

SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 June, 2024

All stand as the Ministers enter.

The Minister then sings:

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Answer: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Preces and Responses: Richard Ayleward (1629–69)

Then shall be sung the Psalms as be appointed, by the choir. The people sit.

PSALM 37:1-11

Noli aemulari

Chant: Henry Gauntlett (1805–76)

- I. Fret not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil doers.
- 2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass: and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3. Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good: dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- 4. Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
- 5. Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6. He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light: and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

- 7. Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thyself at him, whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
- 8. Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
- 9. Wicked doers shall be rooted out: and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
- 10. Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
- II. But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

All stand for the Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.

Here begins the 3rd verse of the 7th chapter of the first book of Samuel:

Then Samuel said to all the house of Israel, 'If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Astartes from among you. Direct your heart to the LORD, and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.' So Israel put away the Baals and the Astartes, and they served the LORD only.

Then Samuel said,

'Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you.'
So they gathered at Mizpah,
and drew water and poured it out before the LORD.
They fasted that day, and said, 'We have sinned against the LORD.'
And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah.
When the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel.
And when the people of Israel heard of it they were afraid of the Philistines.

The people of Israel said to Samuel,

'Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, and pray that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines.' So Samuel took a sucking lamb and offered it as a whole burnt-offering to the LORD; Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the LORD answered him.

As Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel; but the LORD thundered with a mighty voice that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion; and they were routed before Israel.

And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and struck them down as far as beyond Beth-car.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer; for he said, 'Thus far the LORD has helped us.'

1 Samuel 7: 3-12

All stand for the Office Hymn:

Creator lucis optime

- O blest Creator of the light,
 Who makest day with radiance bright,
 And o'er the forming world didst call
 The light from chaos first of all;
- 2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array
 The morn and eve, and named them Day:
 Night comes with all its darkling fears;
 Regard thy people's prayers and tears:
- 3. Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
 They lose the gift of endless life;
 While, thinking but the thoughts of time,
 They weave new chains of guilt and crime.
- 4. But grant them grace that they may strain The heavenly gate and prize to gain: Each harmful lure aside to cast, And purge away each error past.

O Father, that we ask be done,
 Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
 Who with the Spirit and with thee
 Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Words: Latin, trans. Percy Deamer (1867–1936)

Music: 17th century Angers Church Melody

harm. Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is sung by the choir in English, as followeth, all still standing.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth:

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Setting: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

[This Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her response when she learns that she is to become the 'Godbearer' (the 'Theotokos'), the one in and through whom the Son of God first comes to earth. As we repeat her joyful words, we cense the altar, recognising that the Son of God continues to come to meet with us in the most holy sacrament of the altar at each eucharist. We then cense the clergy and people — as we now, by the power of the Spirit, become 'Godbearers' to the world.]

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

Here begins the 7th verse of the 3rd chapter of the gospel according to Mark:

Jesus departed with his disciples to the lake, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon.

He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him.

Whenever the unclear spirits saw him, they fell down before him and

Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, 'You are the Son of God!'

But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him.

And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons.

So he appointed the twelve:

Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Mark 3: 7-19

And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon), as followeth, all standing.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing, and facing east.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice:

OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

The Collect for the Day:

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In Quires and places where they sing here followeth the Anthem

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to Thee, to Thee are both alike.
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore.

Words: Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 139:11; John 1:5; Psalm 119:175

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

Minister: Let us pray.

All kneel

A Prayer for the King's Majesty.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen *Camilla*, *William* Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, [specially Philip, Bishop of this Diocese] and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint [John] Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

All stand

Hymn

- O gladsome light, O grace
 Of God the Father's face,
 The eternal splendour wearing;
 Celestial, holy, blest,
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 Joyful in thine appearing.
- Now, ere day fadeth quite,
 We see the evening light,
 Our wonted hymn outpouring;
 Father of might unknown,
 Thee, his incarnate Son,
 And Holy Spirit adoring.
- 3. To thee of right belongs
 All praise of holy songs,
 O Son of God, Lifegiver;
 Thee, therefore, O Most High,
 The world doth glorify,
 And shall exalt for ever.

Words: Greek, before 4th century trans. Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

Music: Melody for Nunc dimittis in the Genevan Psalter (1549)
harmony chiefly by Claude Goudimel (d. 1572)

The Sermon The Vicar

After the Sermon, all stand to sing the following hymn, during which the priest receives the offerings of the people and blesses them.

