

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist

Sunday 21C | 24 August 2025

# resurrection

(before you die)

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

*Our service today includes a short memorial for Norah Killip*

**Prelude** J Pachelbel, *Prelude*

### *The Gathering of the People of God*

**Sung Processional** (TIS 52 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:*

***Let us sing to the God of salvation,  
let us sing to the Lord our rock!  
Let us come to God's house with thanksgiving,  
let us come before the Lord and sing!***

***Praise our Maker, praise our saviour,  
praise the Lord our everlasting king!  
Every throne must bow before him,  
God is Lord of everything!***

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### **Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you!

***And also with you!***

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

***praise God in the heights.***

Praise the LORD, sun and moon;

***praise God, all you shining stars.***

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

***princes and all rulers of the world;***

Young men and maidens,

***old and young together.***

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

***for God's name only is exalted,  
God's splendour is over earth and heaven.***

*(Psalm 148.1,3,11-13)*

## Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 383 Joyful the morning

## With the Children

## *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

## ForeWord

## Word: The Testimony of Scripture

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

John 11:20-44 *Resurrection and Life*

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

## Word: Proclamation

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

*A 'sermon of stillness' – a moment for quiet reflection – usually follows the preaching*

## AfterWord: 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 Psalm 148:1-13 *Praise the Lord*

[PCS p.343, no.3]

*REFRAIN: Organ, then all together (sung also at the end).*

*The psalm text is then sung responsively to the TONE*



## TONE



- 1 ...Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
**praise him | in the heights!**
- 2 Praise him, | all his angels;  
**praise him, | all his host!**
- 3 Praise him, | sun and moon;  
**praise him, all you | shining stars!**
- 4 Praise him, you | highest heavens,  
**and you waters | above the heavens!**
- 5 Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
**for he commanded and | they were cre-ated.**
- 6 He established them for | ever and ever;  
**he fixed their bounds, which | cannot be passed.**
- 7 Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
**you sea monsters | and all deeps,**
- 8 fire and hail, | snow and frost,  
**stormy wind fulfilling | his command!**
- 9 Mountains | and all hills,  
**fruit trees | and all cedars!**
- 10 Wild animals | and all cattle,  
**creeping things and | flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth | and all peoples,  
***princes and all rulers / of the earth!***

<sup>12</sup> Young men and | women alike,  
***old and / young together!***

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
***for his name alone is exalted;***  
***his glory is above / earth and heaven.***

*REFRAIN*

## **The Peace**

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

**Affirmation of faith:** God is with us

***We are not alone,***  
***we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God:***  
***who has created and is creating,***  
***who has come in Jesus,***  
***the Word made flesh,***  
***to reconcile and make new,***  
***who works in us and others***  
***by the Spirit.***

***We trust in God.***

***We are called to be the Church:***  
***to celebrate God's presence,***  
***to live with respect in Creation,***  
***to love and serve others,***  
***to seek justice and resist evil,***  
***to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,***  
***our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,***  
***God is with us.***  
***We are not alone.***  
***Thanks be to God.***

*The United Church of Canada,  
General Council 1968, alt. 1998*

## **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.*

## **Remembering Norah**

**...Hymn 455** For all the saints

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who to the world their Lord by faith confessed,  
your name O Jesus, be for ever blessed.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.
2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might,  
you were their captain in the well fought fight,  
in deepest darkness still their one true light.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.
3. So may your servants, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest,  
the peaceful calm of paradise the blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.
8. From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest shore,  
through heaven's gate the holy people pour;  
the Three-in-One for ever they adore.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

## *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**LITBIT:** ... self-awareness and repentance [are] completely bound up with the nature of what we are doing in the Holy Eucharist: the celebration and the sorrow, the Easter and the cross are always there together. And as we come together as Christians, we come not to celebrate ourselves and how well we are doing, but to celebrate the eternal Gift that is always there, and to give the thanks that are drawn out of us by that Gift.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

### **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.*

### **Notices**

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

**Hymn** 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** JF Dandrieu, *Dialogue*

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## NOTICES

We welcome to our service this morning two of our Yarra Yarra Presbytery's staff: Nadine Rozario and Chris Barnett. Nadine is the Presbytery Minister for Congregations and eLM (equipping for Leadership in Mission), and Chris is the Presbytery's Congregational Cooperation and Mission worker. They will meet with our church council (and the Church of All Nations church council) later today.

