



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

25 February, 2025

8:00 a.m., 10:00 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.*

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938–1994)

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

Opening Hymn: 337

### Sentence:

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

*Luke 6:35*

### Collect of the day:

God of compassion,  
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,  
who prayed even for his enemies.  
In our words and deeds help us to be like him,  
through whom we pray,  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 45:3–12, 15*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?'  
But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer.  
He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.  
And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves,  
because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

For the famine has been in the land these two years;  
and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing  
nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth,  
and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here, but God;

he has made me a father to Pharaoh,

and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him,

“Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt;

come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen,

and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children,

as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you

there — since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and  
your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them;

and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 37:1–11,40–41**

**Response: Commit your way to the LORD and trust in him.**

1 I Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell on the land, and feed on its riches.

**R.**

4 Take delight in the LORD,  
and he shall give you your heart’s desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD;  
and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light,  
and the justice dealing as the noonday.

**R.**

7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over those who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. **R.**
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundant of peace... **R.**
- 40 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble
- 41 The LORD will help them and rescue them;  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:35–50*

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

Someone will ask,

‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’

Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies,

but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon,

and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory.

It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

Thus it is written,

‘The first man, Adam, became a living being’;  
the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust;

and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,

we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this:

flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,

nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 466

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 6:27–38*

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

**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 said to his disciples,

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;

and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods,

do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?

For even sinners love those who love them.

If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?  
For even sinners do the same.  
If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.  
But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.  
Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High;  
for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.  
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged;  
do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.  
Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.  
A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over,  
will be put into your lap;  
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil; The Diocese of the Willochra;  
St David's, Doncaster East; and Janet Clarke Hall.

### **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: David Alan Winter; and those whose anniversaries of  
death occur at this time: Barbara Edith Anthonisz; Keith Atkins; Mariannus (Mac) Cuming;  
Mary Jean Emery; Victor Field; George Findlay; Neville Raymond Hood; John Eric Hoy;  
Heather Hume-Cook; Katherine Webster; and Peter Willers.

Offertory Hymn: 294

Final Hymn: 235

*Postlude: Allegro & Fugue from Sonata No2 in C Op65  
by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 47)*

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 55:10–13  
I Corinthians 15:51–58

Psalms 92:1–4, 12–15  
Luke 6:39–49

### The Week Ahead

Monday	<b>Matthias, Apostle &amp; Martyr. Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.</b>
Thursday	George Herbert, parish priest, poet ( <i>d. 1633</i> )
Saturday	David, bishop of Menevia, Wales ( <i>d. 601</i> )

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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### NOTICES

**The monthly collection for St Alban's will occur today.**

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.

**Gregory is most grateful** for the wonderful celebration last weekend, and of the many kind wishes and gifts he received. It is a blessing to be part of such a loving community.

**Spiritual Café Returns this Tuesday 25 February:** Our guest speaker is **the Reverend Professor (Emeritus) Robert Gribben AM**. 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, at 6.30 p.m. Speaker will speak at 7.30pm. Bookings via email: [office@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesmalvern.org) or call 9822 3030.

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

#### **Lenten Studies**

In this year of Luke, we will be using the book *Many Roads to Easter* by Jesuit priest, poet and scholar Fr Andrew Hamilton, SJ, which explores Luke's gospel as a source of reflection on Lent and the Passion. Copies of the book are now available (\$ 5.00). Please place your name on the form at the back of the church from this morning, and we will determine when groups will meet depending on numbers. As in previous years, one group will meet via Zoom, and at least one other will meet in person.

<b>Roster for today</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>23 February 2025</b>		<b>Roster for next week</b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>2 March 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Lorilae Garcia Simon Dickie	Sides-persons	Claire Sheppard David Sheppard
Acolyte	Judy Mallinson	Acolytes	Malcolm Tadgell Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistants	Venetia Patchett Simon Dickie	Eucharistic Assistants	Leigh Mackay Bryan Elmes
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell
Readers	Betty Renjen Malcolm Tadgell	Readers	Leonie Bird Lorilae Garcia
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Sides-persons	Grant Rowlands Geraldine Powell
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Niko Nikolakopoulos	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Robyn Whitehouse Fr Jeremy	Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Clergy
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Grant Rowlands Jenny Macpherson	Readers	Robyn Whitehouse Vincent Amos
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan David Amos	Morning Tea	Geraldine Powell Suzanne Lennie
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Andrea King	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Andrea King	Reader	Pam Felgate

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

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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.*