

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6 October 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.

Parish Eucharist - Michael Dudman (1938-1994)

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

Opening Hymn: 376

SENTENCE

"You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have entrusted to your Church a share
in the ministry of your Son our great high priest:
inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many
to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church,
that strengthened by his power,
they may work for the increase of your kingdom
and set forward the eternal praise of your name;
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.

FIRST READING
Esther 4:12–16

A reading from the book of Esther.

Hathach delivered Esther's entire message to Mordecai. Then Mordecai said: "Go and say to Esther: do not say to yourself that you alone among all the Jews in the realm will escape alive. For if you take no heed at such a time as this, help and protection will come to the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows whether it was not for such a time as this that you were made queen?"

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Then Esther gave the messenger this answer to take back to Mordecai: "Go and gather the Jews who are in Susa and fast on my behalf; for three days and nights do not eat or drink, and my maids and I will also go without food.

After that I will go to the king, contrary to the law, even if I must die."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26

Response: I love your house, O Lord. (at 8:00 a.m.)

- I. Give judgement for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity, I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
- 2. Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.
- R.
- 3. For your love is before my eyes, I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4. I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5. I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked. R.
- 6. I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7. Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

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- 8. LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.
- 9. Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10. Whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes.
- As for me, I will live with integrity;
 redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12. My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the LORD. R.

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: Simon Lesley



- I. Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2. Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. R.
- 3. For your love is before my eyes; I have walked in your truth.
- 4. I have not joined the company of the false, nor consorted with the deceitful. R.
- 5. I hate the gathering of evildoers and I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6. I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go about your altar,
- 7. To make heard the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 8. Lord, I love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides.
- 9. Sweep me not away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
- 10. Whose hands are full of wicked schemesand their right hand full of bribes.R.
- 11. As for me, I will walk with integrity; redeem me, Lord, and be merciful to me.
- 12. My foot stands firm; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord. R.

SECOND READING

Acts 6:2-6

R.

A reading from the book of Acts.

The twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 341

GOSPEL John 1:35–42



Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all.

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.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher),

"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see."

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him,

"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,

"You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church of Papua New Guinea; Anglicare Australia; Meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne this week, and our Synod representatives; St Augustine's Mont Albert North; St Aidan's Strathmore; Holy Trinity Williamstown; St Matthew's Wheelers Hill; St Stephen & St Mary's, Mt Waverley; and Shelford Girls' Grammar School.

For all in need

Ann; +Brad, Karen & family as they grieve; Christopher; Elizabeth; Enrico; +Garry; Jeff; Jenny; Kaye; Keith; Lisa; Liza; Mary; Natalie, Rod & family; Olivia (with Allan & Paul, Eleanor & Charlotte).

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Dawn Baldwin; David Stanley Horsburgh; John Stuart Johnston and Briony Sington;

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Gwendolyn Berriman; Suzanne Davis; Barbara Leila Fordyce; Cecilia Furlonger; Ian Johnson; John Kingsmill; Winky Lowry; Hilda Newman; Frederick Sydney Powell; Tessie Christina Rampling; Harold Smith; Vanessa Stevens; Lester Triggs; Doris Wood; and Philip Wood.

Offertory Hymn: 294

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.

The bread of angels is made bread for humans; The living bread of heaven brings all figures to an end. O thing most wonderful! That a poor and humble servant may feast upon our Lord.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225–74) Music: César Franck (1822–90)

Final Hymn: 408

Postlude: Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Job 1:1; 2:1–10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12 Mark 10:2–16

The Week Ahead

Saturday Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England (d. 1845)

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined via Zoom at:

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

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NOTICES

We welcome this morning **The Reverend Lydia Thangadurai**, Assistant Curate at St John's Toorak. Lydia is here as part of the Diocesan initiative *Vocations Sunday* (*Vocare* is the Latin for 'Call'; hence, on Vocations Sunday, we hear of and reflect on God's *call*). Lydia will address the way in which God calls each of us to fulfil various ministries. Aaron is visiting St John's, Toorak this morning to preach there – sometimes known as a 'pulpit swap'!

Thank you to all who contributed to a splendid morning of celebration and an excellent lunch and time of fellowship as we welcomed Archbishop Philip and Mrs Joy Freier to St George's last Sunday. A special thank you to the many who assisted in cleaning the church, setting up the Hall for lunch (and then "dismantling" it afterwards!). One person commented that the whole day was an example of "St George's at its best" – and Archbishop Philip and Joy have said how much they enjoyed being with us. Speaking of which...

