The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist Sunday 32B - November 10, 2024



for all

Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelistl
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 C Merulo, Toccata Prima

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 132 v.4)

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

Holy, holy! Lord God almighty, all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy! merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD.

I will praise the LORD
as long as I live.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth; there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

(Psalm 146.1-4)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 474 Here in this place

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 9.24-28 Once, for all

Mark 12.38-44 Less as more

This is the gospel of the Lord.

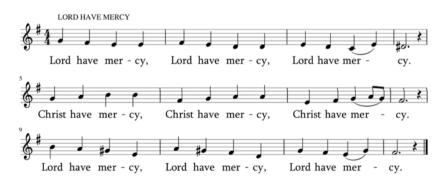
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

There is no written text available of today's sermon; the video/audio is available on YouTube

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

Prayer of Confession



Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

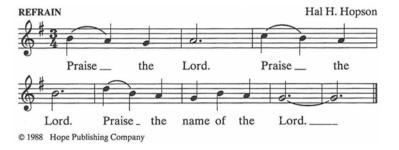
...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:

Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology via Psalm 146 The Lord sets the prisoners free

REFRAIN: Organ, then all together (sung also at the end). The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE



TONE



¹ Praise | the LORD!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

- ² I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; *I will sing praises to my God all | my life long.*
- ³ Do not put your | trust in <u>princes</u>, in mortals, in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴ When their breath departs, they return | to the earth; on that very day | their plans perish.

- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the | God of <u>Jacob</u>, whose hope is in the | LORD their God,
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all | that is <u>in them;</u> who keeps | faith forever;
- ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food | to the hungry.

The LORD sets the | pris'-ners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down:

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan | and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he | brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all | gen-er-<u>ations</u>. *Praise | the LORD!*

The Peace

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

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.

Prayers of the People

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

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 145 The king of love my shepherd is

(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...)



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....



...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 375 Come, let us with our Lord arise

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude GG Nivers, Dialogue à 2 Chœurs

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The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle

Aotearoa New Zealand

The indigenous people of the islands that form New Zealand, the Polynesian Maori, arrived there some 800 years ago and called it "Aotearoa - land of the long white cloud". Britain annexed the territory in 1840 and negotiated the Treaty of Waitangi, by which the Maoris ceded their sovereignty, but retained their perpetual rights to the land. The treaty was violated by the colonizers, and white settlers soon outnumbered the Maoris, who lost several land wars between 1843 and 1872, but resisted the assimilation imposed by the British. In 1947 New Zealand became fully independent as a constitutional monarchy within the British Commonwealth. In 1975 the Waitangi Tribunal was established, to deal with claims of violation of the Treaty since 1840. Maoris constitute 14 percent of the population, Pakeha (people of European descent) 80 percent, and Pacific islanders and other immigants six percent. New Zealand has a modern, developed economy, based on the export of agricultural and industrial products. The Anglican Church is the largest church, followed by the Catholics, the Presbyterians and the Methodists. These churches have in various ways provided possibilities for the Maoris to have their own jurisdiction, without separation. Similarly, there have been two ecumenical bodies, for the Pakeha and the Maori, Churches have also been the first to add Aotearoa to New Zealand in their name. An interesting form of local unity emerged in the 1980s, called "cooperative ventures" between congregations of different confessions. There are several Pentecostal church groupings and independent charismatic groups, and an Evangelical network.

NOTICES

'PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND: OUT OF THE DEPTHS, I CRIED TO YOU OH LORD'. ONLINE EVENT

Thursday 28th November at 7:30pm Melbourne time. 'Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Holy Land: Out of the depths, I cried to you oh Lord'. This **online** event is being organised through the Uniting Church Assembly's Working for Justice Circle. See the weekly MtE news on our web site for connection details

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

MtE provides significant financial support for the Centre

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 Wed / Fri until end of Nov

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

Margaret of Scotland, faithful servant

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia

Lectionary Readings | 17 November 2024

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

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