



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th May, 2026



*Paul preaching in the Areopagus, 1729-31, oil,
Sir James Thornhill (c. 1675– 1734),
Royal Academy of Arts,
London*

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Before the service **speak to God**; during the service, let **God** speak to you;
after the service speak to **one another**.

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Setting of the Eucharist (at 10:00 a.m.): Christ Church Mass, Philip Matthias (1954–)

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia**; seasonal additions, p. 159*

Processional Hymn: 102

SENTENCE: ‘Those who love me will keep my word,’ Jesus promises,
‘and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them.’”

John 14:23

*Following the opening prayer, we move to p. 120 of **APBA** for the Kyrie (said or sung),
the Confession and Absolution (p. 120), and the Gloria in excelsis (p. 121).*

COLLECT

O God,
you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love for you, that,
loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,

‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7–19

**Response: Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

7. Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard.
8. Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. **R.**
9. For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10. You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **R.**
12. I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. **R.**
14. Come and listen, all you who fear God;
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15. I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.
16. If I had found evil in my heart,
the LORD would not have heard me; **R.**
17. But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:8–22

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing.

It is for this that you were called — that you might inherit a blessing. For

‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 140

GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who love me keep my words, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive,

because it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me;
because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me,
and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them
are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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

We pray for the Church in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka; Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Frankston; and Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. We pray with thanks for the careful work of the builders and all involved in our restoration work.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you. We pray for: Alison; Ann; Claire; Coral; Daniel; Elizabeth; George; Gwyn; Hilary; Jenny; John; Josie; Margie and the Richardson family; Max; Muriel; Murray; Natalie and family; +Peter; Ravi; Richard; Ron; Sarina; Sophie; Susan; Velma; Wendy; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently: Gwen Charlton; David John Leyburn Richardson; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Alexander Stanley Bailey; Margaret Elizabeth Batt; Edgar Chandler; Robert Edmund Hagerty; Christopher Blyth Johnson; Margery Johnson; Katherine Garrat McNaughton; Anne Nicholls; Peter Olney; Peggy Shannon; and Albert Wilson.

Offertory Hymn: 274

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 155).

During communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another Comforter,
That he may 'bide with you for ever;
E'en the Sp'rit of Truth.*

Words: John 14:15–17 (AV)
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505–85)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 155).

Notices are then given before, at 10 a.m., we sing

Final Hymn: 120

SCRIPTURE READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 1:6–14
1 Peter 5

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35
John 17:1–11

Roster for today SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10 May 2026		Roster for next Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION) 17 May 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-person	Bryan Elmes
Acolyte	Chris Miles	Acolyte	Judy Mallinson
Eucharistic Assistant	Miriam Cherry	Eucharistic Assistant	Simon Dickie
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Leonie Bird
Readers	Leigh Mackay Charles Tegner	Readers	Judy Mallinson John Mallinson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell	Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse
Acolytes	Jenny Mcpherson Meg Winter	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson
Eucharistic Assistant	Ray Lester	Eucharistic Assistant	Lyn Beaumont
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Muriel Porter
Readers	Ray Lester Suzie Hill	Readers	Riley Brooks Muriel Porter
Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett	Morning Tea	David Amos Pam Felgate
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Judy Wright

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness: His Majesty the King; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Jenny; Joan; Liza; Mary; Roma; Sarah; and Simon.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	Spiritual Café – at Giorgio’s, from 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Ascension Day – Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are online each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, 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

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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



NOTICES

A huge “thank you” to all who assisted the first in our series of fundraiser concerts in 2026. The next fundraiser will be announced soon.

A very happy Mothers’ Day to all mothers, godmothers and those who have been as mothers to others.

Today is Callum’s birthday. We wish him every blessing for today and the year ahead. Please join us for some celebrations after the 10 a.m. service.

Spiritual Café Tuesday 12th May. Our guest speaker is **Professor Peter Sherlock**, Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Charles Sturt University. He worships at St Paul’s Cathedral as a chorister and is a member of Archbishop in Council. His topic is ‘Sacred Memory: The How and Why of Church Monuments’ drawing on his book, *The Monuments of Westminster Abbey: Power and Memory in Early Modern Britain*. He explores how and why Christians erect monuments to the dead in the sacred space of churches. Copies of the book will be available on the night for \$60 (cash or credit card). Join us for dinner at Giorgio’s, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6:30 p.m. followed by the speaker at 7.30pm. For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030.

Ascension Day is this **Thursday, May 14**. This is a high and holy, ‘red-letter’ day, and there will, as usual, be a eucharist at **10:15 a.m.** You are warmly encouraged to attend on this significant day in the Church’s year.

The Restoration works in the Church are already well underway, after only a week. Parish Council will keep parishioners informed regularly of the progress being made.

In the meantime, if you wish to add to a donation already made, or to make a donation for the first time, please use the Parish’s MACO account (see next page). Donating through MACO allows you to claim a tax deduction, but means that the Parish pays far less in administrative costs than we do with the National Trust account.



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. 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 Restoration 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.

Parishioners are warmly encouraged to donate to MACO to assist with the costs of restoration, if you have not already done so (or even if you have!). Such donations will be most warmly welcomed.

To donate please scan the QR Code on the right OR 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>

The red **Donate Now** button takes you to the 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

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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:
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.*