



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

2 March, 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: 334

### Sentence:

'My word shall not return to me empty,' says the LORD,  
'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

*Isaiah 55:11*

### Collect of the day:

Almighty God,  
you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
and freed us from bondage to sin:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all people may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10–13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 92:1–4, 11–14

**Response: It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD.**

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning,  
and of your faithfulness in the night season,
- 3 On the psaltery and on the lyre, to the melody of the lute and the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands... **R.**
- 12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**R.**

14 They shall bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent,

15 That they may show how upright the LORD is;  
my rock, in whom there is no fault.

**R.**

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 15:51–58*

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

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment,  
in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable,  
and we will be changed.

For this perishable body must put on imperishability,  
and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When this perishable body puts on imperishability,  
and this mortal body puts on immortality,

then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’

‘Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,  
always excelling in the work of the Lord,  
because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 394

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Shine in the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

**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 told his disciples a parable:

‘Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?

A disciple is not above the teacher,

but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye,

but do not notice the log in your own eye?

Or how can you say to your neighbour,

“Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye”,

when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye,

and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye.

‘No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil;

for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

‘Why do you call me “Lord, Lord”, and do not do what I tell you?

I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house,

who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock;

when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.

But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation.

When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.’

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 Church of Burundi; Holy Trinity, Balaclava and Elwood; St Andrew's, Corio-Norlane; St Philip's, Deep Creek; and Lowther Hall Anglican 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; Carole and family; Coral; Pope Francis; Helen; John; Margaret; Marilyn; Nigel; Patricia; Ravi; and Roma; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

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

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Brian Arthur Corless; Joyce Granger; Margaret Anne Kearsley; Joyce Lyster; Jeffrey William McKie; Lesley Manning; and Marjorie Scott.

Offertory Hymn: 280

*During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:*

*O sacrum convivium!  
in quo Christus sumitur:  
recolitur memoria passionis eius:  
mens impletur gratia:  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.  
Alleluia.*

*O sacred banquet!  
in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his Passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.  
Alleluia.*

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225–74)

Music: Richard Farrant (1525–80)

Final Hymn: 286

*Postlude: Chorale Prelude "Schumcke dich, O liebe Seele"  
[Deck thyself, my Soul, with gladness] BWV 654  
by J.S.Bach (1685 – 1750)*

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Romans 10:4–13

Psalms 91:1–2, 9–16

Luke 4:1–15

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,  
in your mercy give your Church in this diocese  
a shepherd after your own heart  
who will walk in your ways,  
and with loving care watch over your people.  
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.  
So may your Church be built up  
and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Week Ahead

Tuesday	“Shrove Tuesday” – Pancakes in the Vicarage garden
Wednesday	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY – Eucharists (with Imposition of ashes)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.; noon; 6:00 p.m.</b>
Friday	Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203)
Saturday	John of God, worker among sick and poor, Spain (d. 1550)

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### **Evening Prayer**

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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## NOTICES

**Tuesday, March 4 is “Shrove (or ‘Pancake’) Tuesday”,** (*Carnivale* in Italian; *Mardi Gras* in French). **Please come, and share pancakes with us in the Vicarage garden** (weather permitting – or the hall if it rains) from 6:00 p.m. **Please also bring with you your palm crosses from last year,** which will be burned to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**Ash Wednesday, on Wednesday March 5.**

**Eucharist with imposition of ashes will be at 8:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m.**

### **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 on Wednesday evening (beginning **March 12**), and another will meet in person on Thursday mornings, immediately after the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist (i.e., from around 11:30 a.m.), beginning on **March 13**.

**Book club will meet** on March 17 in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will discuss the book *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

**The Living Well Centre is conducting a Central Australia Pilgrimage on Saturday, July 26 to Sunday, August 3, 2025.** The hosts are Cath Connelly and John Stewart. This is an invitation to be on Country amidst the silence of stunning landscape and to be immersed in the ancient wisdom of our First Nation peoples – Alice Springs, King’s Canyon, Simpson’s Gap, Hermannsburg and Stanley Chasm and make our way towards Uluru, heartbeat of Australia. All the details are on the brochure on the service counter.

<b>Roster for today</b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b> <b>2 March 2025</b>		<b>Roster for next week</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>9 March 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Claire Sheppard David Sheppard	Sides-person	Campbell Paine
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell Christopher Miles	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Leigh Mackay Bryan Elmes	Eucharistic Assistants	Betty Renjen Miriam Cherry
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Jenny Roberston
Readers	Leonie Bird Lorilae Garcia	Readers	John Mallinson Hamish Tadgell
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Grant Rowlands Geraldine Powell	Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Meg Winter Niko Nikolakopoulos
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Readers	Robyn Whitehouse Vincent Amos	Readers	Riley Brooks Gracemary Huntley
Morning Tea	Geraldine Powell Suzanne Lennie	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Pam Felgate	Reader	Judy Wright

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.*