



ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Stacey Slater

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday 15 October 2023

8am & 10am

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Introit: *Lord for thy tender mercy's sake* (Farrant)

Hymns: 465, 287, 345, 26

Motet: *Jesus good above all other* (German 14th century)

Postlude: *Prelude in C* (Bach)

Organist: Roger Brown

THIS WEEK

Monday 16 October	8.30am 10am	Morning Prayer Ministry Team Synch and Coord Conf
Tuesday 17 October	9am- 12pm 12.30pm	<i>Vicar's Day off</i> Telecommunications Changeover Funeral for Merrilyn Coleman at <i>Lilydale Memorial Park</i>
Wednesday 18 October	10am 7pm	Holy Communion with prayers for Ukraine Leading your Church into Growth session 6 online
Thursday 19 October	6pm	<i>Assistant Curate's Day off</i> Launch of the MtSV 2023 Art Prize
Friday 20 October	10am 12.30pm 4pm	Holy Communion at <i>Benetas The Views Heidelberg</i> World Day of Prayer Workshop Ministry Team Weekly debrief
Saturday 21 October	10am- 2pm	Community Open Day at <i>Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.</i>
Sunday 22 October		Rev'd Kristen at St Paul's Rev'd Stacey at St George's
<i>Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost</i>		Exodus 33.12-23 Ps 99 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-33

MASS READINGS

Please use these readings in conjunction with the Order of Service for the Eucharist, commencing at page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia'.

INTROIT

Lord for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant (1525-80)

SENTENCE

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

ISAIAH 25.9

COLLECT

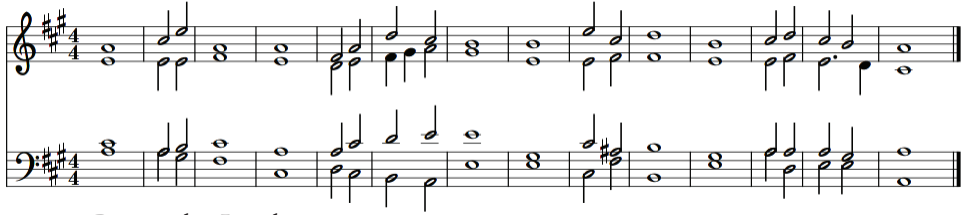
Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful
for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve
and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A reading from the book Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.”’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

PSALM 106: 1-6, 20-24



- 1 Praise the Lord
O give thanks to the Lord for | he is | good:
and his mercy en |dures for | ever.
- 2 **Who can express the mighty | acts . of the | Lord:**
or | fully | voice his | praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who act ac|cording . to | justice:
who at | all times | do the | right.
- 4 **Remember me O Lord**
when you visit your people | with your | favour:
and come to me | also . with | your sal | vation,
- 5 That I may see the prosperity | of your | chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people
and exult with | those who | are your | own.
- 6 **We have | sinned . like our | fathers:**
we have acted per |versely . and | done | wrong
- 20 At Horeb they | made themselves . a | calf:
and bowed down in | worship | to an | image.
- 21 **And so they exchanged the | glory . of | God:**
for the likeness of an | ox that | eats | hay.
- 22 They forgot God who | was their | saviour:
that had done such | great | things in | Egypt,
- 23 **Who had worked his wonders in the | land of | Ham:**
and his terrible | deeds . at the | Red | Sea.
- 24 Therefore he |thought . to des|troy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach
to turn a|way his |wrath . from de|stroying them.

A reading from Paul's epistle to the Philippians

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts;

what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

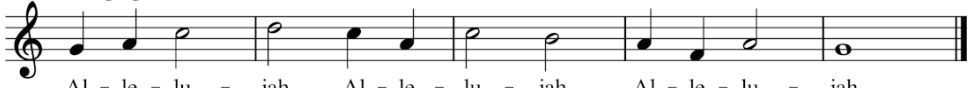
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

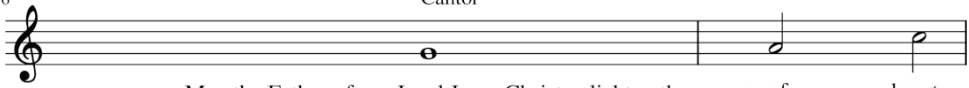
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation




Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

6 Cantor




May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,

8



so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call,

12 Congregation



Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22.1-14

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.



Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to - Glory to you Lord Jes - us Christ

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”



This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jes - us Christ

SURSUM CORDA

Priest
The Lord be with you

3 Congregation
And Al - so with you

5 Priest
Lift up your hearts

7 Congregation
We lift them to the Lord

9 Priest
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

12 Congregation
It is right to give our thanks and praise

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION MOTET

Jesus good above all other

German 14th Century

POSTLUDE

Prelude, from Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 547

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PARISH PRAYERS

Murray Steele, Bill Pearson, Dr Helen Kouzmin, The Rt Rev'd Andrew St John, Wayne Oswald, Gabriel Pronobis, Alan Tracey, Bella Saadala, David Nolte, Dorothy Maher, Anthony Schiavone, Stephen 'Spud' Murphy, Frank McFall, Paul Finch, Colin Derbyshire, Rebecca Bowden, The Malek family, Katie Pittle, Hannah, Colin Summerbell, Fr Bill Edebohls, Vince Cristiano, Bob Hill, Matt Clay and his father, Faye, Rachel, Kyle, Lilly, Gwen Pearce, Pam Hill, Violetta Karama Wickvamasinghe, Libby Davis, Jim and those known to you alone.

We pray for Fr John's ministry to Ivanhoe Grammar School as the School Chaplain, and for our involvement with that community.

We remember those who have died in recent days. We also recall with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

We pray for God's protection, peace and restoration for our parishioners who are travelling at this time.

We give thanks to God for Nan and Coral who will exercise a ministry of prayer for growth.

PRAYER FOR GROWTH

God of Mission
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
joy to our worship,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

Sorted

Lord our God bless the Sorted Community as they build relationships with young people and empower them to help form new Christian communities. May participants find friendship and an opportunity to explore faith. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

Oct 16	Caroline FLETCHER	1971
Oct 17	Dorothy PEARCE	2005
Oct 17	Colin TAYLOR	1988
Oct 18	Rhoda McCALLUM	2017
Oct 18	Norman WILSON	2007
Oct 19	Evelyn CHRISTIAN	2014
Oct 20	Hazel COAD	2019
Oct 20	Harold ROUCH	1998
Oct 20	William ORFORD	1976
Oct 20	Frances McWILLIAMS	1987
Oct 21	James WRIGHT	1994
Oct 21	Joyce MILL	1983
Oct 21	Alexander DEMPSTER	1994
Oct 21	Marien GUY	1973



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Live-Streaming of Services - YouTube

We live-stream our services and events via our YouTube channel, (St George Peace Memorial Church East Ivanhoe). You may access our services, online via this link: <https://stgeorgeseastivanhoe.org/online>
If you subscribe to our channel and enable notifications you will receive automatic alerts when we go live.

Opportunities to serve

The call of God upon us, is to a life of love and service to Him and one another. Have you prayerfully considered how God might want you to serve at St George's? There are a variety of roles currently unfilled. Please step out in faith trusting God for his enabling and ask John how you could be serving particularly around hospitality and prayer.

Wednesday Holy Communion service.

10am Wednesday Holy Communion service will now be conducted in the seating area just inside the church doors. This shorter, seated service provides easy access and comfort for anyone who may have mobility restrictions. We also enjoy the warmth of the morning sun. Please join us.

Prayer Group for Growth

We give thanks to God that Nan and Coral have discerned a call to lead intentional prayers for growth in this community, on a day and in a manner that works for availability. Let us uphold Nan and Coral in our prayers as they pray for us all.

Funeral of Noel Whale

A huge ‘thank you’ to all those who assisted with Noels funeral, those who cleaned the church and hall, inside and out, the musicians, readers, servers, choir, and all those who assisted with hospitality afterwards, and the inevitably ‘clean-up.’ I received text messages of appreciation throughout the afternoon and evening, and emails from people in the UK for the service we all created and participated in. I think Noel would have been pleased. May he with all the saints rest in peace and rise in glory. -John

Save the date

World Day of Prayer (WDP) Workshop Friday 20th October 2023.

A workshop will be held at Level 2, Wesley Place, 130 Lonsdale St, Melbourne on Friday 20th October starting at 12.30pm.

The workshop is an opportunity to reflect on the 2024 Theme “I beg you... bear with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:1-3).

It also gives participants a chance to share creative ways to enrich the WDP service in March, 2024. It is St Paul’s turn to host this service next year. BYO lunch at 12pm at the venue. Tea and coffee available. Also on Zoom. Queries etc see Betty Shelton asap.

29th October – 5pm Choral Evensong Sir Christopher Wren

9th December – 6.30pm Parish Bring ‘n’ Share Supper and Farewells to the Rev’d’s Kristen Dillon and Stacey Slater

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St George's East Ivanhoe Musical Season of Invitation

October

Sunday 29th 5pm
Choral Evensong
Sir Christopher Wren

November

Saturday 25th 7.30pm
Heidelberg Wind Ensemble
Angels in the Architecture

December

Sunday 3rd 5pm
Choral Evensong
Christmas Bowl Appeal

Sunday 10th 5.30pm
Jazz Vespers
for Advent II

Friday 15th 7.30pm
Sing Nowell 23

Sunday 17th 9pm
Nine Lesson and Carols

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