



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,
MALVERN**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

30 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.):

Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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

At 10:00 a.m., we begin by standing to join the choir in singing the Lent Prose:

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

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Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Sentence:

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18

Collect of the Day and the Season:

God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:2–12

A reading from the book of Joshua.

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, the LORD said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.'

So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt.

Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the LORD. To them the LORD swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Response: You, O LORD, are my hiding place.

(8:00 a.m.)

1. Happy are they whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
2. Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R.**
3. While I held my tongue, my body withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
4. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R.**
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not conceal my guilt.
6. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD';
then you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R.**
7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble,
when the great waters overflow they shall not reach them.
8. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R.**
9. 'I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
10. Do not be like a horse or a mule, which have no understanding,
whose must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you. **R.**
11. Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
12. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R.**

Psalm 32
(10:00 a.m.)

J. JONES.



1. Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.
2. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth no sin:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3. For while I held my tongue:
my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
4. For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
5. I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
6. I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD:
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
7. For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee,
in a time when thou mayest be found:
but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
8. Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble:
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
9. I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go:
and I will guide thee with mine eye.
10. Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding:
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.
11. Great plagues remain for the ungodly:
but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, mercy embraceth him on every side.
12. Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the LORD:
and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

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

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,
we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us;
we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1–3, 11–32

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.

And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,

“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable:....

‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.”

So he divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything,

a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said,

“How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare,

but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father,

and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

I am no longer worthy to be called your son;

treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ”

So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion;

he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him,

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

But the father said to his slaves,

“Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him;

put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it,

and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again;

he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come,

and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe

and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and began to plead with him.

But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working

like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command;

yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with

my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your

property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!”

Then the father said to him,

“Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

“Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for Province of the Anglican Church of Congo;
Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; St George’s, Ivanhoe East;
St Mary’s, West Perth; and Shelford Girls’ Grammar.

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; George; Helen; John; Kaye; Margaret; Marilyn; Mary;
Neil; Patrick; Ravi; Roma; Sam; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: Patricia Cavanagh;
and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Charles Matthew Cooch Bennett;
Helen Cameron Carter; Dorothy Clark; Gertrude Georgina Edington; Eileen Fulton;
Joyce Helen Granger; Robert Lemon; Helen Reddrop; Graeme Smart; and Graham Slobom.

Offertory Hymn: 297

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heav’nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame:
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest.
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
And drove thee from my breast.

Words: William Cowper (1731–1800)
Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Final Hymn: 387 (vv. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Postlude: Postlude in D by Charles Villiers Stanford

Roster for today FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 30 March 2025		Roster for next week FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 6 April 2025	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Campbell Paine	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolytes	Malcolm Tadgell Christopher Miles	Acolyte	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistants	Jenny Weller-Newton Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistants	Venetia Patchett Betty Renjen
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Charles Tegner Jane Baddeley	Readers	Simon Dickie Jenny Weller-Newton
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Tim Lennie Suzanne Lennie
Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Pam Felgate	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Niko Nikolakopoulos
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistants	Judy Mallinson Grant Rowlands
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Gavin Watson Vincent Amos	Readers	Judy Mallinson Meg Winter
Morning Tea	David Amos Robin Barrett	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Jenny McPherson
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Andrea King

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Isaiah 43:16–21
Philippians 3:3–14

Psalm 126
John 12:1–8

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Georgiana Molloy, pioneer church leader and botanist from WA (d. 1843)
Wednesday	William Law, priest and teacher (d. 1761) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (d. 1945)
Friday	George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary bishop of New Zealand (d. 1878)

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

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Lenten Zoom Study Group

7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempkL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

NOTICES

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent – the ‘midway point’. Traditionally, this has been celebrated as Mothering Sunday. We would like to thank Cynthia and Suzie for providing the traditional Simnel Cake this year.

Today being the fifth Sunday of the month means a regular collection for the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**. As well as the usual goods, BASP now accepts direct debit donations (those over \$2 are tax deductible):

Account name: BASP Trust

BSB: 083 004

Account Number: 56 924 6603

Hearty congratulations to one of our Church Wardens, Leonie Bird who, on the evening of Friday, March 21 (Thomas Cranmer) graduated with a PhD from the University of Divinity at a ceremony held at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Please take time to congratulate Dr Bird personally.

Lenten Studies continue this week either via Zoom on Wednesday evening (7:30 p.m. – Zoom link: Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866. And see above); or in person on Thursday mornings, after the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist (i.e., from around 11:30 a.m.).

As is our yearly custom in Lent, each week we will publish the amount received in the last week, as well as the expenditure for running the parish each week of the year. The figures for last week are:

Income: \$10,807.15

Expenditure: \$12,916.00

Loss: \$2,108.85

You will see there is a substantial loss. To assist in this, please contact Geraldine Powell: dgp3934@icloud.com/0414 831 968 for details.

Spiritual Café, Tuesday April 8: Our guest speaker is Dr Elizabeth Carew-Reid, OAM. Elizabeth is a retired General Practitioner and long-time volunteer (including 20 years with Very Special Kids; the community support program at the Church of All Nations, Carlton and through a homework club).

Her topic is “The Unplanned Volunteer; saying yes to opportunities to help others.”

Join us for dinner at Giorgio’s, 1235 High St Armadale at 6.30 p.m. Speaker will start at 7.30pm. Bookings via email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

Save the dates:

Tuesday April 8 – Spiritual Café (see above)

Saturday April 12: Prepare the Church for Holy Week*

Saturday April 19: Clean the Church (incl. flower arranging and brass polishing) for Easter*

*Both from 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday April 29: St George’s Patronal Festival at 6:00 p.m., followed by Patronal Festival dinner (at Giorgio’s)

A message of **thanks from Aaron Ghiloni:**

This week Fr Gregory delivered your goodbye gift – complementary icons of St George and St John the Theologian. Wow! The icons are so bright and inspiring that I feel Easter has arrived early. The icon writer is a very gifted artist. Particularly moving is how the icon of St George features his shield. This was an especially thoughtful inclusion (thanks to your especially thoughtful vicar) as it will remind me of a sermon I gave at your patronal festival about the important ministry of protection. Having these two saints, George and John, side-by-side will also remind me of the close connection between the two parishes.

Please continue to use the prayer for a new Archbishop in your daily prayers.

Also, please pray for the Board of Nominators, and members of Synod who, together, will undertake a crucial ministry for this (and every) Diocese: discerning the right person as the next bishop of our Diocese.

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.

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.

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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples
of the East Kulin nations
as the continuing Custodians of the land upon which we meet:
land that was taken, not ceded.*

*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.*