



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

HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE



*Giotto, Presentazione di Gesù al Tempio (1303–05), [Fresco],
Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy.*

1 February, 2026

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 for the service at 10:00 a.m.: Parish Eucharist

Michael Dudman (1938–94)

Opening Hymn: 33 (vv. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7)

Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:30–32

Collect

Almighty and everliving God,
we humbly pray that,
as your only Son was presented in the temple
in accordance with the law,
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Malachi 3:1–4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi:

Thus says the LORD God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight —
indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;
he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,
until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD
as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24

Response (at 8:00 a.m.): The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory.

1. The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who dwell therein.
2. For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R.**
3. Who can ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who can stand in his holy place?
4. Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is fraud. **R.**
5. They shall receive a blessing from the LORD
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.
6. Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R.**
7. Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors!
and the King of glory shall come in.
8. Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle. **R.**
9. Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory. **R.**

Response (at 10:00 a.m.):

Response I: Seek the face of the LORD, and yearn for him.



1 The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Response I

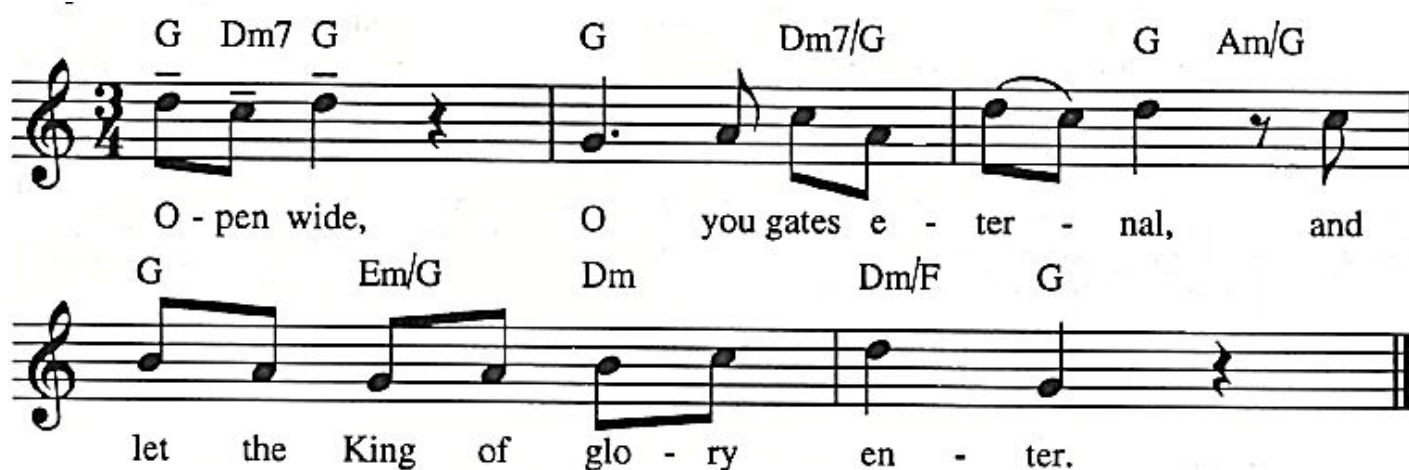
2 Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
Those with clean hands and pure heart,
who desire not worthless things.

Response I

3 They shall receive blessings from the LORD
and reward from the God who saves them.
These are the ones who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Response I

**Response 2 Open wide, O you gates eternal,
and let the King of glory enter.**



4 O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the King of glory.

Response 2

5 Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, the mighty, the valiant,
the LORD, the valiant in war.

Response 2

6 O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the King of glory.

Response 2

7 Who is the King of glory?
he, the LORD of armies,
he is the King of glory.

Response 2

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Since, the children share flesh and blood,
Jesus himself likewise shared flesh and blood,
so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death,
that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery
by the fear of death.

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.
Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect,
so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God,
to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.
Because he himself was tested by what he suffered,
he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 156

Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

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.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord,

‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four.

She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church of England; Callum Dawson, Andrew Murray and all those to be ordained next Saturday.

For all in need

We pray for: Coral; David; George; Josie; Katherine; Murray; Roger (and +Kate and family); Susan; Sarina; Sophie; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: James Frederick Travers McGregor; and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Eric Angliss; Garry O'Dell Armstrong; John Noel Box; Harold Braund; Robin Francis Martin Brown; Elizabeth Dowsey; Herbert Fowler; Constance Francis; Frank Hansen; Audrey Henry; Grace Martin; Mary Moline; Lyndsay Nettlefold; Marian Ransome; Deborah Ricklefs; Ruth Were; and Louise Willsmore.

