesday May 1, Bishop Genieve and Bishop Richard Treloar (Gippsland), represented the Anglican Province of Victoria at the Yoorrook Justice Commission. A part of Archbishop Philip's statement to the Commission, shared in an *Ad Clerum* last week, said:

*The Yoorrook Justice Commission .... is an important truth-telling commission with the powers of a Royal Commission. Yoorrook has wide terms of reference that include enquiring into 'Historical Systemic Injustice ...since the start of Colonisation' along with 'Ongoing Systemic Injustice' in a range of areas, including youth and criminal justice, child protection, health and welfare. Suffice it to say that the scope of the Commission's responsibilities is broad.*

*It is certainly the case that the history of colonisation has been repeatedly told from the perspective of the colonists and not from the First Nations people whom the colonists inevitably and systematically drove from their land and traditional life. The colonial enterprise inexorably expanded to cover the whole of, what is now, the State of Victoria, as it did over different periods in other parts of Australia. There were certainly members of the Church of England who denounced the injustice of what was happening as there must surely have been amongst its members those who were perpetrators of that injustice. Being an intergenerational community that has a strong value of presence in community inevitably means that we have an intertwined history with all that has gone before us in our State.*

*Great atrocities were committed against First Peoples in this period of frontier expansion and to the extent that we remain ignorant about it we compound the consequences of that injustice in our own day.*

***I commend the work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission to your attention and your prayers.***

Bishop Genieve concluded the Diocese of Melbourne's presentation by saying:

*Thank you to First Nations people for your continued willingness to speak with us and advise us and [for] including us today, an incredible sign of grace.*

*Confronting truth is painful, but important to sit with and let's not forget that justice is costly. **As the Anglican Church we have been complicit in injustice, but want to move forward and be part of the solution.***

The hearing on May 1 can be seen here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqhmJvH\\_8\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqhmJvH_8_Q); and the submission of the Anglican Church can be read here: <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Yoorrook-Justice-Commission-Response-of-the-MBWG-28-March-2024.pdf>

In coming days, weeks, and months, I invite us, as God's people here, not only to accept the Archbishop's commendation of praying for the work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission, but also to take up Bishop Genieve's promise (on our behalf) that we want to "be part of the solution" to the many issues the Commission is exploring. I also invite us to consider seriously what **practical steps we** can undertake here in Malvern to begin that work, remembering that "confession", "seeking forgiveness", and "reconciliation" are all gospel issues!



# CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



**St George's Anglican Church**

St George's Anglican Church is accepting applications for Choral Scholars of all voice parts to commence immediately.

- Develop your singing and musicianship in a friendly and supportive environment
  - Opportunities for solo singing
  - Receive an honorarium of up to \$4,500 p.a.
  - Flexible arrangements for leave
  - Regular Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning service
  - Occasional Evensongs and special services for Easter and Christmas
- Contact Tom Baldwin (Director of Music) at [music@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesmalvern.org)

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 **also** 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/support-donations> 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.



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# 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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