

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 30B | October 27, 2024

My teacher,
let me see
again

Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist!
Today's service is being live-streamed for the participation of those
who can't join us physically today.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude Bach *Sarabande* from Suite in D major for solo cello

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 101 v.1)

If you are able, please stand when the cantor sings the first line, and sing as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space:

***Come, you people, come adore him,
God in Holy Trinity,
God the Father, Son and Spirit,
ever blessed unity***

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us bless the LORD at all times
let praise continually be on our lips.

Magnify the LORD with me;
let us exalt God's name together.

Psalm 34.1,3

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 432 Christ is made the sure foundation

With the Children

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.

Hebrews 7:23-28 *Once for all*

Psalm 34:1-8 *O taste and see*

The REFRAIN is sung before and after the whole psalm.

The psalm text will then be sung responsorially to the TONE below: the first line is sung by the 'half' of the congregation closest to entry doors, the second bold-italic line by the other side

REFRAIN

God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

TONE

- ¹ I will bless the Lord | at all times;
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ² My soul shall glory | in the Lord;
let the humble hear | and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the | Lord with me;
let us exalt his | name to-gether.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord | and he answered me
and delivered me from | all my fears.
- ⁵ Look upon him | and be radiant
and your faces shall | not be a-shamed.
- ⁶ This poor soul cried, | and the Lord heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around | those who fear him
and de- | -livers them.
- ⁸ O taste and see that the | Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who | trusts in him.

Mark 10:46-52 *What do you want me to do for you?*

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 MERCY

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

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

Lord have mer - cy, Lord 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!

The Peace

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

The Nicene Creed

***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 by the Holy Spirit of 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,
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.*

Reception of Carlos Ruiz Patiño as a Member in Association

...The minister asks the congregation:

Will you welcome Carlos
into the fellowship of this congregation,
and will you offer him
your friendship and support?
We will.

Let us pray...

...for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below,
praise God above, you heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

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Prayers of the People

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

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 394 Christ is risen!

(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.

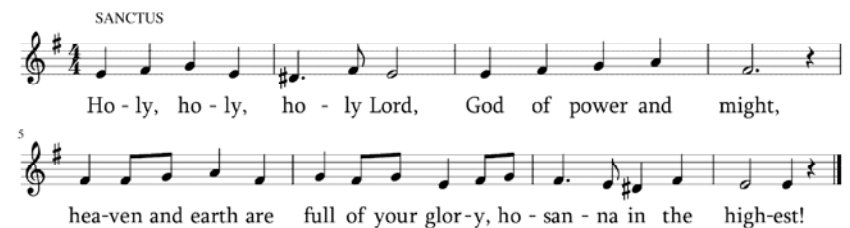
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glor - y, ho - san - na in the high - est!

BENEDICTUS

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(The prayer continues...)

CHRIST HAS DIED

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

(The prayer continues...)

BLESSING AND HONOUR

Bless-ing and hon - our, glo - ry and power are yours for e - ver - more

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...

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, 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 585 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude Salomé *Grand Choeur*

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The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle

Canada

Immigration has brought people from many parts of the world to Canada, and multiculturalism is a defining characteristic of Canadian society. The indigenous people of Canada, called the "First Nations", have successfully lobbied for increased autonomy and the settlement of their claim to their traditional lands. They have also obtained reparation for abuses suffered in the "Native Residential Schools", which were operated by the Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian and United churches as official agents of the government's policy of assimilation. This has been a test, also financially, for the churches, which have acknowledged and lamented their past with a remarkable sense of responsibility. Ecumenism has been a strong dimension of the Canadian churches. The United Church of Canada is one of the oldest organic unions in the ecumenical movement. In the 1980s the so-called "coalition model" marked the cooperation between the Canadian churches and ecumenical groups dealing with issues such as social justice, peace, etc. The Canadian Council of Churches, which includes the Catholic and Orthodox churches, has evolved into a "forum". Working relationships with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, an affiliated body of the WEA, are good. Evangelicals and Pentecostals represent about 29 percent of the Protestants, and seven percent of the total number of Christians.

United States of America

Christianity came to the US with the European settlers as of the 16th century. All the major traditions and denominations are present. The Great Awakenings of the 19th century have played a major role in the emergence of the Evangelical, Holiness, Pentecostal and Charismatic movements and their extension in the world. The African American churches were at the heart of the Civil Rights movement in the 1950-60s which brought an end to racial segregation. New forms of church, e.g. megachurches, non-denominational churches, have originated in the US and spread to other countries. The Roman Catholic Church is the single largest church. Baptists make up 33 percent of the Protestants and independents, Pentecostals 18 percent, and non-denominational Evangelicals and Charismatics 12 percent. Almost all the Orthodox patriarchates have archdioceses or dioceses in the US and are integrated in the society. The National Council of Churches is the ecumenical body, and the National Association of Evangelicals is affiliated with the World Evangelical Alliance.

NOTICES

PEACE CONVERSATION

A small group of MtE members will be meeting with Mark Zirnsak of the Synod's Justice and Mission Unit this coming Friday Nov 1 at 1130am, to consider the Unit's proposal to next year's Synod Meeting about the Church's commitment to peace. For more information (including the text of the proposal), please speak to Craig.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE ALBRECHT DÜRER'S MATERIAL RENAISSANCE EXHIBITION

Matthew Champion's offer of a guided tour of the Albrecht Dürer's Material Renaissance Exhibition has been rescheduled for Friday, 22 November at 10.00am. (Arts West Gallery, The University of Melbourne). Please let Gaye Champion know if you would like to attend.

THE WESLEY CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

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• **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.

• **Christian Monastic Wisdom Today**

Join us at the Contemplative Studies Centre, Melbourne University, for an enlightening conversation between our Director Robyn Whitaker and Cyprian Consiglio, a Camaldolese monk and recently appointed International Secretary General for Monastic Interreligious Dialogue. Cyprian's work focusses on how Christian monastic traditions can inform and enrich contemporary contemplative practices and interfaith conversation. Given the growing religious diversity in Australia, this exploration of spiritual traditions is particularly timely. **When: Wednesday the 13th of November, 5:30pm - 7pm, in the University of Melbourne's Forum Theatre (153), Arts West - North Wing (148A)**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Online discussion groups	From October 23 and 25
Synod Peace Proposal Conversation (MtE)	Nov 1, 11.30 am (CTM) NEW
WESLEY CENTRE <i>Theology Matters: How Thinking About God Shapes Australia</i>	Nov 6 Wesley Place
Church Council	Nov 12 (online)
WESLEY CENTRE: Christian Monastic Wisdom	Nov 13, (Melb Uni)
Hymn-learning session after worship	Nov 17
Queens College Chapel (Final 2024 Service)	Nov 17, 4pm NEW
Dürer exhibition tour	Nov 22, 10.00 (Melb Uni) NEW
MtE Luncheon after worship	Nov 24
Congregational meeting after worship	Dec 15

MINISTRIES	This Week	Next Week
Liturgist/Preacher	Craig Thompson	Rob Gotch
Elder	David Radcliffe	Rosemary Wearing
Organist	Gabrielle Mercer	Donald Nicolson
Welcome	Carlos Ruiz Patiño	Neil Champion
Readings	David Sutherland	Alan Wilkinson
Intercessor	Rosemary Wearing	Ann Wilkinson
Flowers	Mary Sutherland	Lorraine Yick
Cantor		
Morning Tea	Sue Blackwood Barbara Mathison	Heather Mathew Lorraine Yick

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People to commemorate this week

Reformation Day, reformers of the Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Canada, United States of America

Lectionary Readings | 03 November 2024

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

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