ST OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS

Sunday 8 November, 2026



Twenty Four Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

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Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: *Holy Trinity Mass* John Ross

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 266

The Greeting: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence for the Day:

Watch and be ready,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Please follow service in green Prayer Book starting page 119

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Confession APBA page 120

Absolution APBA page 120

Kyrie please refer to screen

The Hymn of Praise APBA page 121 please refer to screen

Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared to all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word
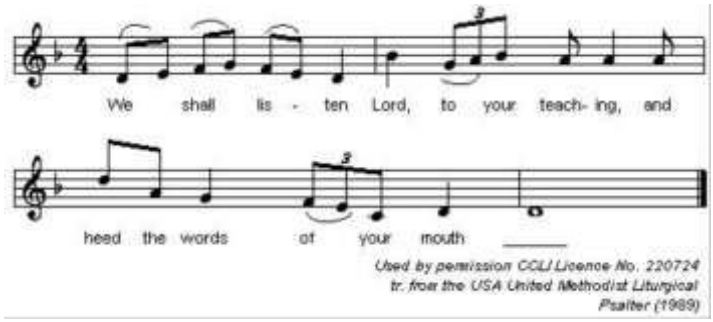
A Reading from the Prophet Joshua *[Joshua 24: 1 – 3 a, 14 – 25]*

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord , the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 'Now therefore revere the Lord , and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord . Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord , choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord .' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord , for he is our God.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord , for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign

gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord !' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord , to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord , the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78: 1 - 7 8 am page 301 10 am TiS 41



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We shall listen Lord, to your teaching,
and heed the words of your mouth.

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians
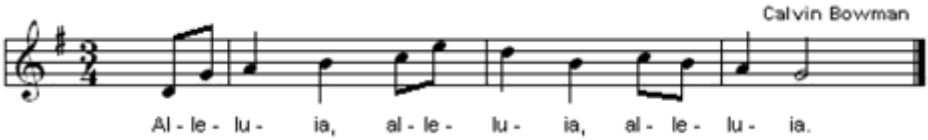
[1 Thessalonians 4: 9 – 18]

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one. But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others

do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Please stand.



Gospel Acclamation

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew *[Matthew 25: 1 – 13]*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the

wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Sermon

Please stand

THE CREED *please refer to the screen*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — *please refer to the screen for the prayers.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Offertory Hymn Together in Song 503 v. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

Offertory Prayer

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 5 —please refer to screen.

Music during Communion
Schmücke dich Op 122 no 5 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD please refer to screen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Bountiful God,
at this table you graciously feed us
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love,
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn Together in Song 280

Postlude: *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen* Op 122 no 4
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Help wanted for Christmas

Between 20th and 24th December we get the church ready for Christmas by—

- Arranging Flowers in the Church
- Cleaning candle sticks and replacing candles.
- Chaing Altar linen and replacing Alter frontal with a Christmas frontal.

All these jobs were a part of my of my capabilities but as I now need a walking stick I only have one hand to work with and cannot do these jobs.

Please would volunteers phone me if you can help in any way with these jobs—one or all of them is up to you. I will be happy to assist with advice.

Kerry Ennis—9885 1042

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GROCERIES FOR ANGLICARE

We will start our Christmas grocery drive for Anglicare in Clayton on Sunday 1st November. It will run through all Sundays in November and finish on Sunday 6th December. Please put your groceries (small sizes) in the baskets at the back of the church.

I heard on an interview on T V that people are going without toothpaste, Shampoo and soap in order to buy food. Christmas treats are always welcome as well as tins of fish, ham, fruit and vegetables.

Your support has been terrific. Let's keep up the good work.

Thank you Barbara Olney

From the Vicar

My Dear family,

There is something truly beautiful and special about coming together as a family of God every Sunday to worship Him. The church is not merely a building where we gather; it is a family of believers, united by one faith, one Lord and one love.