Save the date for our next Spiritual Café – Tuesday 22 October when our speaker Mrs Joy Freier OAM, who will speak on Restorative Practice. Restorative Practice aims to change the way our society responds to wrongdoing in schools, criminal justice, the workplace and elsewhere. Joy previously served alongside her husband Archbishop Philip Freier, working as a teacher in several remote Indigenous communities, including those on Cape York. Joy trained as a home economics and science teacher. Until last year she was the wellbeing coordinator at Coburg North Primary School. Bookings are essential at St George's office on 9822 3030 or office@stgeorgesmalvern.org

Book club will meet on Monday, 14 October in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will discuss *Bookbinder of Jericho* by Pip Williams.

All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

Join the roster!

One way we can all contribute to the life of our congregations is to join the roster for our service. If you are a regular attender at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., or 5:00 p.m. services on Sunday or 10:15 a.m. Thursday service, and would be interested in reading the Scriptures, serving, leading us in intercessory prayer or welcoming our congregation, please contact Leigh Mackay. You may leave a phone message, 0409 017244, or email mackayleigh@hotmail.com Training will be provided for all.

Other ways to help:

For some months now, you will have seen the poster seeking contributions to the National Trust fund for the repair of rising and falling damp in the walls, and the restoration (especially of the transept walls) that will follow. We have recently received commitment of an anonymous donation of \$20,000, for which we are truly grateful. But any amount will help. From today, we will read from those who have donated a sense of why they have done this, and how, as an encouragement to others. Here is what one donor has written:

As a long term parishioner, I want to support the current building appeal. The beautiful church and grounds are a testament to the many generations before, and I need to do my bit to look after them. It was easier for me to make a monthly donation. This will add up over the next year.

Please consider if you would like to assist in this way.

Looking further ahead:

The **Annual Meeting** of the parish will occur on Sunday, November 24, following a combined morning eucharist at 9:30 a.m. In coming weeks, the Parish **electoral roll** will be available for review, and people who are not on the roll may nominate to be included. There will also be an opportunity to nominate people to serve as Church Wardens (2) or Members of Parish Council (6) and/or on the Incumbency Committee (2) in the coming year. Please begin to pray about this matter now and consider if God might be calling **you** to serve the parish in this way.

Archbishop's Dinner will take place at Trinity College, in support of the work of Trinity College Theological School on Wednesday November 13, with Evensong from 5:45 p.m. and dinner from 6:45 – 10:00 p.m. This will be the final time on which Archbishop Philip and Mrs Joy Freier will host this dinner. Our Theological Student, Andrew Murray, is the "Senior Student" of the Theological School this year, so it would be good if we were able to support him in this role. Let's try to gather a parish table again, as last year.

Chorus Ecclesiae is pleased to perform Heinrich Isaac's recently discovered Missa Presulem Ephebeatum. Other motets for St. Martin and the Blessed Virgin Mary,

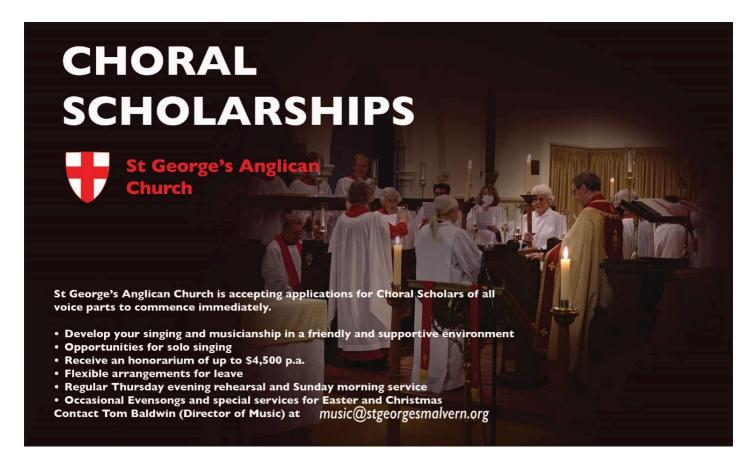
featuring composers such as Fawknyer, Marenzio, de Monte, and Phillips will be performed. We are excited to bring this wonderful concert at 7:30 p.m. on **Saturday 9 November 2024** with some of Melbourne's finest talent to the beautiful **St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ascot Vale**. To purchase tickets, please visit www.chorusecclesiae.org.au or scan the QR code.



