



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

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

1 March, 2026



*Icon of Jesus in conversation with Nicodemus*

8:00 a.m., 10 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.*

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (with Lenten variations on p. 151)*

Setting (at 10:00 a.m.): A Lenten Setting (for St George's, Malvern) E. A. Nixon

Opening Hymn: **The Lent Prose**

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

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

*Cantor:* O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**All: Hear us, O Lord...**

## **SENTENCE**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung).*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY AND SEASON**

God of mercy,  
you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive:  
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,  
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and 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

*Genesis 12:1–4a*

A reading from the book Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram,  
'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house  
to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse;  
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.  
Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 121

**Response: My help comes from the LORD.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?
2. My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. **R.**
3. He will not let your foot be moved;  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R.**
5. The LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

## **Response: My help comes from the LORD.**

6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R.**
7. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth for evermore. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 4:1–5; 13–17*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham,  
our ancestor according to the flesh?

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about,  
but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.  
But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly,  
such faith is reckoned as righteousness...

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham  
or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.  
If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null  
and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.  
For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace  
and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law  
but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father  
of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) —  
in the presence of the God in whom he believed,  
who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*No Gradual Hymn in Lent*

## **GOSPEL**

*John 3:1–17*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God;  
for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’

Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God  
without being born from above.’

Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old?  
Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’

Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God  
without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh,  
and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.”  
The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,  
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.  
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’

Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’

Jesus answered him,

‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know

and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe,

how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven,  
the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in  
order that the world might be saved through him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Sermon.*

*After the sermon, silence is kept before the liturgy continues with the Creed on p. 123 of APBA.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan).

### **For all in need:**

We pray for: Ann; Coral; David; George; Gregory SJ; Jenny; John; Josie; Katherine;  
Mary and the Adamson family; Max; Murray; +Kate and family; Susan; Sarina; Sophie;  
the family of Aria; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

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

We remember those who have died recently: Michael Adamson; Thomas Geddes; Daryl Jackson;  
Leo Monachino; Roger William Prowd; Robert West; and Keith;  
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Keith Atkins; Richard John Carter;  
Brian Arthur Corless; Joyce Granger; Neville Raymond Hood; John Eric Hoy;  
Margaret Anne Kearsley; Joyce Lyster; Wilma MacKenzie; Jeffrey William McKie; Lesley Manning;  
and Marjorie Scott.

*In Lent, now follows the Prayer of Humble Access:*

Let us pray.

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The Deacon introduces the Confession:*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Silence is kept.*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith:

Merciful God,

**our maker and our judge,**

**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;**

**we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you**

**in newness of life;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces Absolution, and the people respond*

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Deacon:* Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

*All:* **We meet in his name and share his peace.**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: 148 (vv. 1, 2, 5–8)

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The Great Thanksgiving (p. 151) begins.*

*We say or sing (at 10:00 a.m.):*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*When we reach the mystery of faith, we say or sing:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your death and resurrection you have set us free.**

*As the Great Thanksgiving concludes, we say or sing:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Following the breaking of the bread, we say or sing:*

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

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

Turn thy face from my sins,  
and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy Presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Words: Psalm 51: 9–11 (BCP)  
Music: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

*After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 152)*

*Notices are then given followed, at 10 a.m. by*

Final Hymn: 72

**Postlude:** Fantasia in C Minor, BWV562  
by J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

<b>Roster for today Second Sunday in Lent 1 March 2026</b>		<b>Roster for next Sunday Third Sunday in Lent 8 March 2026</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Venetia Patchett Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Campell Paine
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley	Eucharistic Assistant	Jenny Weller Newton
Intercessor	Malcom Tadgell	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Jane Baddeley Campbell Paine	Readers	Lorilae Garcia Helen Baddeley
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Meg Winter Jenny McPherson	Acolytes	Meg Winter Alison Canty
Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistant	Ray Lester
Intercessor	Judy Wright	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Gracemary Huntley Brian Tobin	Readers	Muriel Porter David Powell
Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Jenny Robertson
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Jenny Robertson

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

Monday	Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d. 672)
Saturday	Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203)

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

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWVldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### **Lenten Study**

**7:30 p.m. on Wednesday**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Exodus 17:1–7  
Romans 5:1–11

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Psalm 95  
John 4:5–42

## NOTICES

**Special Parish Meeting** following the 10:00 a.m. service today, **has been postponed**. We apologise for the 'dashing of hopes', but will inform you when we can of the full details of the renovation.

**Book club** will meet **tomorrow** in the North room at 2.00 p.m. We will discuss the book *Memorial Days* by Geraldine Brooks. All welcome, contact Sandra Morgan 0448 884 306.

**Lenten Studies continue this week:** on Wednesday evening by Zoom (see above) at 7:30 p.m., and on Thursday (face-to-face) following the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist. There are still copies of the book *Giver of Life* by Jane Williams available for purchase at \$35. It is not too late to join a study group.

**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.

**On Sunday, March 15** we will welcome and commission our new Director of Music, **Christopher Lo** at the 10 a.m. eucharist.

**We need at least 3 new Brass polishers.** If you are able to assist, or would like to learn the requisite skills, please speak to Miriam Cherry.

**St George's hosts the Archbishop again!** On **Tuesday March 10 at 2:30 p.m.**, Victorian Anglicans Together is presenting a special "Conversation with the Archbishop". This will occur in our Parish Centre. See Malcolm Tadgell or Muriel Porter for details.

**Spiritual Café returns for 2026! Tuesday 31 March.**

Our guest speaker is **Arthur Andronis**, Heritage Architect and Surveyor of St Paul's Cathedral. His topic is **The Restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris**. Join us for dinner at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale at 6.30pm followed by the speaker at 7.30pm.

PRE PAYMENT REQUIRED. Cost \$55 for two courses, drinks available to purchase.

Tickets via TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DJQQF>

For further information email: [office@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesmalvern.org) or call 9822 3030.

### Looking Ahead:

Our guest preacher for Holy Week will be The Reverend Canon Professor Dorothy Lee, AM, FAHA. Her theme will be **Abiding with Jesus through Holy Week**. Dorothy has a well-deserved reputation as an outstanding scholar, and as a warm, engaging and thought-provoking preacher. She will be with us from **Palm Sunday (March 28)** until **Easter Day (April 5)**.

**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!

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners 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 connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*