

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
Easter Sunday | April 20 2025

# About time

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.

## *Preparing for Worship Today*

- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- Today's service includes a re-affirmation of baptism – look through this before the service to see what happens there.

 AND the service begins a multi-part congregational chant. Please have a look at the "Processional Chant" section before the service begins.



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

## **Prelude** JS Bach, *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

## **Processional Chant: Christ is risen**

The chant commences with the first line, with subsequent lines being overlaid along the way. The first line is the easiest, and you can stick to this all the way through if that's where you're most confident!

**Group 1** is the bank of seats closest to the entry doors; **Group 2** is the central bank of seats; the “**High voices**” can be anyone (or none!) who wants to join in.

*(Cantor once, then All)*

Christ is ri - sen, hal - le - lu - jah! lu - jah!

**Repeats final**

*(Group 1 joins after Cantor sings once)*

Hal-leh - lu - jah, hal - leh, hal-leh - lu - jah! hal-leh - lu - jah!

**Repeats final**

*(Group 2 joins after Cantor sings once)*

Jesus-ri - sen, singhal-le - lu - jah, singhal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! - le - lu - jah!

**Repeats final**

*(High voices after Cantor sings once)*

Christ ri - sen, hal - le - lu - jah! lu - jah!

**Repeats final**

## The promise of God

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Jesus is risen!

***Alleluia!***

Isaiah 25.6-9 *Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation*

## Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 360 Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky (vv1-4, 8)

## 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.***

John 20.1-10 *Early on the first day of the week*

This is the word of the Lord;  
***Thanks be to God!***

#### The Preaching of the Word

## Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

*(The congregation stands)*

Sisters and brothers,  
in our baptism, we died and were  
buried with Christ,  
so that we might rise with him to new  
life.

We were initiated into Christ's holy church  
and brought to life through water and  
the Spirit.

God's mighty acts of salvation for us  
and for all people  
are gracious gifts, freely given.

As we reaffirm our baptism,  
we declare our common allegiance to Christ  
and seek to be obedient to his will.

And so I ask you now:

Do you turn to Christ?  
***I turn to Christ.***

Do you repent of your sins?  
***I repent of my sins.***

Do you renounce evil  
and the false values of this world?  
***I renounce them.***

And now I ask you to confess the faith  
into which you were baptised,  
and in which you continue to live and grow:

Do you believe in God,  
who made you and loves you?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

**LitBit:** "To be baptized is to recover the humanity that God first intended. What did God intend? He intended that human beings should grow into such love for him and such confidence in him that they could rightly be called God's sons and daughters. Human beings have let go of that identity, abandoned it, forgotten it or corrupted it. And when Jesus arrives on the scene he restores humanity to where it should be."

ROWAN WILLIAMS

Do you believe in Jesus Christ,  
your Saviour and Lord?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
and the continuing work of our salvation?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

This is the faith of God's baptised people.

***We are not ashamed to confess it  
in Christ our Lord.***

(Water is poured into the font.)

Come Lord Jesus,  
refresh the lives of your faithful people.

(The people are sprinkled with water.)

#### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

...Hear, then, Christ's word of grace: your sins are forgiven.  
***Thanks be to God!***

#### **The Peace**

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

#### **The Prayers of the People**

#### ***The Visible Word: Eucharist***

#### **Hymn 12 Ye gates, lift up your heads**

1. Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye  
2. Ye gates lift up your heads; ye doors, doors  
doors that last for ay, be lift - ed up, that so the King of  
that do last for ay, be lift - ed up that so the King of  
glo - ry en - ter may. (Men:) But who of glo - ry is the  
glo - ry en - ter may. (Men:) But who is he that is the  
King? (All:) The migh - ty Lord is this, ev'n that same Lord, that  
King (All:) the King of glo - ry, who is this? The Lord of hosts, and  
great in might and strong in bat - tle is, ev'n that same Lord that  
none but he, the King of glo - ry is, the Lord of hosts, and  
great in might and strong in bat - tle is.  
(After v.2)  
Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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(We remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

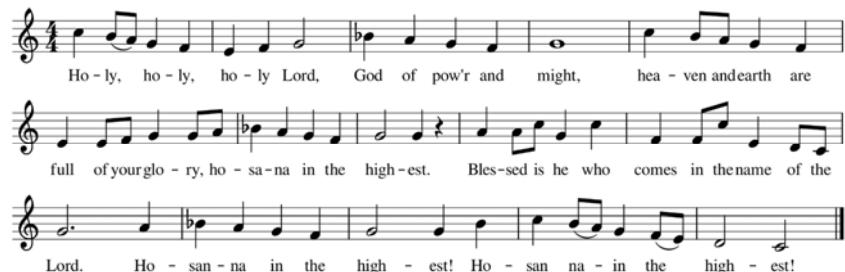
Lift up your hearts.

