St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

Advent Sunday



They will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:26

29 November 2026

9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Setting: *Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938–1994)*

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia**;*
seasonal material for Advent is to be found on p. 147

Opening Hymn:

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!
   Redeem thy captive Israel
   That into exile drear is gone,
   Far from the face of God's dear Son.

   Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
   Shall come to thee, O Israel.

For Advent Sunday, the first candle on the wreath is lit.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
All: God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever!

Celebrant: You call all people to live by the light of faith,
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful
to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path,
For you are our light and salvation.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

For Advent Sunday, the first candle on the wreath is lit. We then conclude the hymn:

2. O come, O come, Adonaï,
   Who in thy glorious majesty
   From Sinai's mountain, clothed in awe,
   Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
   Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
   Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Words: Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons
tr. T. A. Lacey (*1853–1931*)
Music: Melody 'adapted from a French Missal'
by Thomas Helmore (1811–90)

The Celebrant welcomes the congregation, then this sentence of Scripture is read:

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord,
'but my words will not pass away.'

c.f. Mark 13:31

The service continues on p. 119 of ***A Prayer Book for Australia***

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

This introduces the Confession and Absolution.

During Advent, instead of the Gloria, we say together:

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

Collect of the Day and of the Season:

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen**.

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility:
that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

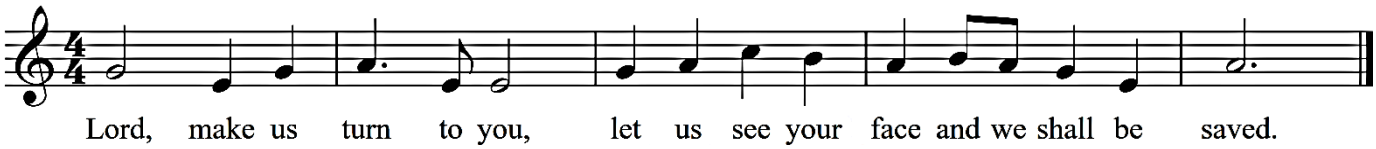
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil —
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19

Response & Chant: Kathleen Boschetti (*b. 1936*)



1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine
forth from your cherubim throne.
O LORD, rouse up your might, O LORD come to our help. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
The man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God
that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him, i
n speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ
has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking
in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: 6

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24–37

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power
and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect
from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson:
as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near, at the very gates.
Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have
taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house
will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Mission Agencies: Anglican Board of Mission; The Bush Church Aid Society; Church Missionary Society; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Australia; Mission, church planting and renewal; Parish Partnerships; and those supporting churches and ministries to discern and take their next faithful step; and Benetas.

For all in need
May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you.
We pray for: Alison; Andrew; Ann; Dennis; Gina; Jenny; Jodie; Jon; Nicole; Ray; Rebecca; Richard; Sarah; Susan; Venetia; Yvette and family; and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed
We pray for those who have died recently: Marco Daniel;
and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Nicholas Andrew; Charles Atkins; Cathleen Ann Balla; Christopher Boniface; Frederick Fuller; Michael Hargreaves Gregory; Alison Pope; Florence Richards; and Jessie Southcott.

Offertory Hymn: 5

During communion, this Anthem is sung by the choir:

1. *Peace be to you and grace from him*
   Who freed us from our sins,
   Who loved us all and shed his blood
   That we might saved be.

2. *Sing holy, holy to our Lord,*
   The Lord, Almighty God,
   Who was and is and is to come;
   Sing holy, holy, Lord!

3. *Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,*
   Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
   For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
   For Christ is coming soon!

4. *E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,*
   And night shall be no more;
   They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
   For Christ will be their All!

Words: from Revelation 22
adapted by Ruth Manz (*1919–2008*)
Music: Paul Manz (*1919–2009*)

Final Hymn: 9

Postlude: Festal Postlude
by E. Markham Lee (*1874–1956*)

Roster for today ADVENT SUNDAY 29 November 2026		Roster for next Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6 December 2026	
		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
 **ANNUAL MEETING** **TO BE HELD AFTER THE 9:30 A.M. COMBINED EUCHARIST SERVICE**		Sides-person Acolyte Eucharistic Assistant Intercessor Readers	Miriam Cherry Chris Miles Leigh Mackay Malcolm Tadgell Leonie Bird Lorilae Garcia
9:30 a.m. Combined Holy Eucharist		**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**	
Sides-persons Acolytes Eucharistic Assistants Intercessor Readers Morning Tea	Grant Rowlands Melissa Carson Malcolm Tadgell Judy Mallinson Helen Baddeley Betty Renjen Jenny Robertson Hamish Tadgell Muriel Porter *Annual Meeting*	Sides-persons Acolytes Eucharistic Assistant Intercessor Readers Morning Tea	Len Whitehouse Robyn Whitehouse Pam Felgate Meg Winter Ray Lester Judy Wright Riley Brooks Marilyn Hope *In The Vicarage until December 13*
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		**Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist**	
Sides-person Reader	Jenny Robertson Jenny Robertson	Sides-person Reader	Andrea King Andrea King

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	*Andrew, Apostle & Martyr* **Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.**
Wednesday	Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d. *1892*)
Thursday	Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. *1552*) **Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m.**
Friday	Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d. *1637*)

Morning Prayer **8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**
Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283
https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWR1dm1XWDQ4Zz09

Evening Prayer **5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**
Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283
https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWR1dm1XWDQ4Zz09

Reflections on the Lections **7:30 p.m., Wednesday**
Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=M1czZ1JRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09

Notices

The **Annual Meeting** of the parish of St George, Malvern, occurs **today**, following a **combined morning eucharist at 9:30 a.m.**

Today, is also the **last day for Adrian Chong,** our Parish Administrator. Adrian has been with St George's for almost 4 years and leaves us to commence full-time study.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in selling sausages and other goodies to those voting yesterday. A special thanks to those who co-ordinated it all: Robin Barrett and Robyn and Len Whitehouse.

Given that in this election there was voting here yesterday, and that our Parish Hall is an 'election hub', the Hall remains closed to us **until December 6th**. During this time, there will also be no access to the kitchen or the storage room opposite the Assistant Curate's office. Thank you for your patience and forbearance during this period. Morning Tea will be held in the Vicarage next Sunday, December 6, until we return to the Hall the following Sunday (and see below about that).

On Sunday 13 December, our choir will premiere a newly-commissioned setting of the Eucharist at our 10 a.m. service. On this day we will mark and keep **St Lucy's Day**. This is an exciting day and event for the parish and the choir, so please be sure to be present.

There will also be a **Christmas Concert with Stonnington City Brass will occur at 3:00 p.m.** Come along to sing carols and be present to show off the restored church, with its renewed acoustic, to the many who will come along.

APBA Calendars and 2027 Lectionaries are available for collection. Please contact the office to collect your orders and pay if you have yet to do so.



Christmas Services
St George's, Malvern

Christmas Concert
With Stonnington City Brass
Sunday 13 December at 3pm

Christmas Eve

5pm Children's Service
10:00pm Carols in the Church
10:30pm First Communion of Christmas ("Midnight Mass")

Christmas

9:30am Traditional Christmas Service

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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.