

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 20C | 17 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 GG Nivers: *Recit & Duo*

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!

Come, worship the Lord,
*who writes his covenant
upon our hearts.*

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you

With the Children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

Gearing for Hearing

The Testimony of Scripture

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

John 20:19-31 *We have seen the Lord*

John 21:15-19 *For a third time, Jesus asked Peter...*

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



Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e - lei - son; Christe, Christe, Christe, e - lei - son.
Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, e - lei - son, e - lei - son, e - lei - son.

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 via Psalm 118

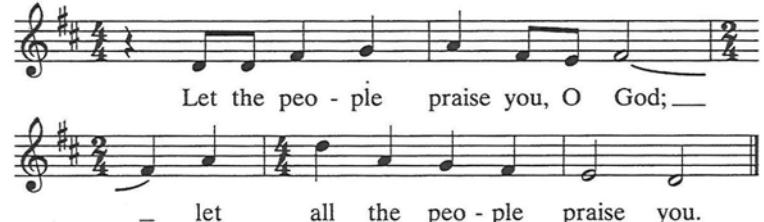
Psalm 118.1,14-24 *This is the day the LORD has made [PCS 342n2]*

The REFRAIN is sung before and after the whole psalm.

The psalm text will then be sung responsorially to the TONE below: the first line is sung by the 'half' of the congregation closest to the hall entry doors, the second bold-italic line by the other side.

REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God; —
— let all the peo - ple praise you.

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TONE



¹O give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;
his steadfast love en- | dures for-ever!

...¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my might;
he has become | my salv-ation.

¹⁶...the right hand of the LORD | is ex-al^{ted};
the right hand of the | LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷I shall not die, but | I shall live,
and recount the deeds | of the LORD.

²²The stone that the build- | ers re-jected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³This is | the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

REFRAIN

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Affirmation of Faith: We are a pilgrim people

Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord

to the glory of God the Father.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work

between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people,

always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity

of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the Church

is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Together with all the people of God,

we will serve the world for which Christ died.

And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

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 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...)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power 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!

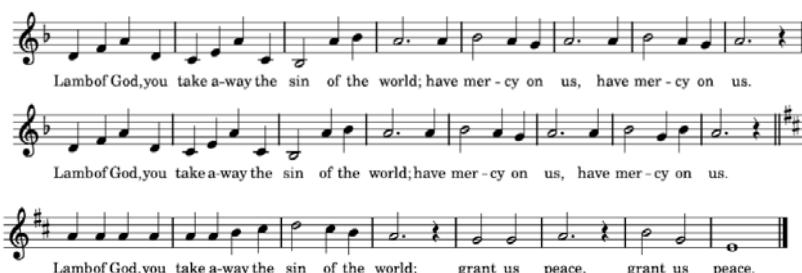
The Lord's Prayer

**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....



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of 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 572 (i) O thou who camest from above

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude J Pachelbel, *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich*

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

Our email address is:

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Our website is:

<http://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/>

NOTICES

NORAH KILLIP FUNERAL – TUESDAY AUGUST 19TH, 11:00AM

Our long-time member and friend Norah Killip died on Sunday evening. A funeral service for Norah will be conducted at the Church of All Nations on Tuesday August 19, at 11:00am, followed by refreshments in the CAN church space.

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 or 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

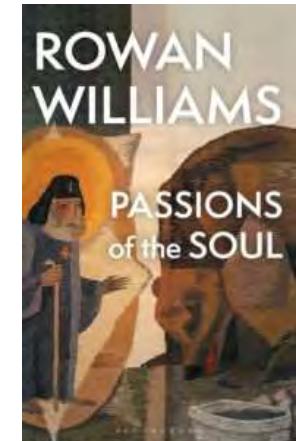
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THIRD QUARTER 2025 STUDY GROUP

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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Heidelberg Choral Society and Orchestra
Conducted by Peter Bandy

Elena Xanthoudakis soprano
Liane Keegan contralto
Robert Macfarlane tenor
Christopher Hillier bass-baritone

Sunday 31 August 2025 | 2.30pm
Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School
cnr Noel St and Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

Tickets
\$70 / \$65 conc / \$45 student
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See above for more details on these events

Funeral (Norah Killip)

Discussion Groups – Passions of the Soul

Wesley Conversations that Matter

Combined Church Council conversation (MtE and CAN)

Monday Movies at the Nova

Church Council

Hotham Mission Board

Tue Aug 19, 11.00 at CAN

Aug - Sept

Thu Aug 21, 12.30pm

August 24 12.00-14.00

Mon Sept 1, 10.00/10.30 TBC

Sept , 7.30pm (online)

Sept 18, 3pm @ CTM

People to commemorate this week

Helena, mother of Constantine, faithful servant

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Lectuary Readings | 24 August 2025

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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

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