Offertory Hymn: 187

Final Hymn: 234

Postlude: *Postlude in D, Op. 101*
by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 58:1–9a
I Corinthians 2:1–13

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Psalms 112
Matthew 5:13–20

Roster for today The Presentation of Christ in the Temple 1 February 2026		Roster for next Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8 February 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistants	Miriam Cherry Bryan Elmes	Eucharistic Assistant	Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Lorilae Garcia David Sheppard	Readers	Betty Renjen David Sheppard
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Suzanne Lennie Tim Lennie	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Jenny McPherson	Acolytes	Meg Winter Alison Canty
Eucharistic Assistants	Ray Lester Meg Winter	Eucharistic Assistant	Lyn Beaumont
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Jenny McPherson Grant Rowlands	Readers	Robyn Whitehouse Gavin Watson
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Miriam Cherry

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; Roma; and Sarah.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, 1788
Wednesday	Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d. 865)
Thursday	Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d. 1597)
Saturday	Service of Ordination to the Diaconate, St Paul's Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.

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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Reflections on the Lectons

resumes next Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Notices

Many thanks to all who assisted in the absence of the Vicar – especially Fr Matthew and the Church Wardens. Gregory is most grateful for all the kind wishes and concern expressed and shown during his recent illness.

A reminder that there will be a service of Ordination to the Diaconate next Saturday, 7th February, at 10:30 a.m. at St Paul's Cathedral. At this service, both Callum Dawson and Andrew Murray will be made deacons in the church of God, together with other candidates. Your prayerful support for them, and presence if possible, would be greatly appreciated.

While Callum is having a small family gathering (and will be welcomed in the parish on Sunday **February 8**), Andrew is inviting all from this parish to **a post-Ordination party** from 1:30 p.m. at **St Mary's, North Melbourne**, 430 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne. If you wish to contribute finger food/small cakes for the party, please contact Susan Gribben on sgribben@ozemail.com.au or 0410 479 736.

Next Sunday morning, we will welcome Callum Dawson, our Assistant Curate. He will be commissioned, as will members of his Field Committee, at the 10 a.m. service. Please make Callum, and his wife Alexandria, very welcome!

A message from Archbishop Ric Thorpe:

Dear People of the Marmingatha Episcopate,

Louie and I are looking forward to meeting you, hearing your stories and, over the coming months, seeing first-hand the faithful ministry happening across our parishes, chaplaincies and communities.

This year, I am inviting the Diocese into a season of listening, as together we seek what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Lent offers a timely opportunity for this “Listening in Lent” focus, creating space for prayer, conversation, and shared discernment across our ministries.

We will share more of our own story, and introduce “Listening in Lent”, when we gather with you at St George’s Malvern.

With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,
+Ric Melbourne

The meeting the Archbishop mentions is on **Thursday, 19 February** at 2.30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the hall.

Lenten Quiet Day with Dr Paula Gooder on Saturday, 14 March will be a time for silence, prayer and quiet reflection, along with a series of talks from Dr Gooder at particular intervals during the day. There will be a Eucharist in the Chapel at midday and opportunity for attendees to enjoy the grounds at Trinity College. Dr Paula Gooder is a speaker and writer on the Bible, particularly on the New Testament. Please register for this free event by referring to instructions on flyers located on the service counter.

We will be holding a series of fundraiser concerts in 2026. The first will be on **Saturday 9th May at 2pm** in our Hall. **Featured artists: Shu-Cheen Yu and her Lotus Wind Choir.** Put the date in your diary now and encourage others to attend! Further information and bookings will be available early next year. Possible date for our second concert, Saturday 25 July with a Christmas theme.



The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO)

MACO is an organisation to which tax deductible donations can be made to support the 'Cultural' activities and areas at St George's, not least our heritage-listed building.

Parishioners will know that we have a continuing account with MACO to support the work of the choir, and we established another one to facilitate donations for the restoration of the stained glass windows, classified as "of great cultural significance, in their depiction of the gospel's spread 'From Nazareth to the Pacific'."

Owing to the breadth of definition associated with this second account, it is completely acceptable to use funds donated there for the restoration work of the walls in the North and South Transept: after all, if the walls supporting the windows fall down, the restoration of the windows will have served little purpose.

It was always envisaged that donations through MACO for restoration works would be the preferred option for parishioners, with the National Trust appeal (which has a better 'name') for the wider community. The chief reason for this is that MACO offers donors the same tax deduction status, but the 'cut' it takes to run the fund-raising is considerably below that taken by National Trust – more money goes directly to the church.

To donate please go to St George's website. Select the "Prayer and Worship" tab which will lead you to the "Support & Donations" page:
<https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/support-donations> or scan the QR Code

The red **Donate Now** button takes you to the MACO Donation page.

For donating to St George's restoration:

Under 'I. Select a Program in MACO',
scroll down and select St George's Malvern – Windows Restoration
complete the details required
then click on "**Go to Payment**" button

For donating to St George's music:

Follow the instructions above, with the following changes:

Under 'I. Select a Program in MACO',
scroll down and select St George's Malvern - Music Fund
complete the details required
then click on "**Go to Payment**" button



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Vicar's Warden *to be appointed*

CHILD SAFE & SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

to be appointed

*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:
land which 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.*