



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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5th July, 2026



Come to me, all you that are weary... and I will give you rest.

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**.

Prelude: Diapason Movement

John Keble (1711–86)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book

Setting of the Eucharist (at 10:00 a.m.):

Parish Eucharist, Michael Dudman (1938–94)

Processional Hymn: 388

Sentence

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’

Matthew 11. 28–29

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

A reading from the book of Genesis:

The servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban:

‘I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.

And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.

My master made me swear, saying,

“You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.”...

‘I came today to the spring, and said,

“O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water;

let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say,

‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’

and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’ —

let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.”

‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.”

She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said,

“Drink, and I will also water your camels.”

So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?”

She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.”

So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.

Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.

Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.’....

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’

She said, ‘I will.’

So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

'May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.'

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels,
and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.
Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up,
he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac,
she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant,

'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?'

The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself.
And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent.

He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.

So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45:10-17

Response: Grace flows from your lips,

(at 8:00 a.m.) **because God has blessed you for ever.**

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your family's house.

¹¹ The king will have pleasure in your beauty:
he is your master, therefore do him honour.

R.

¹² The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favour.

¹³ All glorious is the princess as she enters: her gown is cloth of gold.

R.

¹⁴ In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
and after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are brought
and enter into the palace of the king.

R.

- ¹⁶ In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- ¹⁷ I will make known your name to be remembered
from one generation to another;
therefore nations shall praise you for ever and ever.

R.

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



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SECOND READING

Romans 7:14–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

For we know that the law is spiritual;
but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin.
I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.
But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.
For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.
I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.
For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.
Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it,
 but sin that dwells within me.
So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good,
evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,
but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind,
making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God,
 but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 376

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:15–19, 25–30

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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.

At that time Jesus said, ‘To what will I compare this generation?
It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;
the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,
“Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!”
Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’....

‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent
and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father
except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father for the world and for the Church.

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Anglican Church of South America; Diocese of Bathurst; Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Box Hill, Deanery of Waverley; and Caulfield Grammar School.

For all in need

We pray for: Alison; Ann; Austin; Elizabeth; Greta; Imad; Josie; Kenny; Louisa; Marie; Max; Nicolae; Richard; Ted; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Robert (Bob) Sloan; Stephen Tucker; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Shirley Elizabeth Edwards; Mary Diana Gibson; John Giggins; Valda Konings; Prudence Julia Lanigan; Frank Mansell; Margaret Ilona Minchin; Margaret Osmond; George Warwick Ramsden; Eva Mary Reichardt; and Sheila Elin Joyce Wikkramatileke.

The Peace (p. 127) is shared, followed by

Offertory Hymn: 383

The Great Thanksgiving (one chosen from p. 128 ff) begins.

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthems:

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| 1. How shall I sing that Majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I? | 3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when Thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite. |
| 2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I Thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluias be. | 4. How great a being, Lord, is Thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere. |

Words: John Mason (1646—94)
Music: Coe Fen, Ken Naylor (1931—91)

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896—1971)

Music: Erik Routley (1917–82)

After communion, silence is kept, before we offer a final prayer (p. 143)

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

Final Hymn: 456

Postlude: Flute Piece in G Minor
Thomas Thorley (fl. 1780–1835)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	John Fisher, <i>bishop</i> , and Thomas More, <i>martyrs</i> (d. 1535)
Thursday	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Saturday	Benedict of Nursia, <i>abbot</i> (d. 550)

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

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:

Genesis 25:19–34

Romans 8:1–11

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Psalm 119:105–112

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Roster for today Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 5 July 2026		Roster for next Sunday Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 12 July 2026	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Campbell Paine	Sides-persons	David Sheppard Claire Sheppard
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Christopher Miles
Eucharistic Assistant	Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistant	Jane Baddeley
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	David Sheppard Campbell Paine	Readers	Jane Baddeley David Sheppard
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Grant Rowlands Melissa Carson	Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Alison Canty	Acolytes	Jenny McPherson Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistant	Geraldine Powell	Eucharistic Assistant	Ray Lester
Intercessor	Muriel Porter	Intercessor	John Stewart
Readers	Judy Wright Meg Winter	Readers	Riley Brooks Muriel Porter
Morning Tea	Sibella Guest Robin Barrett	Morning Tea	David Powell Geraldine Powell
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Jenny Robertson	Sides-person	Andera King
Reader	Jenny Robertson	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; Sarah; and Simon.

NOTICES

This morning we welcome back Christopher Lo, our Director of Music. Christopher returned to work last Sunday morning, having completed all of the necessary requirements for Clearance for Service in the Diocese of Melbourne. We look forward to his continuing ministry with us.

This morning, after the 10 a.m. service, we will inter the ashes of our dear sister **Roma Pritchard** in the Garden of Remembrance.

Next Sunday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m. there will be a special service of Evensong and Benediction at **St Peter's, Eastern Hill** to mark **Oxford Movement Sunday**. All are most welcome.

Looking Forward Together: An Evening of Prayer. Churchwardens, office bearers and all parish members are warmly invited to join Archbishop Ric at **St Paul's Cathedral** on **Wednesday 15 July, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**, for an evening of prayer for the life and mission of our Diocese. As clergy and authorised lay ministers gather for the Diocesan Ministry Conference, this evening provides an opportunity for a wider group from across our churches to come together before God: to pray for our churches, parishes and communities, to ask for the renewing work of the Spirit, and to seek God's leading for the future He is calling us into. The evening will include gathered worship and space to pray across the Cathedral. Food trucks will be available from 6:00 p.m., and families are very welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend, but registration is essential. Please click this link [Register](https://events.humanitix.com/looking-forward-together) OR <https://events.humanitix.com/looking-forward-together>.

Bookings now open for our next fundraiser concert

“Christmas in July” on Saturday 25 July 2026 via

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNBKH> or the QR Code on the right.

The concert begins at 2:00 p.m. in our hall, followed by light refreshments.

Mulled wine will be available for a donation. If you prefer to pay cash, envelopes are available at the entry desk (correct money please.)

Full price \$40, concession \$35 and donations are most welcome.



To assist with catering, it would be helpful for you to book early. Contact Sibella Guest if you would like to supply Christmas refreshments e.g. shortbread, mince pies, fruit cake. Contact Gavin Watson if you would like to help setup the hall (we would love a few Christmas Trees and trimmings!). There will also be a Silent Auction.

Spiritual Cafe - SAVE THE DATE - Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy will be our speaker at Spiritual Café on Wednesday 12 August.

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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.*