

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 27B | 06 October 2024



Welcome to this service of worship of Mark the Evangelist.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude L-N Clérambault, *Récit de Cromorne*

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

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

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.** *ex. Psalm 95:1-2.*

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 557 Awake, my soul

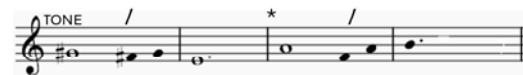
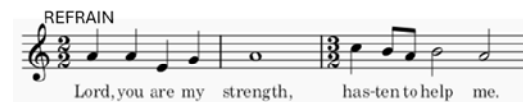
The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

From the Hebrew Scriptures: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm 26:



- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived /with integrity; *
I have trusted in the LORD and /have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O /LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart /and my mind.
- 3 For your love is be/fore my eyes; *
I have walked faithful/ly with you.
- 4 I have not sat /with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with /the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of /evildoers; *
I will not sit down /with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in inno/cence, O LORD *
that I may go in procession /round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song /of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your /wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in /which you dwell *
and the place where your /glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me a/way with sinners, *
nor my life with those who /thirst for blood.
- 10 Whose hands are full of /evil plots, *
and their right hand /full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live /with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have /pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on /level ground; *
in the full assembly I will/bless the LORD.

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The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

This is the gospel of the Lord.

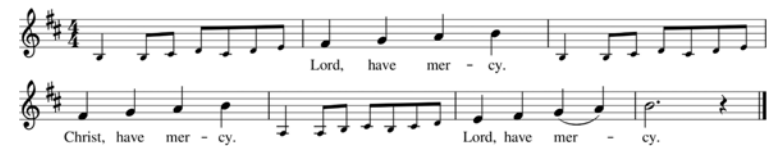
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

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

Prayer of Confession

***Most merciful God,
 We confess that we are in bondage to sin
 and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbours and ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
 so that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***



Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

'Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has one; a new life has begun'. (2 Cor. 5: 17-18)

Hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:

Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology



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 the most 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.

Prayers of the People

(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)
The prayers reflect the concerns of the World Council of Churches in their study document Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry (Faith and Order Commission, Lima, 1982).

In faith, let us bring our prayers before the Triune God of love:

R: O Lord, hear our prayer. *(Sung here and at the end, see TIS 741)*

For the church of God throughout all the world,
 let us invoke the Spirit.

R: O Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations,
 that they may establish and defend justice and peace.

R: O Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who suffer oppression or violence,
 let us invoke the power of the Deliverer.

R: O Lord, hear our prayer.

That the churches may discover again their visible unity
 in the one baptism which incorporates them in Christ,
 let us pray for the love of Christ:

R: O Lord, hear our prayer.

That the churches may attain communion
 in the eucharist around one table,
 Let us pray for the strength of Christ:

R: O Lord, hear our prayer.

That the churches may recognize each other's ministries
 in the service of their one Lord,
 let us pray for the peace of Christ:

R: O Lord, hear our prayer.

(and repeat the sung response as above.)

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 495 Father, we give you thanks

(If you are able, please remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

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...)



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

(The prayer continues...)



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and pow' r are yours for - e - ver and ev - er, are yours for - e - ver and ev - er.

(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



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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 215 You servants of God

Word of Mission

The Blessing

Postlude L-N Clérambault, *Dialogue*

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We'd love to hear your feedback on the service.

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Our website is:

<http://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/>

NOTICES

AKBAR OUR NEIGHBOUR

Akbar, the Iranian asylum seeker supported by this congregation since his release from (illegal) detention in 2013, continues to live in Australia with no visa, no work rights and no legal status. Thanks to his generously/privately funded North Melbourne gardening 'work', and the regular financial contributions of some of our congregation members he enjoys some financial independence. He has recently overcome an accommodation 'crisis' with practical assistance from these sources. Akbar is included in our prayers of intercession on the first Sunday in each month.

Rosalie Hudson

ORGANISING OUR QUARTERLY WORSHIP/SUNDAY ROSTER

We are seeking one or two people who would be willing to take up responsibility for organising our quarterly worship/Sunday roster. If you think you could help here, please speak to Craig or Peter

SEEKING NOMINATIONS TO REPRESENT PYY ON THE WALKING TOGETHER IN COVENANT COMMITTEE

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



Reconciliation & the Referendum: Where are we now? (A

Public Forum) Please join [The Wesley Centre](https://www.wesleycentre.org.au) for a public forum to mark one year since the majority of Australians voted 'no' for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Hear from Aboriginal leaders, learn about colonialism and the media, and reflect theologically as

we continue the work of Reconciliation together. **3.30 – 5.30pm, Sunday 13th October at Wesley Place, Melbourne.** This is a ticketed event. You can get your tickets here - <https://events.humanitix.com/reconciliation-where-are-we-now-marking-one-year-since-the-referendum>. The forum will be followed by a 6pm service of prayer in Wesley Church. All welcome.

Theology Matters: How thinking About God Shapes Australia You are invited to join us for a panel discussion to launch a new book edited by Prof. Peter Sherlock and Dr Daniel Nellor, *Theology Matters*. *Theology Matters* presents a series of conversations with prominent Australians about how theological ideas and religious practices inform their contribution to public life. Through their stories, it asks the ultimate question: what difference does theology make? Participants in *Theology Matters* include Deborah Barker, Rufus Black, Frank Brennan, Libby Byrne, Julie Edwards, Dan Fleming, Stan Grant, Sean Lau, Anne Pattel-Gray, Tony Rinaudo, and Kevin Rudd. **When: Wednesday 6th of November, 5:30pm - 7pm Where: 4th floor Wesley Place, 130 Lonsdale St, Melbourne.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WESLEY CENTRE: <i>Reconciliation – Where are We Now?</i>	Oct 13, 3:30pm
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
Church Council	Nov 12 (online)
WESLEY CENTRE <i>Theology Matters: How thinking About God Shapes Australia</i>	Nov 6 Wesley Place
MtE Luncheon after worship	Nov 24
Congregational meeting after worship	Dec 15 <i>New</i>

People to commemorate this week


Helen Pearl Mackenzie, medical missionary and educator

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

Lectionary Readings | 13 October 2024

Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31



The Council of
Christians and Jews
Victoria (Inc)

**Rabbi Micky Boyden, Israeli progressive
rabbi and sought after speaker presents:**



“Israel, Iran and where to go from here!”
“And a dip into how Jews read the holy scriptures.”

Rabbi Michael (Micky) Boyden was born in London and is a graduate of London University and the Leo Baeck College. He served a reform congregation near Manchester and was Vice President of the Assembly of Rabbis of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, before moving to Israel in 1985. He has since founded Rabbis For Israel and was directly involved in the establishment of an advocacy group called 'We Are For Israel', which was supported by hundreds of rabbis and Jewish leaders worldwide. He is also a past President of the Israel Council of Progressive Rabbis and served as director of its national Rabbinic Court for Conversion. In Israel he pioneered the establishment of two Reform congregations and is now the spiritual leader of 'Kehilat Yonatan'. He is a frequent international speaker, particularly on the topics he will cover in this presentation, and writes regularly for the Ha'aretz and The Times of Israel newspapers.

Rabbi Boyden is visiting Australia as guest Rabbi of Kedem Progressive Congregation, Armadale.

Sunday, 13 October, 3-5 pm, St John's 5 Finch St, East Malvern

\$10, including Kosher afternoon tea. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/rabbi-boyden-presents>



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