



**The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Good Friday | April 18 2025**

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 THE WORD

Prelude JH Buttstedt, *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

The Gathering of the People of God

The word of the prophet

Isaiah 52:13-15

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 331 (tune 497) Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

The grass withers, the flower fades;
**but the word of our God
will stand for ever.**

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Sym-pathy

Hymn 256 From heaven you came
(*We remain seated for this hymn*)

John 18:28-38a Truth

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

The text of the sermon will normally be available after worship and online

Interlude H Scheidemann, *Preambulum in C*

A veneration of the cross from the Cistercian tradition

O Cross of Christ,
on you the life of the world was nailed,
on you Jesus has triumphed:
death destroyed by death!

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour, your cross gives us life!

Behold the tree of life,
on which what was pure was corrupted,
that the corrupt might be made pure:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Saviour of the world holds out his hands
to embrace us all, in his forgiveness:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the blood of the new Adam
gathers all people into one Body:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Father's beloved opens
the gates of the kingdom:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Son of Man gives the Spirit
while breathing his last
within the Father's hands:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the light of the world shines
in the darkness in order to accomplish
the Passover of the universe:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.

If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prayers of the People

Incarnate God,
in the cross of Jesus you span all creation;
in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 351 *Lift high the cross*

Benediction

Postlude JS Bach, *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

We depart quietly

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EASTER SERVICES

Easter Vigil — Saturday April 19 — 8.00pm (gathered only, not live-streamed)

Easter Day — Sunday April 20 — 10.00am (gathered and live-streamed)

Normal service times on Sundays (10.00am) after Easter

NOTICES

MARK THE EVANGELIST LUNCH, 27 APRIL

The annual Mark the Evangelist lunch, at which the members from the Church of All Nations will be our guests, will be held following worship on Sunday 27 April. Could you let Rosemary or Rod know if you are coming and what you are able to bring to share.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Easter Vigil

Sat Apr 19, 8pm

Easter Day

Sun Apr 20, 10am

Combined service with CAN, here at the CTM

April 27

Seat of Melb. Candidates' Forum (UCA event)

Tue April 29, 5.30pm at Wesley

Church Council

Church

May 6, 7.30pm (online)

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