

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 26B | 29 September 2024



Welcome to this service of worship of Mark the Evangelist

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

If you are able, please stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"...

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ...

Peace be within your walls...

[from Psalm 122]

Let us worship God.

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 391 *Come God's people, sing for joy*

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet,

a light to our path.

Romans 6: 3-14

Psalm 122 Hymn 78 *I was overjoyed, Alleluia*

Matthew 28: 16-20

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching

Prayer of Confession



Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:
Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology



Glo - ry to God... in the high - est and
peace to Gods' peo - ple on earth. Lord God... heav'n-ly king... al-migh-ty God. and...
Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you... for... your glo-ry.
Lord Je-susChrist, on-ly Son of theFa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of theworld: have mer - cy on us; youare seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone... are the
ho - ly one, You a - lone... are the Lord, you a - lone are themost high,
Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the... glo-ry of... God the... Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, who made you and loves you?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, you Saviour and Lord?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, and the continuing work of our salvation?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

This is the faith of God's baptised people.

We are not ashamed to confess it in Christ our Lord.

Prayers of the People

(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 489

[NB this printed version has a fourth verse]

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!
- 3 The Father's splendour clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!

Words: John B. Geyer (as in *Hymns and Songs*, London: Methodist Publishing House 1969, 72)

The Great Prayer of 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.

(The prayer continues...)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na - in the high - est!

(The prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

(The people sit)

The Breaking of the Bread

The gifts of God for the people of God....

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

...Let us receive what we are,
let us become what we receive
The body of Christ

The Communion

The Uniting Church recognises this Table as the Lord's and, so, open to all who would normally commune in their home congregations.

GATHERING: *We'll gather in a circle around the table for the distribution of the elements; please wait until all have received and the prayer is said before returning to your seats.*

If you can't stand or walk to the front but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand if the celebrant has not already noticed you.

Offering

(We remain seated as the offering is brought forward)

Many members now make their offering by electronic transfer; the plate will be passed for those who prefer to make cash/envelope offerings. The prayer dedicating the offerings 'captures' the full range of gifts.

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn [tune 142]

- 1 Nothing less than love has saved us -
not our wisdom, art or skill.
Christ, amidst our mess and madness,
died and rose and, living still,
sends us, treasured, fed and cherished
empty hearts to find and fill.
- 2 Nothing less than faith sustains us -
living water, pilgrims' bread.
Christ, the friend who never leaves us,
walks the unknown path we tread,
sends us, brave or trembling, onward
to the work that lies ahead.

- 3 Nothing less than justice calls us -
not what we may stand to gain.
Christ, beside the poor and voiceless,
pleads for peace, denounces pain,
sends us out to make a difference,
growing heaven's earthly reign.
- 4 Nothing less than Holy Spirit
gives our mission energy.
Christ, among the slow and fearful,
breathes the truth that sets us free,
sends us out to bless, forgive and
be the change we long to see.
- 5 Nothing less than all we are and
all we have and dream and do
you transform by grace, and make us
holy, humble, hopeful, true.
Threefold God of power and beauty,
start with us your world made new.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude

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St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, London



Salisbury Cathedral

NOTICES

The Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania is invited to engage more deeply into this journey of Walking Together. The key aspects of this journey are reflected in deep listening, creating and broadening of relationships between First and Second Peoples, taking responsibility for justice and truth telling, and of ensuring that the voices of First Peoples are heard and respected within the leadership of the Church and its Councils. This journey of walking together as First and Second Peoples is our Synod's expression of the Covenant between the UAICC and the UCA. **The Presbytery of Yarra Yarra (PYY) is looking for nominations to Represent PYY on the Walking Together in Covenant Committee.** Speak to Craig if this is something which might interest you.

THE WESLEY CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

MtE provides significant financial support for the Centre



Hello Wesley Centre Community! The Centre will be hosting an event on Sunday the 13th of October from 3:30pm - 5:30pm called 'Reconciliation, Where are we now? Marking a year since the referendum,' for which we are seeking a few volunteers to help us for on the day. **Tasks Include:** Assisting with Pack Up/Pack Down, Assisting people getting in and out of the building, Setting up catering, Spot cleaning surfaces and rubbish throughout the event. **Perks Include:** Snack and drinks, Listening and being involved in what is looking to be a moving, informative and insightful panel discussion. We will be needing assistance from the hours of **2:45pm - 6pm located at Wesley Place.** We would be incredibly appreciative of any time you may be able to donate towards this event and If you're interested and would like further details, **please email our Centre Coordinator Alice via coordinator@thewesleycentre.org**

The Beauty of Holiness

An Exhibition of Icons and Religious Art
of the Uniting Church Icon Schools

October 2024
The Centre for Theology and Ministry
College Crescent, Parkville



Exhibition launch - 2.00pm Sunday 29 September

Some exhibits are available for sale.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Church Council	Oct 1 (online)
WESLEY CENTRE: <i>Reconciliation – Where are We Now?</i>	Oct 13, details TBA
Online discussion groups	Returning in October
Quarterly Essay Conversation	Oct 18, 11:30am
Hotham Mission Board	Oct 18, 2pm
Combined worship at Church of All Nations	Oct 20, 10:00am
MtE Luncheon after worship	Nov 24

People to commemorate this week

James Watson, Christian pioneer

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

Lectionary Readings | 06 October 2024

Job 1:1-2:10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

A Parish Mission of the UCA, MtE is responsible for Hotham Mission

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