**St Matthew’s Anglican Parish Cheltenham**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost /OS 21**

**DAFFODIL SUNDAY**

**Sunday 24th August 2025**



**Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Gerald Loos**

**Deacon 0f the Mass**

**Rev’d Jill Renison**

**Organist: Mr Keith Fullard**

*This church stands on the land of the Boon Wurrung people.
We respectfully acknowledge their elders,*

*past and present, and we pray*

*for the ongoing work of reconciliation.*

**OPENING HYMN:** **Morning has broken** TIS 156

**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain’s new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God’s feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God’s recreation
of the new day!**



GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

♫Cantor – Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am sick, and my bones are racked with pain.

*The Pascal will now be lit*

*The names of the deceased will now be read*

*The names of those who suffer from cancer or in remission will now be read*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Invitation to Confession*

 *Silence may be kept.*

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

**and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♫ **Kyrie eleison (x3)**

**Christe eleison (x3)**

**Kyrie eleison (x3)**

*The Gloria*

♫ **Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT**

Let us pray,

Heavenly father, giver of life and health: comfort and restore those who are sick, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Isaiah

 (Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 – found on page 548 in the pew bibles)

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 23

**The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he’s waiting for me.**

**I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

**And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we’ll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he’s given to me**

**I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Hebrews

**(**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 **-** found on page 977 in the pew bibles**)**

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

♫ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

♫ Cantor – He too our sickness away and carried our diseases for us.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

 (Luke 12.32-40 - found on page 847 in the pew bibles)

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Sermon**

 *Silence may be kept*.

**The Nicene Creed**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

**We believe in one God,**

 **the Father, the almighty,**

 **maker of heaven and earth,**

 **of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

 **the only Son of God,**

 **eternally begotten of the Father,**

 **God from God, Light from Light,**

 **true God from true God,**

 **begotten, not made,**

 **of one being with the Father;**

 **through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge**

**the living and the dead**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son**

**is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy**

**catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the**

**forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE LITANY OF HEALING**

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.   **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life,

and might have it more abundantly.

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence. **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.    **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, especially those suffering from cancer and those in remission that they may be made whole.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.   **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress

soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.   **Hear us, Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, Lord, is the well of life

**and in your light do we see light.**

Hear us, Lord of life:

**heal us, and make us whole.**

Let us pray.

*A period of silence follows.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;

in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**HYMN: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds. *TIS 223***

**How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrow, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
’Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.**

**Dear Name! the Rock on which I build;
my shield and hiding-place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus, my Shepherd, brother, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King;
Our Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of our heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see you as you are,
I’ll praise you as I ought.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

♫The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts**.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks

in sickness and in health,

in suffering and in joy,

through Christ our Saviour and Redeemer,

who as the Good Samaritan

tends the wounds of body and spirit.

He stands by us and pours out for our healing

the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope,

turning the darkness of our pain

into the dawning light of his kingdom.

And now we join with saints and angels

for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name**

**of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation,

this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,

we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,

and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

  This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

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Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming again,

we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

 Renew us by your Holy Spirit,

unite us in the body of your Son,

and bring us with all your people

into the joy of your eternal kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

with whom, and in whom,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

we worship you, Father,

in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

♫As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,**

**for we all share in the one bread.**

♫ **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

Behold 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.**

*The sacrament is given with the following words*

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

♫ Cantor – my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

Let us pray.

God of all compassion, by the dying and rising of your Christ

you restore us to yourself and enfold us in your love.

May we who have been refreshed with the bread of life and the cup of salvation be renewed by your healing Spirit and made ready for the coming of your kingdom;

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

*Please remain seated for some announcements.*

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*If you are able, please stand for God’s blessing*

May God the holy and undivided Trinity preserve you in body, mind and spirit, and bring you safe to that heavenly country where peace and harmony reign; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN:** **Now thank we all our God.** TIS 106

**Now thank we all our God**

**with hearts and hands and voices,**

**who wondrous things has done,**

**in whom the world rejoices;**

**who from our mothers' arms**

**has blessed us on our way**

**with countless gifts of love,**

**and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God**

**through all our life be near us,**

**with ever joyful hearts**

**and blessèd peace to cheer us.**

**Lord, keep us in your grace,**

**and guide us when perplexed,**

**and free us from all harm**

**in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God**

**who reigns in highest heaven,**

**to Father and to Son**

**and Spirit now be given:**

**the one eternal God,**

**whom heaven and earth adore,**

**who ever was, is now,**

**and shall be ever more.**

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Morning tea after Mass in the Parish Hall

