



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION)

17 May, 2026



*L'Ascensione, Giotto (1305)*  
Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy

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

*The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book (with seasonal additions pp. 155–6)*

**Opening Hymn:** 130 (vv. 1, 3–7)

**SENTENCE:** This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

*c.f. John 17:3*

*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,  
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,  
and sent them into the world  
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:  
by your Holy Spirit,  
hold the Church in unity,  
and keep it faithful to your word,  
so that, breaking bread together,  
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,  
now and for ever.                   **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:6–14*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

So when they had come together, they asked him,

‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’

He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 68:1-10; 32-35

**Response: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

1. Let God arise and let his enemies shall be scattered;  
let those that hate him shall flee before him.
2. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R.**
3. But the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.
4. Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens,  
Yahweh is his names, rejoice before him. **R.**
5. Father of orphans, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation.
6. God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners into freedom;  
but rebels shall live in dry places. **R.**
7. O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,
8. The earth shook, the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai;  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R.**
9. You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
10. Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision for the poor.... **R.**
32. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
O sing praises to the LORD.
33. He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. **R.**
34. Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
35. How wonderful is God in his holy places!  
the God of Israel is giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 5

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ,  
as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed,  
I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge,  
exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly,  
as God would have you do it — not for sordid gain but eagerly.  
Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.  
And when the chief shepherd appears,  
    you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.  
In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority  
    of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility  
in your dealings with one another, for  
‘God opposes the proud,  
    but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,  
so that he may exalt you in due time.  
Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.  
Discipline yourselves; keep alert.  
Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around,  
    looking for someone to devour.  
Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters  
throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.  
And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace,  
who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support,  
strengthen, and establish you.  
To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 443

## GOSPEL

*John 17:1-11*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord said: 'I will not leave you orphans.  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.'

**Alleluia!**

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.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said,  
'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,  
since you have given him authority over all people,  
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence

with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.

They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,

and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world,

but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one, as we are one.

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, then:*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for The Church in Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of North West Australia; Marmingatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Melbourne; and Mentone 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; Christopher, Lindsay and the Pritchard family; Claire; Coral; Dan; David; Elizabeth; Gwyn; Harry; Jenny; Josie; Margie and the Richardson family; Marie; Max; Muriel; Murray; Nicolae; +Peter; Ravi; Richard; Robyn; Ron; Sarina; Sophie; Velma; Wendy; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those who have died recently: Roma Marion Pritchard; David John Leyburn Richardson; Maree Wright; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Janet Alexander; Elizabeth Ellison Armstrong; Lily (Pat) Boughton; Sheila Burgess; Ethel Eileen Cameron; Colin Cruth; Ian Harry (Toby) Cuming; Neda Marie Fish; Betty Glover; William Hardy; Nancy Hillier; Percival Philp (Peter) Jackson; Janet Lloyd; Roger Bailie Nicholson; Hilda (Peg) Payne; Gladys May Reilly; Pauline Scott-Mackenzie; Jess Slattery; Elsie May Smith; Sabina Beatrice Victoria Westcott; and Samuel Richard Creswick Wood.

Offertory Hymn: 296

*The Great Thanksgiving (p. 156).*

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

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. Amen.*

Words: Numbers 6:24–26  
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

*After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 156).*

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

Final Hymn: 131

<b>Roster for today</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> (Sunday after Ascension) <b>17 May 2026</b>		<b>Roster for next Sunday</b> <b>THE DAY OF PENTECOST</b> <b>24 May 2026</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-persons	David Sheppard Claire Sheppard
Acolyte	Judy Mallinson	Acolyte	Jenny Weller-Newton
Eucharistic Assistant	Simon Dickie	Eucharistic Assistant	Helen Baddeley
Intercessor	Leonie Bird	Intercessor	Simon Dickie
Readers	Judy Mallinson John Mallinson	Readers	Bryan Elmes Leigh Mackay
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Robyn Whitehouse Len Whitehouse	Sides-persons	Philip Jenkins Melissa Carson
Acolytes	tbc Jenny McPherson	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Lyn Beaumont
Eucharistic Assistant	Lyn Beaumont	Eucharistic Assistant	Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Curate	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Riley Brooks Betty Renjen	Readers	Robyn Whitehouse David Powell
Morning Tea	David Amos Pam Felgate	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Meg Winter
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Judy Wright	Sides-person	Andrea King
Reader	Judy Wright	Reader	Andrea King

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; Sarah; and Simon.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until Eve of Pentecost)

Monday	<b>Requiem Eucharist</b> for Roma Marion Pritchard. <b>10 a.m.</b>
Tuesday	Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (d. 988) <b>Holy Eucharist at Cabrini Hospital 12 noon.</b> All welcome.
Thursday	<b>Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m.</b>

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**Evening Prayer** **5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

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

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Acts 2:1–21

I Corinthians 12:1–13

### **DAY OF PENTECOST**

Psalm 104:26–36

John 20:19–23

## NOTICES

**Next Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost, sees the end of the Easter season.** People traditionally wear **red** on this day. Please try to add that colour to our celebration next week.

**Our regular collection for St Alban's occurs next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.** Please give generously (cash or shopping vouchers) to assist the parish of St Alban's in providing food for those in desperate need in these difficult times in a part of Melbourne where many struggle to eat.

**Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)** St George's allocated collection days are four/year, each on the last day of a month having five Sundays. The next one will be **31<sup>st</sup> May**.

**BASP** always appreciate our collections of money, vouchers and food. Please refer to the flyers on the entrance service counter for current items of most need.

**The Restoration works in the Church are already well underway, and a meeting on Monday made clear how efficient and skilled the builders are.** 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.



**Pew sheet contributions and notices** kindly need to be submitted to the office by close of business on Tuesday.



## **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. 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.

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.*