In our busy lives, with so many commitments, challenges and distractions, let us never forget the importance of setting aside Sunday as a special time to come into God's presence. When we gather to pray, sing, listen to His Word and share in Holy Communion, we strengthen not only our relationship with God but also our bonds with one another.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Every person matters in the family of God. Our presence, our prayers, our smiles and our fellowship can encourage someone who may be struggling or feeling lonely. Let us therefore make an effort to come together, not out of obligation, but out of love, gratitude and a genuine desire to worship our Lord.

Let St. Oswald's be a place where everyone feels welcomed, valued and loved. Let us encourage one another, support one another and grow together in faith. A church becomes stronger not simply through its numbers, but through the love, commitment and faith of its people.

My dear family, let us make Sunday worship a priority. Let us come together, worship together and grow together as one family in Christ.

May God continue to bless our church and bring us closer to Him and to one another.

Peace and blessings!

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Mal

Learning Lantern

The new names of the Episcopates and the new Bishops who were installed are as follows.

The new episcopates: Merri, Geelong, Nunnawading and Dandenong. The Bishops who were appointed for each episcopate



Bishop Ben Wong,
Bishop of Nunnawading



Bishop Nigel Pope,
Bishop of Geelong



Bishop Megan Curlis, Bishop of Merri



Bishop Paul Barker,
Bishop of Dandenong

St. Oswald's falls under Nunnawading and will be under the guidance of Bishop Ben Wong.

Intercessions

For the church:

The World: Oceania
The Anglican Communion: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Bunbury: St Bartholomew's Cathedral; The Diocese of Melbourne: Episcopal Area of Dandenong; Archdeaconry of Berwick; Casey & Cardinia Deanery:
St John's Cranbourne/Tooradin, Christ Church Berwick;
Holy Trinity Hampton Park; Proclaim Clyde North AAC, Casey Dinka,
St Matthew's Endeavour Hills; St James Pakenham;
St Mark's Emerald; St Luke's Cockatoo; St John's Upper Beaconsfield;
Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies; Geelong Grammar School.

Departed

Eris Cole, Norman Dobson, Ellen Rowell
Richard Norton & his baby daughter Sharni

Indigenous Service at St. Oswald's Glen Iris
Sunday 22 November, 10.00 am

We will be joined by parishioners from the Glen Iris and Camberwell Uniting churches for an Indigenous Service based on a liturgy developed by Uncle (Father) Glenn Loughrey. Fr Mal will preside at the service. Our preacher will be Rev'd Helen Dwyer.

Rev'd Helen Dwyer is a Priest in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne who brings deep expertise in Indigenous liaison and parish leadership as Chaplain to Grimwade House at Melbourne Grammar School. Helen says" As a proud Ngarrindjeri woman, my Anglican faith is connected to my culture."

Following the service, there will be a morning tea in the Hall and an opportunity to meet and discuss Indigenous matters with members of the Murnong First Peoples' Gathering Place and visit the Aboriginal Gallery and Womindjeka Garden. There is a new Exhibition in the Gallery by Indigenous artist N'Dene Riley entitled *"Ancestors Country – Nature and Ocean."*

For further information about the service, please check the website https://www.stoswaldsgleniris.net.au/ or contact Vicar **Fr Mal on 0400 621 554** or **Peter Johnson 0417 548 896.**
All welcome.

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Eric Cole; Norman Dobson; Ellen Rowel; Richard Norton & his baby daughter Shani

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/@stoswaldgleniris/live

Wednesdays

Holy Communion is discontinued. However, the church will be open between 9.30 and 11. 30 each Wednesday

Tuesday 10 November

2—4 pm **Afternoon Tea Set**

Sunday 15 November

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Judges 4: 1—10

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5: 1—11

Matthew 25: 14—30

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor	***W. Andrews***
Communion Assistant	***C. Adams***
Reader	***T. Andrews***
Intercessor	***K. Ennis***
Welcome / Offertory	***L. Williams***
Morning Tea	***V. Lee*** ***D. Lee***

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