



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

17 September, 2023

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938–94)

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 (with seasonal additions pp. 154–5)

Opening Hymn: 106

Sentence:

If you, O LORD, should note what we do wrong, LORD, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

c.f. Psalm 130:3–4

O God,
you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19–31

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued,

and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

(at 8:00 a.m.) Response: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.

1. Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion. **R.**
3. The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep. **R.**
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. You mountains, that you skip like rams?
you little hills, like young sheep? **R.**
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m., sung by the choir)

Chant: William Fitzherbert (c.1713–1797)

1. When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
2. Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.
3. The sea saw that and fled: Jordan was driven back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like young sheep.
5. What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest:
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
6. Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams:
and ye little hills, like young sheep?
7. Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob;
8. Who turned the hard rock into a standing water:
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

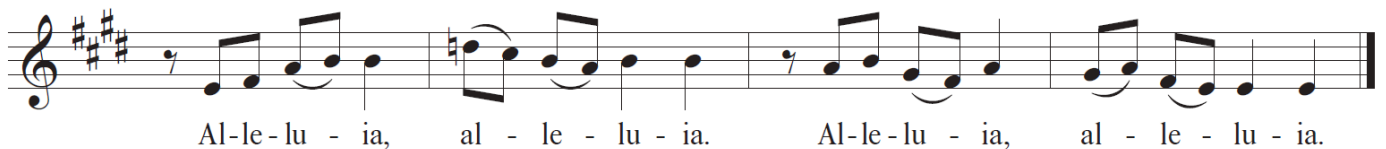


1. ‘Forgive our sins as we forgive’ you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Words: Rosamond Eleanor Herklots (1905–87)
Music: ‘St Nicholas’, later form of a melody from
I. Holdroyd’s *Spiritual Man’s* [sic.] *Companion*, (1753)
TiS 635 (reprinted under licence)

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35



I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.”

Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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 the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn; St Columb's, Hawthorn; St John the Evangelist, Epping; St Andrew's Aberfeldie; and the Department of Theological Education.

For all in need

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

We pray for: Ann; Angus; Christopher; Coral; Diana; Geoff; Heather; Ivan; Jane; Jasper; Jenny; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Judy; Keith & Erica; Kelly; Linda; Peter; Peter; Robin; Ron; Ron; Sarah; Simon; Stephen; Susan; Syd 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: Ian Agnew; Dorothy Corden; Frank Cuttriss; John Hetherington; Wilf Jennings; Margaret Johnston; Beryl Sadleir; Lilian St John; John Taylor and Arnold Williams.

Offertory Hymn: 274

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

*Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord,
Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.*

*Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore shall be,
Holy, holy, holy, blessed Trinity.*

*Praise to you, O Lord, Hosanna in the height,
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.*

Music: Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 393

*Postlude: March in F# Major from Organ Symphony No.3 Op.13
by C. M. Widor (1844–1937)*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 16:2–15
Philippians 1

Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45
Matthew 20:1–16

NOTICES

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, 19 September at 7:30 p.m. in the North Room.

Orders for the Australian Anglican Church Calendar are being taken. Please leave your name on the list at the back of the church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u>	<u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u>
Monday, 18 September <i>John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary of Western Australia (d. 1856)</i>	Psalms 41; 44:1–9 I Kings 10:1–13 Matthew 4:12–22	Psalms 44:10–27 Job 16:1–17 Ephesians 1:1–14
Tuesday, 19 September	Psalms 45 I Kings 10:14–29 Matthew 4:23–5:12	Psalms 46; 47 Job 16:18–17:16 Ephesians 2:1–10
Wednesday, 20 September <i>John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, martyr (d. 1871)</i>	Psalms 48 I Kings 11:1–25 Matthew 5:13–26	Psalms 49 Job 18 Ephesians 2:11–22
Reflections on the Lections		
Thursday, 21 September <i>Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr</i>	Psalms 25 Ecclesiastes 5:4–12 Matthew 19:16–30	Psalms 49 I Chronicles 29:9–18 I Timothy 6:6–19
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Proverbs 3:1–6 Ephesians 4:1–14	Psalms 19:1–6 Matthew 9:9–13
Friday, 22 September	Psalms 51 I Kings 12:1–17 Matthew 5:43–6:4	Psalms 52; 53 Job 19:23–20:11 Ephesians 3:14–21
Saturday, 23 September	Psalms 54; 55:1–12 I Kings 12:18–33 Matthew 6:5–15	Psalms 55:13–28 Job 20:12–29 Ephesians 4:1–16
Next Sunday, 24 September <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

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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Reflections on the Lections 7:30 p.m., Wednesday

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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*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.*