

The Congregation of Mark the
Evangelist
All Saints | November 3, 2024



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 J Speth, *Toccata*

The Gathering of the People of God

Processional

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

Hymn Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord we offer to your name;
young and old, their praise expressing,
join your goodness to proclaim.
As the saints in heaven adore you,
we would bow before your throne;
as your angels serve before you,
so on earth your will be done.

Tis 772

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 25:6-9) Rosemary Wearing

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food,

***a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with
marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.***

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast
over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

***Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be
glad and rejoice in his salvation.***

Let us worship the Lord.

Prayer of invocation

... With Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

Hymn God, we praise you, God, we bless you – Tis 99 (to Tis 774)

Greeting and Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

Early Word

The Testimony of Scripture

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

Revelation 21:1-6a Alan Wilkinson
John 11:32-44

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word “... all things new”

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

Prayer of Confession

... just so, gracious God, have mercy on us ...

LORD HAVE MERCY

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

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

9
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

...

... Hear our prayer, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

... Hear then the words of grace from the one who dwells among us in
life: Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology

Gl - ory to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea - ven - 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 Jes - us Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
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, Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Peace

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

Affirmation of faith: God is with us

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

The United Church of Canada,
General Council 1968, alt. 1998

Prayers of the People

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

Response:

Lord, with all your saints,
ble^ss us in your work.

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn And now, O Father, mindful of the love – Tis 519

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

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

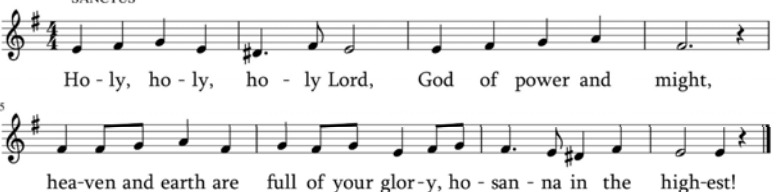
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

... And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place,
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation
in the eternal hymn:

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!

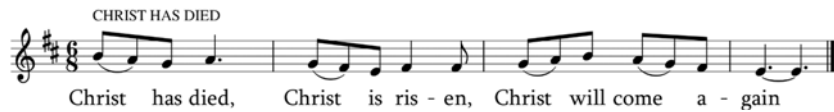
BENEDICTUS



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...)

... Great is the mystery of faith...



(The prayer continues...)

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place,
that all blessing and honour might be yours:



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.***

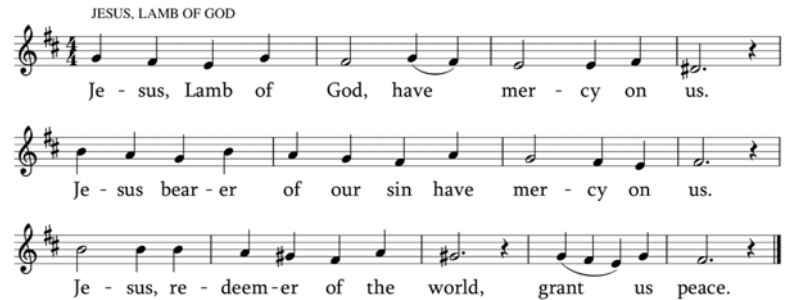
(The people sit)

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ is the bread of Resurrection,
new life for all.

Christ is the cup of salvation,
wounded for our healing.

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.

After receiving communion, we'll share in a Litany of Praise and then you are invited to light a taper as a sign of thanksgiving for the light of Christ and the life of a loved one.

Post Communion Prayer and Litany of Praise

Father of all, we give thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. With the saints you give us the power to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth of Christ's love, which is beyond all telling.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God forever.

You call the saints to hear your creative voice in the depths of their hearts.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God forever.

You empowered your apostles to proclaim the gospel to all nations.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God forever.

You gave martyrs the courage to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God forever.

You inspired your faithful ones to walk steadfastly in the way of the gospel, as did Mark the Evangelist, Mary the mother of Jesus, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nyssa & Gregory of Nazianzus, Gladys Aylward, George Fox, Monica Furlong, Antony of Egypt, Agnes of Rome, Timothy and Titus, Lydia, Dorcas & Phoebe, and those we remember with love this day. May you be blessed forever in your saints.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God forever.

Lighting of tapers.

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.

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, for your generosity:
you were rich, yet for our sake you became poor,
so that through your poverty we might become rich.

With our praise, O Lord, accept these gifts and others giving in different ways, and use them for the enrichment of others
and for the glory of your name.

Amen.

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn Shout for joy – Tis 545

Word of Mission and Blessing

Go forth to shout for joy that heaven starts here, in the faith, hope and love of Christ, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Postlude D Buxtehude *Toccata*

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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*

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 here: University of Melbourne's Forum Theatre (153), Arts West - North Wing (148A)**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Online discussion groups	From October 23 and 25
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, (Melbourne uni)
Hymn-learning session after worship	Nov 17
Queens College Chapel (Final 2024 Service – "Advent")	Nov 17, 4pm
Dürer exhibition tour	Nov 22, 10.00 (Melb Uni)
MtE Luncheon after worship	Nov 24
Congregational meeting after worship	Dec 15

People to commemorate this week

Soren Kierkegaard, Christian thinker

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Lectionary Readings | 10 November 2024

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

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