



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

29 December, 2024

9:30 a.m.

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

Setting (9:30 a.m.):

Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938–1994)

*The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book*

Opening Hymn: 33 (vv. 1-4, 7)

## Sentence:

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

*c.f. Colossians 3:14–15*

## Collect of the day:

God of community,  
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:  
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours  
that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

## FIRST READING

*1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26*

A reading from the first book of the prophet Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.  
His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year,  
when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.  
Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say,  
'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made  
to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.  
Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature  
and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

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

## Psalm 148

**Response: Praise, O praise the name of the LORD.**

- 1 Alleluia! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! **R.**
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens
- 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R.**
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; **R.**
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. **R.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted;  
his splendour is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people, and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:12–17*

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;  
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.  
And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 40

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:41–52*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth,  
and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.  
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for The Episcopal Church of the USA; The Diocese of Melbourne;  
St Michael & All Angels', Beaumaris; and Holy Trinity, Hastings.

### **For all in need**

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you.

We pray for: Ann; Bethany and family; Helen; Jan; Jane; Joan; John; Kaye; Ravi; Robin; Roma;  
and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed:**

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Mildred Budds;  
Norman Eastaugh; Augusta Lesh; Alexandra McLaughlan; Geoffrey Mogg; Margaret Stokes;  
and John Richard Sylva.

Offertory Hymn: 21

*After notices, and before the final blessing, Aaron is invited to stand in front of the congregation.*

## **A LITURGY OF FAREWELL**

*Members of Aaron's Field Committee and those who have ministered with him at Cabrini are especially invited to gather around him. Others may too.*

**Vicar:** God of our beginnings and endings,  
we celebrate all we have shared with Aaron,  
and ask your blessing as he continues his pilgrimage of service  
to you and your people.  
May your love that is in our hearts  
be a bond that unites us forever, wherever we may be.  
May the power of your presence  
bless this moment of our leave-taking;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*Leigh:* As you journey onward,  
we ask forgiveness where we have failed you;  
we give thanks for all you have given us;  
we assure you of our love and prayers.

*Aaron:* As I leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you;  
I give thanks for all that you have given to me;  
I assure you of my love and prayers.

*Campbell  
&  
Malcolm* As you experience the pain of change,  
and the insecurity of moving on,  
we pray that you may also experience  
the blessing of inner growth.

*Aaron:* I know that God goes with me.

*Ewan  
&  
Matthew* As you meet the poor, the pained,  
and the stranger on the Way,  
we pray that you may see in each one  
the face of Christ.

*Aaron:* I know that God goes with me.

*Miriam  
&  
Philip* As you walk through good times and bad  
we pray that you may never lose sight  
of the shelter of God's loving arms.

*Aaron:* I know that God goes with me.

*Bryan,  
Judy &  
Leonie* As you ponder your decisions  
and wonder over the fruits of your choice,  
we pray that the peace of Christ  
may reign in your heart.

*Aaron:* I know that God goes with me.

*Vicar:* We praise and thank you, God of the journey,  
for our brother who is to leave us this day.  
We entrust him into your loving care,  
knowing that you are always the faithful traveller  
and companion on the Way.  
Shelter and protect Aaron, Jodie and Noah from all harm and anxiety.  
Grant him the courage to meet the future,  
and grace to let go into new life;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: 37

*Aaron pronounces the final blessing.  
He then removes the parish chasuble, lays it on the altar,  
and leaves it there as we process out.*

*Postlude: Variations sur 'Quand Jésus naquit à Noël'  
by Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734–1794)*

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

Isaiah 60:1–6  
Ephesians 3:1–12

Psalm 72:1–7; 10–14  
Matthew 2:1–12

### **The Week Ahead**

Monday	Josephine Butler, social reformer (d. 1905)
Tuesday	John Wyclif, teacher and reformer (d. 1384)
Wednesday	<b>The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b> Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. (see below)
Thursday	Basil of Caesarea (d. 379); Gregory of Nazianzus (d. 389) bishops and teachers Eliza Hassall, pioneer of CMS (Australia) & missionary training (d. 1917)

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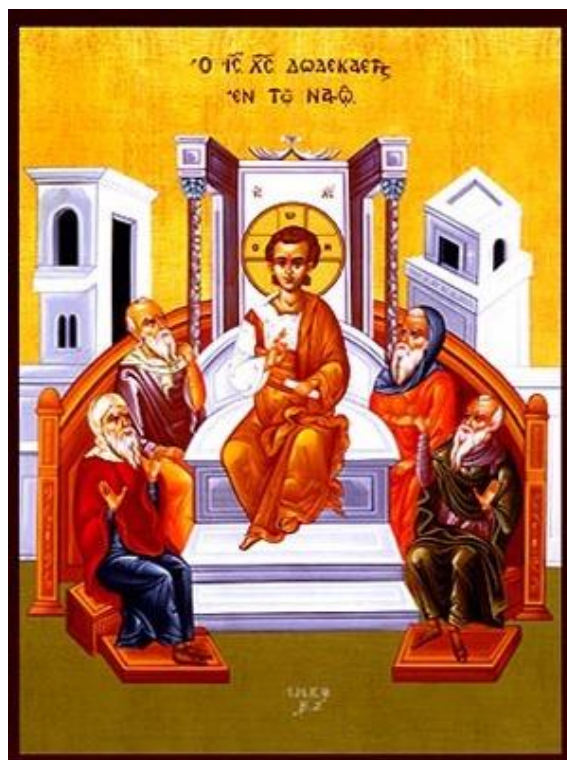
**Evening Prayer** **5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

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***All at St George's continue to wish you  
a very Happy Christmas,  
and a joyous and peaceful 2025!***

<p align="center"><b>Roster for today</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b>    <b>29 December 2024</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>Roster for next Sunday</b>  <b>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</b>    <b>5 January 2025</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>  <u><b>Combined Service</b></u></p>		<p align="center"><b>9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>  <u><b>Combined Service</b></u></p>	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell	Sides-persons	Simon Dickie Geraldine Powell
Acolytes	Judy Mallinson Meg Winter	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Meg Winter Malcolm Tadgell (Th)
Eucharistic Assistants	Miriam Cherry Ewan Morgan	Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Brian Tobin David Powell	Readers	Lorilae Garcia Jenny Weller-Newton
		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
		Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
		Reader	Miriam Cherry



*Icon of the boy Jesus in the Temple, teaching*

The **Christmas season** continues until the **Feast of the Epiphany** (kept this year on January 5). In that time, the following services will be held at St George's. You are welcome at all of them:

December 26

(*St Stephen's day, aka Boxing Day*)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

December 27

(*St John, Apostle & Martyr*)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

December 28

(*Holy Innocents*)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

December 29

(*First Sunday After Christmas*)

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

December 30

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

December 31

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

January 1

(*Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of our Lord*)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

January 2-4

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

January 5

(*The Feast of the Epiphany transferred,*  
*the 'Twelfth day of Christmas':*)

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with meditation

From January 6

*Normal services resume:*

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with  
meditation

Monday to Saturday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

*both also via Zoom:*

**Morning & Evening Prayer**

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Thursday 10:15 a.m. Eucharist

with additional eucharists at 9:00 a.m.  
on Festivals (and as announced)

*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.*