Offertory Hymn

- Angel-voices ever singing
 Round thy throne of light,
 Angel-harps, for ever ringing,
 Rest not day nor night;
 Thousands only live to bless thee
 And confess thee
 Lord of might.
- 2. Thou who art beyond the farthest Mortal eye can scan, Can it be that thou regardest Songs of sinful man? Can we know that thou art near us, And wilt hear us? Yes, we can.
- 3. For we know that thou rejoicest
 O'er each work of thine;
 Thou didst ears and hands and voices
 For thy praise design;
 Craftsman's art and music's measure
 For thy pleasure
 All combine.

- 4. In thy house, great God, we offer Of thine own to thee; And for thine acceptance proffer All unworthily Hearts and minds and hands and voices In our choicest Psalmody.
- 5. Honour, glory, might and merit
 Thine shall ever be,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 Blessed Trinity.
 Of the best that thou hast given
 Earth and heaven
 Render thee.

Words: Francis Pott (1832–1909) Music: Angel Voices, E.G. Monk (1819–1900)

Please remain standing as the choir and ministers depart.

Postlude: Choral Song and Fugue by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

NOTICES

The church's **storm water and drainage system is being repaired**. During this time, access to the church will be affected and car parking during the week reduced. We apologise for any inconvenience created and recommend finding alternative parking such as off-street parking on Glenferrie Road (next to the church) as well as the public car park behind Malvern Town Hall. We anticipate this necessary work will take 2-4 weeks for completion. Your patience in the matter is greatly appreciated.

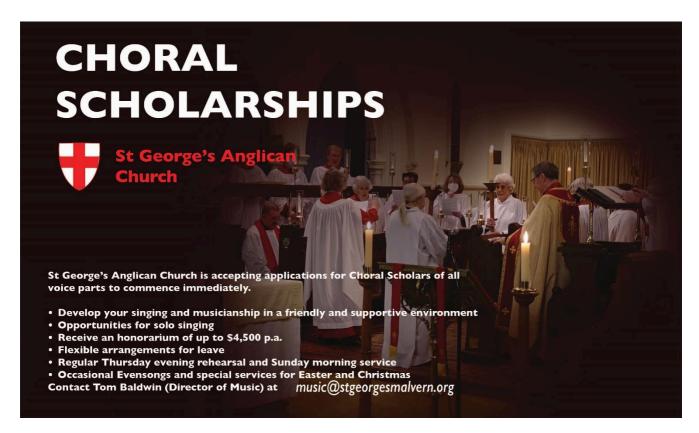
Volunteers are required for **updating The Book of Memory**. We have a rich history of parishioners whose remains have been interred in the Garden of Remembrance. Each of them has an epigraph, which their families, have requested to be included in The Book of Memory (now running to several volumes). This labour of love was previously undertaken by Brian Corless, and we need volunteers to assist for a few hours with continuing this legacy. **No calligraphy work is required**. Please contact the Parish Administrator if you are able assist on 9822 3030 or office@stgeorgesmalvern.org.

Avalon Centre: a brochure briefly outlining the work of the Avalon Centre can be collected from the entrance desk. Parishioners may be interested to know Council has had a policy for some years that our yearly giving would be to one international, one national, one Diocesan and one other local charity. We were introduced to the Avalon Centre by the late Wendy Stone. Avalon provides assistance for homeless and otherwise struggling families and people in this area. At a recent meeting of Parish Council, Avalon was chosen as our "local" charity, and we make the donation in memory of Wendy.

Spiritual Cafe - Save the Dates: Our next guest speaker on **July 16** is Carol O'Connor who works at St Peter's Bookroom at St Peter's Eastern Hill, Melbourne. She is a writer, retreat conductor, has a background in Classical Studies and a Masters in English Literature. Her topic is 'A Pocketful of Thoughts Upon the Poetry of Mary Oliver'. Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30 p.m. For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

The speaker following that on 27 August is Aaron Ghiloni.

Brass Cleaning Group – New members required! For various reasons, in the last twelve months the group has lost six members. In order to maintain the church brass bright and shining, we need additional members. The duties involve about an hour's work generally on a Friday morning. We work in pairs, and depending on the numbers in the group, are rostered for duty every four to six weeks. New volunteers please contact the Convenor, John Mallinson on Mb: 0414 682 036, or Email: johnmall3@iinet.net.au



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.

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.



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.

Please do not make your cheques payable to St George's but to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and include a note of your name and the address/email to which you wish the receipt sent.

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