

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist

Sunday 19C | 10 August 2025

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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** JJ Nivers, *Plein jeu & couplet: Iste Confessor*

### *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!***

Worship the Lord for his marvellous works,  
***for we have been wonderfully made.***

Come, worship the Lord who has made us,  
***who has searched us out and known us.***

*Psalm 139.1,*

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#### **Prayer of invocation**

**Hymn** 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

#### **With the Children**

## The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

### Sermon (Part the First)

#### The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet  
**and a light to our path.**

John 2:13-25 *He knew all people*

John 15:12-17 *I have called you friends*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

### Sermon (Part the Second)

*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** including Psalm 139:1-6, 15-18 *You have searched  
and known me*

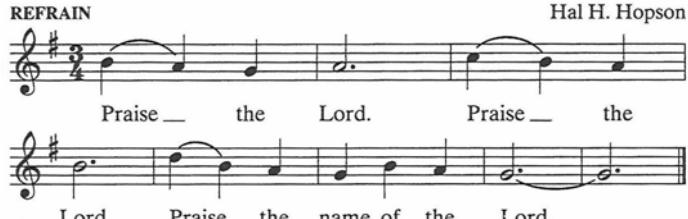
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*REFRAIN: Organ, then cantor, then all together (sung also at the end).  
The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE*

REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

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#### TONE



<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
**you discern my thoughts from | far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
**and are acquainted with | all my ways.**

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD,  
**you know | it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
**and lay your | hand upon me.**

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
**it is so high that I can- | -not attain it.**

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
**when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the | depths of the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for  
me,**

**when none of them as | yet existed.**

<sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

**How vast is the | sum of them!**

<sup>18</sup> I try to count them – they are more than the sand;  
**I come to the end – I am | still with you.**

REFRAIN

#### 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!**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## The Nicene Creed

*|Cantor | People*

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, mak - er of  
heav - en and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve in  
one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be -  
got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from light, true God from true  
God, be - got - ten not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther; through him  
all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from  
heaven, was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Spi - rit of the Vir - gin Mar -  
y and be - came tru - ly hu - man. For our sake he was cru - ci - fied  
un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the  
third day he rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he as -  
cend - ed in - to heaven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -  
ther. He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the

dead, and his king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - y  
Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther,  
who with the Fa - ther and the Son is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied. who  
has spo - ken through the pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly cath - ol -  
ic and ap - os - tol - ic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the  
for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

## Prayers of the People

*(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)*

## 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.*

## The Visible Word: Eucharist

### Hymn 514 Be known to us in breaking bread

*(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...)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea - ven and earth are  
ful of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord! Ho - sa - na in the high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est!

## 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...



Lam - bof God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lam - bof God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lam - bof God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, 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.*

## Notices

### *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

**Hymn** 548 Eternal light, shine in my heart

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** G Corrette, *Dialogue*

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## NOTICES

### MARK THE WORD

Vicki and Rosemary are seeking contributions for the 2025 SPRING 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, 24th August 2025**. Thank you.

### FRIENDS OF VELLORE VICTORIA - FUNDRAISING DINNER

You are Invited to: MEET THE DIRECTOR, Christian Medical College & Hospital (CMC) Vellore. Tamil Nadu. India.

**Dr Vikram Mathews** Professor of Haematology

**Date:** Sunday 24th August 2025 | 5.30 PM for 6.00 PM start

**Venue:** Gaylord Indian Restaurant | 33 Spencer Street Docklands VIC 3008

**Tickets@Humanitix**

Friends of Vellore/CMC Alumni: \$40, Students: \$20, Children Under 12: Free

<https://events.humanitix.com/dinner-with-cmc-director-vikram-mathews>

Limited parking at Grand Hotel (see Humanitix): \$15

Street parking (check signs): Free

**RSVP: 17 August 2025**

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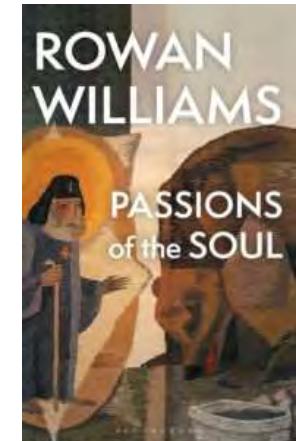


### THIRD QUARTER 2025 STUDY GROUP

Our third quarter 2025 study groups will use Rowan Williams' *Passions of the soul*.

#### FROM THE PUBLISHER

*With compelling and illuminating insight, he shows the cost of living in a culture that is theologically and philosophically undernourished, working with a diminished and trivialized picture of the human self. The Eastern tradition teaches us how to develop our self-knowledge and awareness, so that we can relate to the world without selfish illusions. Only then can we be ready for our eyes to be opened to God, and avoid destructive patterns of behaviour. Only in this way can we understand the kind of people we need to become.*



**Two online (Zoom) groups are planned on Wednesday evenings (7.45pm) and Friday afternoons (1.30PM), for six-seven weeks (one week per chapter).**

**These studies will commence on Wednesday August 13 and Friday August 15.**

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



*MtE provides significant financial support for the Centre*

Wesley Conversation #7 - The Ethics of Making Progress

**Jenny Macklin**, former deputy leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party & Author of *Making Progress: How Good Policy Happens*, will talk about the how and why of good policymaking. Moderator: Daniel Nellor. Thursday August 21, 12.30pm at Wesley Hub, 130 Lonsdale Street.

# JOHN WESLEY'S CLOCK

## a Methodist mystery tour!

Talk by Prof Graeme Davison AO.

### FREE EVENT

Sunday 24 August 2025, at 2.30pm.

**Queen's College Chapel,**

University of Melbourne

1-17 College Crescent, Parkville

Or for a Zoom link, email:

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*See above for more details on these events*

Discussion Groups – Passions of the Soul

Hotham Mission Board

Wesley Conversations that Matter

Combined Church Council conversation (MtE and CAN)

Monday Movies at the Nova

Church Council

Aug 13+ and Aug 15+

Aug 15, 3pm @ CTM

Thu Aug 21, 12.30pm

August 24 12.00-14.00

Mon Sept 1, 10.00/10.30 TBC

2 Sept , 7.30pm (online)

A poster for a choral performance. The title 'MASS IN B MINOR' is written in large, elegant, white script letters. Below it, 'J.S. Bach' is written in a smaller, white serif font. To the left of the title is a circular stained-glass style illustration of a sunburst or mandala pattern in warm colors like orange, yellow, and red. The text 'Heidelberg Choral Society and Orchestra' and 'Conducted by Peter Bandy' is in a small white font. Below that, a list of vocal soloists: 'Elena Xanthoudakis soprano', 'Liane Keegan contralto', 'Robert Macfarlane tenor', and 'Christopher Hillier bass-baritone'. The performance date is 'Sunday 31 August 2025 | 2.30pm' at 'Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School, cnr Noel St and Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe'. A QR code is in the bottom left, and the website 'www.trybooking.com/DBWST' is in the bottom right. The Heidelberg Choral Society logo is at the bottom right.

### People to commemorate this week

Laurence, martyr

### Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

### Lectionary Readings | 17 August 2025

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

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