

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
and the Church of All Nations
Easter 2C | April 27 2025

Peace after Light

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 V Lübeck, *Praeludium in F*

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 390, selected verse)

We stand to sing after the cantor introduces the refrain, and the Scriptures are brought in the worship space:

Refrain

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation.

Refrain

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Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We keep the Lord always before us;

***because God is at our right hand,
we shall not be moved.***

God does not give us up to the grave,

nor lets the faithful see the pit.

The Lord shows us the path of life;

***in God's presence
there is fullness of joy.***

(ex. Psalm 16)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 361 The day of resurrection

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.

Genesis 3.1-10 *I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself*

Psalms 32 *You are my hiding place*

Read responsively

¹ Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.

² Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

³ For I held my tongue;
**my bones wasted away through my groaning
all the day long.**

⁴ Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
**my moisture was dried up
like the drought in summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and my iniquity I did not hide.

⁶ I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁷ Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

⁸ You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with songs of deliverance.

⁹ 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰ 'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
**whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.'**

¹¹ Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Mark 16.1-8 *So they went out and fled from the tomb*

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

The Preaching of the Word

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

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

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to Gods' peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly king, al-migh-ty God. and
Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high,
Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

The Peace

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

The 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 394 Christ is risen!

(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 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

...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.

We set the offering at the foot of the cross, with the whole of ourselves.

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude JS Bach, *Christ ist erstanden*

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We'd love to hear your feedback on the service.

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NOTICES

A special welcome today to our friends from the Church of All Nations!

THE WESLEY CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

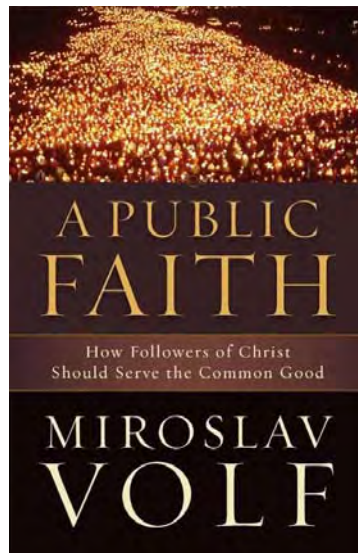
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Wesley Conversation #4 – Thursday May 15: The Ethics of AI & Human Rights with Ed Santow, former Human Rights Commissioner and author of "Machines in Our Image: The Need for Human Rights in the Age of AI. These 'Conversations That Matter' are held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

SECOND QUARTER 2025 STUDY GROUP

Our second quarter 2025 study groups will use Miroslav Volf's *Public Faith: How Followers of Christ Should Serve the Common Good*.



FROM THE PUBLISHER: *Debates are raging today about the role of religions in public life. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, various religions come to inhabit the same space. Covering such timely issues as witness in a multifaith society and political engagement in a pluralistic world, this book highlights things Christians can do to serve the world.*

At least two online (Zoom) groups are planned on **Wednesday** evenings (7.45pm) and **Friday** afternoons (1.30PM), for seven-eight weeks (one week per chapter). These studies will commence on **Wed May 14** and **Friday May 16**, and run for 7-8 weeks. See the MtE website for more details and to register.

LYREBIRD FRIENDS,

Well it appears that Autumn is certainly starting to make its presence felt, even if we have still enjoyed some surprisingly warm weather.

On Sunday May 4th at the usual time of 2pm, Lyrebird Music Society does something a little unusual – a concert combined with a CD launch. You will know that the promotion and encouragement of local composers was very dear to the heart of founder Louise Hanson-Dyer, so we shall be feeling her presence even more than usual.

Linda Kouvaras is a Melbourne composer, musicologist and pianist. In her youthful 1980s she spent time in rock bands playing Punk and New Wave music, but later picked up her classical studies again and received her Masters Degree in Piano and then her PhD in Musicology. She has been teaching in tertiary music since 1989, including the University of Melbourne where she works now. Her music is many things – atmospheric, expressive and powerful being just some of the attributes. She is much recorded and performed as well as being a regular contributor to musicological journals, and in the little time remaining, a teacher of piano and examiner for the Australian Music Examinations Board.

Coady Green we already know. He is one of the busiest musicians we have met, and among his more recent projects are the recording of ALL of Linda's chamber and solo piano music, as well as the complete Preludes and Etudes of Anton Rubinstein, the Russian pianist with the fearsome technique who wished to be known primarily as a composer, performing his own music. It is the launch of another CD in the series of Linda Kouvaras's music that we mark in Sunday's concert.

Please join us for Coady Green and Linda Kouvaras – and bring a friend! Here is the link for tickets and they will also be available at the door. We hope to see you there.

<https://www.lyrebirdmusicsociety.org.au/may-2025>

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**Celebrating
Franz Schubert**

Miriam's Victory Song
Mass in G, Magnificat
plus selected songs

Conducted by Peter Bandy

Teresa Ingrilli soprano
Shakira Dugan mezzo soprano
Timothy Reynolds tenor
Jeremy Kleeman bass-baritone
Kathryn Pisani piano

Sunday 4 May 2025 | 2.30pm
The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe



Tickets
\$60 / \$55 conc / \$35 student
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Combined service with CAN, here at the CTM, with shared lunch to follow	TODAY!
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+ NEW
Wesley Centre – Human rights and AI	May 15, 12.30pm Wesley Church
Congregational AGM (2024)	May 25 after morning tea NEW

People to commemorate this week

Dorothy Soelle, Christian thinker

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Lectionary Readings | 04 MAY 2025

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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

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