

**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)

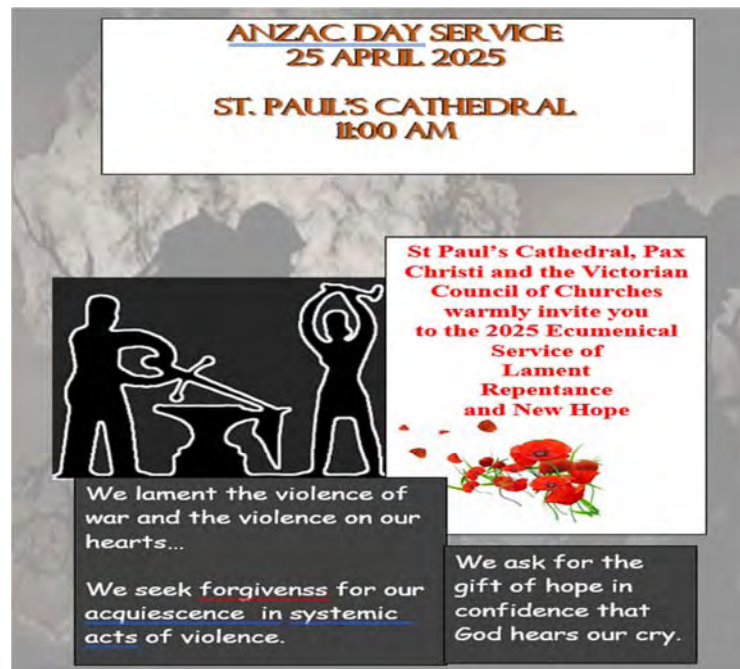
**Easter Day** — Sunday April 20 — 10.00am (gathered and live-streamed)

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
Church Council	May 6, 7.30pm (online)

A Parish Mission of the UCA, MtE is responsible for Hotham Mission

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