*All donations for Cancer Council*

**‘Feast / Special days**

21 September – St Matthew

5 October – St Francis of Assisi – Blessing of animals

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

St Matthew’s will be having a sausage sizzle at Bunnings as a parish fund raiser on Sunday 7 September from 8am onwards. Please support

**Service Roster 31August 2025 - 12 after Pentecost**

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| **Volunteer roster:** | **Readings:**  |
| Welcomer: JanChalice: GrahamReader: Tao/Chung FamilyIntercessor: Tao/Chung Family | Jeremiah 2:4-13Psalm 81Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16Luke 14:7-14 |

**Prayer Diary:**

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| Monday  | 25th  | Joan & Don LeslieFr Gerald, Shani & Gabe LoosSanjeeve, Rapti & Skyler Markalanda / Wijendra Family |
| Tuesday  | 26th  | Shirley & Ken MarriotRory McGrathFrances McKay |
| Wednesday  | 27th  | Fr Rob & Jenny McUtchenMarie Murray-ArthurRomain Ohlmus |
| Thursday  | 28th   | Gillian PalliserHelen PederickSue PolitesPolites / Scully family – Deb, Patrick & Gabrielle |
| Friday  | 29th  | Rev Jill RenisonBeverley RobertsShaun Schoorman |
| Saturday  | 30th  | CHNSt. Matthew’s Cheltenham |

****God’s healing is a profound expression of His love and compassion. It is not limited to physical cures, but extends to the healing of our inner wounds—our grief, guilt, fears, and brokenness. In a world marked by suffering and uncertainty, the healing presence of God offers hope, renewal, and peace.

Throughout Scripture, we see Jesus healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind, and raising the dead—not just to demonstrate power, but to reveal the heart of God: a heart moved by mercy. His touch brings wholeness, and His words bring life.

Yet, healing does not always come in the form we expect. Sometimes God heals through doctors, through the love of others, or through time and prayer. Other times, healing may not mean the removal of pain, but the strength to bear it, the peace to live with it, and the grace to grow through it.

When we open our hearts to God’s healing, we begin to see how He is always at work—restoring relationships, softening hardened hearts, calming anxious minds, and renewing faith. God’s healing reminds us that nothing is beyond His reach, and no wound is too deep for His love.

In His presence, we find not just relief, but restoration. We are reminded that in all things, God is making us whole again.

Blessings

Fr Gerald

**Pastoral Care Initiative – Reaching Out to the Lost Sheep**

As part of our parish’s pastoral care ministry, we are seeking to reconnect with members of our community who may have drifted away from the Church or no longer attend regularly. Fr Gerald is planning to personally visit or contact those who have fallen away, to offer care, prayer, and a welcoming invitation back into the life of our parish.

If you know of anyone—family members, friends, or neighbours who has stopped attending church or feels disconnected, please pass their names and contact details confidentially to Fr Gerald.

Together, let us be the hands and heart of Christ, reaching out with love and compassion to all.

***“Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” – Luke 15:6***

A BIG **THANK YOU TO all who helped in diverse ways during the service and morning tea this morning**

We hope you enjoyed joining us in worship this morning

Please make yourself known to Fr Gerald as you leave the church

**You are welcome to reach out to Fr Gerald if you wish to engage in a conversation or discuss any matters related to today’s Mass**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ST MATTHEW’S**

**First Sunday of the Month**:

8:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

**Every Sunday**:

9:30am A sung service of Holy Communion

with a Children’s Program

 **Wednesdays** (not in January):

9:45am Prayer for Healing, Wholeness and Peace

10:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

**Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings**:

9:00-9:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom.

The link can be found in the Parish e-newsletter.

Meeting ID: 796 1738 1243

Passcode: 8hzrij

If you would like to donate to St Matthew’s, thank you!

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**Vicar – Fr Gerald Loos SSC**

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Wednesday – Healing Mass and Home Communions

Thursday - Office Day in Parish Office

Friday – Pastoral Visits

Please note that Fr Gerald will be taking his regular day off on Monday. Should there be an emergency or if you require urgent pastoral care, he can be contacted on his mobile.

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