



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

16 February, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Opening Hymn: 401 (omit vv 3 & 5)

Sentence:

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6:23

Collect of the day:

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm I

Response: Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord!

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of 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.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff that the wind blows away. **R.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked will 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.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised;
and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain
and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God,
because we testified of God that he raised Christ —
whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.
If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad: your reward is great in heaven.

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.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judæa, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,

for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church:

We pray for The Church of Bangladesh; The Diocese of the Perth; St James', Dandenong; St Cuthbert's, Grovedale; St Oswald's, Glen Iris; and Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School.

For all in need:

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

We pray for: Ann; Coral; Helen; John; Nigel; Ravi; and Roma; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: Anne Bradfield; Christina Tadgell, whose ashes are interred this morning; and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Stanford Ames; Wylie Ames; Robert John Bisset; Marguherita Burrell; Thomas Duncan; Ada Emery; Erina Villers Pringle; Gwenthelleyan (Gwen) Richards; John Richards; James Wearing Smith; Alexander Wakefield; and Kit Watling.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Genesis 45:3–11; 15
I Corinthians 15:35–50

Psalms 37:1–11; 40–41
Luke 6:27–38

The Week Ahead

Monday	<i>Matthias, Apostle and Martyr – Eucharist 9:00 a.m.</i>
Tuesday	Eucharist at Cabrini Chapel – noon. All welcome
Thursday	William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d: 1853)

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

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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Roster for today SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 16 February 2025		Roster for next week MATTHIAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR 23 February 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Venetia Patchett Miriam Cherry	Sides-persons	Lorilae Garcia Simon Dickie
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Judy Mallinson
Eucharistic Assistants	Betty Renjen Helen Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistants	Venetia Patchett Simon Dickie
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	Leonie Bird
Readers	Simon Dickie Leigh Mackay	Readers	Betty Renjen Malcolm Tadgell
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Meg Winter Jenny Macpherson	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Niko Nikolakopoulos
Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Meg Winter	Eucharistic Assistants	Robyn Whitehouse Grant Rowlands
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	Gavin Watson Nicholas Bird	Readers	Grant Rowlands Jenny Macpherson
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan David Amos
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Andrea King

Of your charity, **please continue to pray** for those in long term need or sickness:
His Majesty the King; Angus; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Jenny; Joan; Liza; Sarah; and Simon.

NOTICES

We warmly welcome to St George's this morning Ava and Harry Walton and their family and friends on the occasion of their baptism at our 10 a.m. service.

We also give thanks for the memory of **Christina Tadgell**, whose ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance at the conclusion of that service, and assure Hamish, Malcolm and all the family of our continuing prayers.

The monthly collection for St Alban's will occur next Sunday February 25.

Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Alban's in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

Spiritual Café Returns Tuesday 25 February: Our guest speaker is **the Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Robert Gribben AM**, a minister of the Uniting Church in Australia, previously the General Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches. He taught liturgical studies at an Anglican theological college in UK, followed by many years lecturing at UFT, and was a founding member of the Victorian Council of Christians and Jews.

His topic is '*Iznik, Türkiye: its 1700-year-old creed – and us*': a celebration of Nicaea, its historical setting and some contemporary ways of seeing its relevance plus some personal ecumenical experiences. Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6.30 p.m. Speaker will speak at 7.30pm. Bookings via email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

Save the date for the next Spiritual Café: 8 April.

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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples
of the East Kulin nations*

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 and living connection to Country,
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*