**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 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

Holy things for a people made holy;

Taste and see that the Lord is good:

*Psalm 34:8*

(Sung:) **Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.** [TIS 390]

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## 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 stand as the offering is brought forward)

## Notices

## The Sending Forth of the People of God

**Hymn** 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

*...ours the cross, the grave, the skies...*

## Word of Mission and Blessing

**Postlude** H Scheidemann, *Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, O Herr*

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## **The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

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

### **Russian Federation**

All the Christian churches and other religious groups suffered severe persecution under the atheist communist regime of the Soviet Union, which disintegrated in 1991, but in particular the Russian Orthodox Church, as the majority church and the locus of Russian religiosity. Among the Protestant and other churches are Baptists, Pentecostals, Seventh-day Adventists, Lutherans (mostly ethnic Germans and Finns), Methodists (which are part of the United Methodist Church), and several separatist Orthodox churches. An Interconfessional Committee was formed for dialogue between Orthodox, Catholics and Protestants but was not operational through 2005.

## **NOTICES**

### **THE WESLEY CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY**

*MtE provides significant financial support for the Centre*

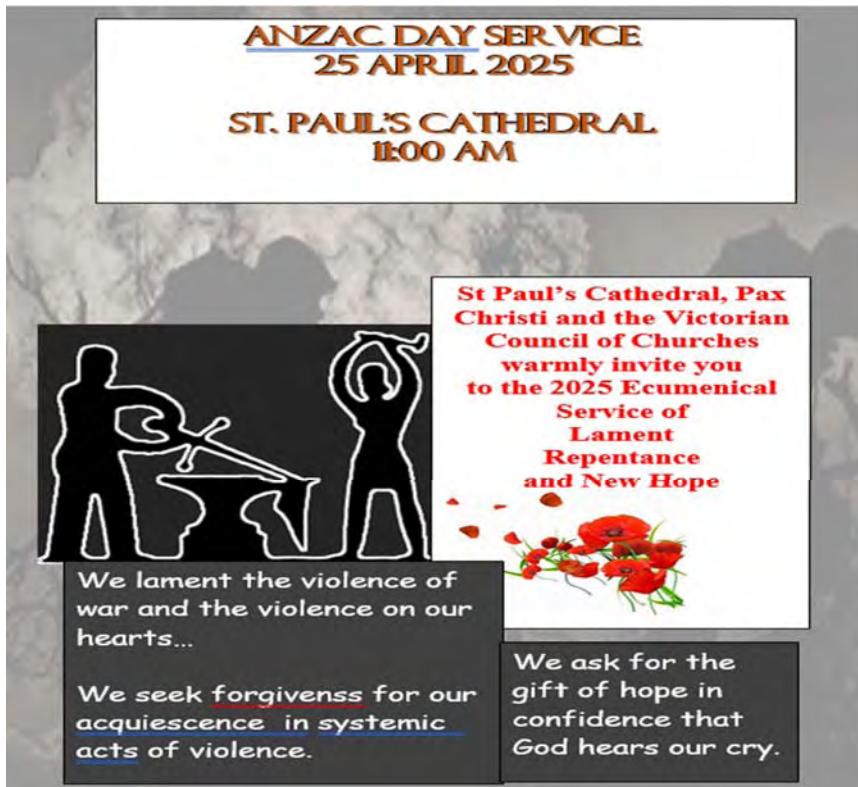


**Wesley Conversation #4 – Thursday May 15:** The Ethics of AI & Human Rights with Ed Santow, former Human Rights Commissioner and author of "Machines in Our Image: The Need for Human Rights in the Age of AI. These 'Conversations That Matter' are held in Wesley Church, 130 Lonsdale St, on the third Thursday of the month from 12.30 – 1.20pm. BYO lunch or coffee.

### **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

Combined service with CAN, here at the CTM, with shared lunch to follow	April 27
Seat of Melb. Candidates' Forum (UCA event)	Tue April 29, 5.30pm at Wesley Church
Church Council	May 6, 7.30pm (online)
Study Series – A public faith	May 14/16+ <b>NEW</b>
Wesley Centre – Human rights and AI	May 15, 12.30pm Wesley Church <b>NEW</b>

## People to commemorate this week

Trevor Huddlestone, renewer of society

## Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

## Lectionary Readings | 27 April 2025

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

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