### **NORTHEY LECTURE (CTM, 6.30PM, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4):**

*Why Global Solidarities are a Matter of Life and Death: The Difference Religion Can Make*

Even though the globe is moving closer together, solidarity among people appears to become more difficult. Nationalisms, racisms, ethnocentrisms, and sexism are on the rise, dividing and conquering and thereby producing false solidarities. While religion is often part of the problem, it can also become part of potential solutions. As the apostle Paul observes, "if one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). This insight may hold true not only for personal relationships and communities but also for our global situation. The solidarity that emerges here goes deep, as it reconnects us with people, planet, and the divine.

The lecturer, Professor Joerg Rieger, is Distinguished Professor of Theology and the Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair in Wesleyan Studies at *Vanderbilt University*. He also directs the *Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice* at the Vanderbilt Graduate Department of Religion and is an affiliated Faculty member of the *Turner Family Center for Social Ventures, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University*. Rieger is the author and editor of 26 books and more than 184 academic articles, with his most recent monograph being, *Theology in the Capitalocene: Ecology, Identity, Class, and Solidarity* (2022).

*Registration required*



## 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.

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

*MtE provides significant financial support for the Centre*



### **Mending our Social Fabric: Learning from Palestinian and Israeli Women Peacebuilders**

Join us for a special evening as we hear from two extraordinary women peacebuilders about their work in Israel and Palestine. This is a co-hosted event and RSVPs are essential through the link below. Sunday, 31st August 2025; 6.30pm - 9pm, in the southeast of Melbourne (venue TBC upon registration)

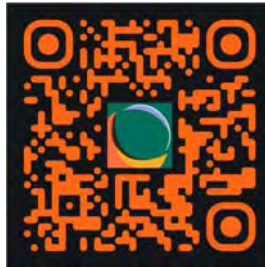
<https://events.humanitix.com/mending-our-social-fabric>

## **TRIO CONTÉ | LYREBIRD MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT - SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER , AT 2PM**

Dear Lyrebird supporters,  
It seems difficult to believe but Spring is apparently just around the corner. Our concert on September 7th features an ensemble new to the Lyrebird Music Society - Trio Conté (violin, cello and piano.) The trio takes its name from Nicolas-Jaques Conté, who is the inventor of the modern pencil, as well as Conté crayons. This doesn't appear to have a direct bearing on the program however, which will include Haydn's "Gypsy" Trio, Songs Without Words by Anne Cawse and Felix Mendelssohn's second Piano Trio, in C minor. The concert is at Yuma Auditorium as usual, (29 College Crescent in Parkville) at 2pm on Sunday 7th September. We hope you will join us in welcoming Trio Conté, and we look forward to seeing you there. Link for tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1353268>

## FAITH AFTER FAITH

Craig has begun to publish various odds and ends on a new Substack page, *Faith after Faith*. This is an experiment in making such things as Sunday sermons, with further commentary, more widely accessible, as well as an attempt to construct a space for reflection on being Christian in a "post-" era: and not least after the death of God in Western culture. Substack sites and posts sit around waiting for whenever people think to go looking for them, or it's possible to subscribe for free to receive notifications of when new stuff is posted. See [faithafterfaith.substack.com](https://faithafterfaith.substack.com) for more info.



**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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**VICTAS UNITING CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**MASS IN B MINOR** J.S. Bach

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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[www.hcs.asn.au](http://www.hcs.asn.au)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*See above for more details on these events*

Discussion Groups – Passions of the Soul	Ongoing
Combined Church Council conversation (MtE and CAN)	TODAY 12.00-14.00
Monday Movies at the Nova	Mon Sept 1, 10.00/10.30 TBC
Church Council	Sept , 7.30pm (online)
Hotham Mission Board	Sept 18, 3pm @ CTM

### People to commemorate this week

Bartholomew, apostle

### Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Liberia, Sierra Leone

### Lectionary Readings | 31 August 2025

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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