

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
Sunday 33B - November 17, 2024

# More than Stones

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** A Gabrieli, *Ricercar Secondo Tono*

### *The Gathering of the People of God*

**Sung Processional** (TIS 61 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:*

***Sing, all creation, sing to God in gladness,  
joyously serve him, singing hymns of homage,  
chanting his praises, come before his presence:  
Praise the Almighty!***

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**Call to Worship**

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

Come and worship, let your hearts be glad;  
***our souls will rejoice.***

The LORD shows us the path of life;  
***In God's presence there is fullness of joy.*** cf. Psalm 16.9,11

Come, let us worship the Lord...

**Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn** 445 Jesus, where'er your people meet

**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.**

1 Samuel 2:1-10 *The birth of Samuel*

Psalm 16 *I bless the LORD who gives me counsel* PCS p.344, no.6

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

REFRAIN Hal H. Hopson



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

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TONE



<sup>1</sup>Protect | me, O God,

**for in you | I take refuge.**

<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;

**I have no good a- | -part from you."**

<sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land, they | are the noble,

**in whom is all | my delight.**

<sup>4</sup>Those who choose another god multi- | -ply their sorrows;

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names u- | -pon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;

**you | hold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in | pleasant places;

**I have a | goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;

**in the night also my | heart in-structs me.**

<sup>8</sup>I keep the LORD al- | -ways before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall | not be moved.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my | soul rejoices;  
**my body also | rests secure.**

<sup>10</sup>For you do not give me | up to Sheol,  
**or let your faithful one | see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You show me the | path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for | evermore.**

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 *Hold fast to the confession of hope*

Mark 13:1-8 *The beginning of the birth pangs*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

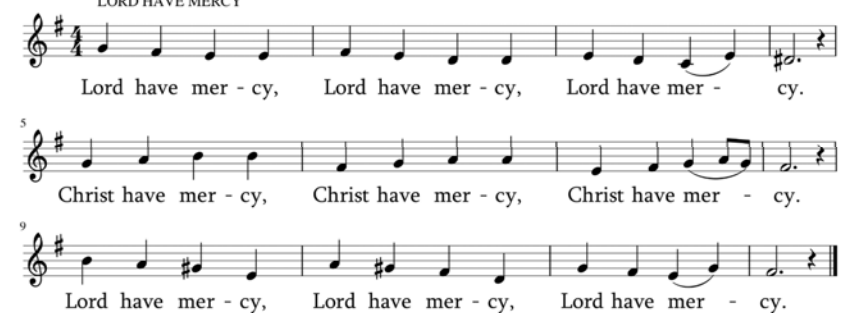
### The Preaching of the Word

*The sermon text will be available  
after worship and online*

*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!**

**Doxology** via TIS 673 I set the Lord before my eyes

**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)*

**The Visible Word: Eucharist**

**Hymn 34** O Lord, you are my God, for you I long

*(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,

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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 -

4



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 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....

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 28** God is our strength and refuge

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** D Buxtehude, *Ein feste Burg*

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## The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

[www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle](http://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle)

### Indonesia

The Indonesian archipelago has been an area of migration for thousands of years. Successive movements of people brought Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam to the region. From the 17th through the mid-20th century the Dutch colonized Indonesia. During World War II it was occupied by Japan. In 1945, Indonesian nationalists led by Sukarno declared independence, which was recognized by the Netherlands in 1949, after three years of unavailing military action against the liberation forces. Sukarno unified the country by introducing one language, and Pancasila (the five pillars: belief in one God, humanism, national unity, democracy, and social justice). One of the challenges of Indonesia is the balance between a unitarian state and regional autonomy, e.g. in Aceh, North Sumatra, and Tanah Papua, in the eastern part of the archipelago. Christianity in Indonesia is comprised of two religions: Protestantism and Catholicism. Protestant churches are numerous, because many are ethnic and cover an island or part of it, or an island group. The ecumenical Communion of Churches, which aims at forming one church, has over 80 member churches. The Pentecostals and the Evangelicals have each their own group, and there is overlap, and cooperation, between the three. Indonesia is the largest Muslim nation in the world. It has a tradition of tolerance, but since 1998 there has been an upsurge of Islamic extremism, resulting in violent conflicts between Muslims and Christians that have disrupted communities in Java, the Moluccas and Central Sulawesi. Many people have been killed and properties destroyed. Communal peace has become a high priority for the Christians.

### Timor Lorosa'e (East Timor)

The Catholic Church is the majority church in the country. It has played an important role in the struggle leading up to independence. The Protestant Church of Timor Lorosa'e, although a small minority church, has also been a witness to justice and reconciliation. Another small church is the Assemblies of God (Pentecostal).

## NOTICES

Welcome today Yoojin Song as our guest preacher. Yoojin is a UCA candidate (Ministry of the Word) here at Pilgrim College.

### MARK THE WORD

Vicki and Rosemary are seeking contributions for the 2024 Summer/Christmas edition of *Mark the Word*. We are again not proposing a theme for this edition and are open to any topic.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could send these via email to us ([vicki.radcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.radcliffe@gmail.com) or [rosemarywearing@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarywearing@gmail.com)) no later than Sunday, 1st December 2024.

### 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.

### '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

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Ludwig van  
Beethoven

Symphony 9,  
4th Movement "Ode to Joy"  
Christ on the Mount of Olives  
The Ruins of Athens (excerpts)

Conducted by Peter Bandy

Rebecca Rashleigh soprano  
Shakira Dugan mezzo soprano

Robert Macfarlane tenor  
Jeremy Kleeman bass-baritone

Sunday 1 December 2024 | 2.30pm

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Online discussion groups	Wed / Fri until end of Nov
Hymn-learning session after worship	TODAY / Nov 17
Queens College Chapel (Final 2024 Service – "Advent")	TODAY / Nov 17, 4pm
Dürer exhibition tour	Nov 22, 10.00 (Melb Uni)
MtE Luncheon after worship	Nov 24
Church Council	Dec 3 (online)
Congregational meeting after worship	Dec 15

### People to commemorate this week

Hilda of Whitby, faithful servant

### Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

### Lectionary Readings | 24 November 2024

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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