Orders for the Australian Anglican Church Calendar and the Australian Lectionary are *still* being taken. Please leave your name on the list at the service counter. The Lectionary is also ready for collection for those who ordered them.

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; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Roma; Sarah; and Simon.

Roster for Today TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 6 October 2024		Roster for Next Sunday TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 13 October 2024	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-person	Coral Gordon
Acolyte	Ravi Renjen	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Judy Mallinson Bryan Elmes	Eucharistic Assistants	Miriam Cherry Simon Dickie
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Betty Renjen Hamish Tadgell	Readers	Leonie Bird Charles Tegner
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Sandra Morgan	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Pam Goodes Philip Jenkins	Acolytes	Pam Goodes Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Pam Goodes Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Pam Goodes
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Peter Hollingworth
Readers	Ray Lester Geraldine Powell	Readers	Gavin Watson Suzie Hill
Morning Tea	Robin Barrett Geraldine Powell	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-persons	Andrea King
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Andrea King



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 still advertising 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://melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/donate-melbourne-anglican-cultural-organisation/

Please note the following:

Under 'I. Select a Program in MACO', scroll down and select St George's Malvern - Music Fund and complete the details required then click on "Go to Payment" button.

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.



Work on installing new pipes and a new pump for the drainage system of the church has been completed. We now await the walls to "dry out" before determining if further work needs to be done (on replacing old mortar), or whether the drains were the only source of the damp. That further work will begin in the summer.

That means the plumbing bills now need to be paid – and we are still a long way short of paying solely for that (let alone any further work that may be required). Thus, we still need help to meet the cost of this vital restoration and replacement work. Please consider donating to this work. And many thanks to those who have already done so.



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

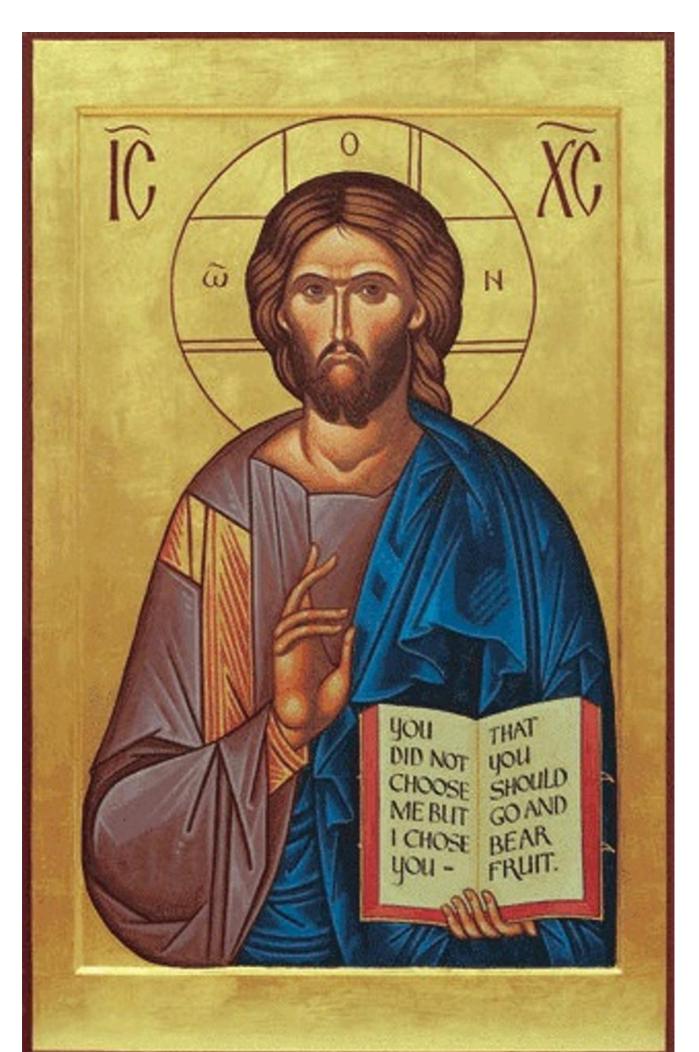
Donations can be made by scanning the QR Code, visiting our website https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/support-donations or going directly to http://www.givenow.com.au/stgeorgemalvernroof

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 still 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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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of this unceded 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.