

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 27C | 5 October 2025

Funny, that.

Or not.

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 Louis Vierne, *Berceuse*

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 127 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:

*Holy God, we praise your name,
Lord of all, we bow before you;
all on earth your power proclaim,
all in heaven above adore you;
boundless is your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.*

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Come, then, worship the LORD;
***let those who went out weeping
come home with shouts of joy.***

(Psalm 126.1,2,6)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you

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 13:1-35 *Lordship, servanthood, love*

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

Word: In Preaching

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

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

After Word: Confession

Psalm 42:1-5 *Hope in God*
no.6]

[PCS p.344

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 stained glass windows, the second bold-italic line by the other side

REFRAIN

Hal H. Hopson



God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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TONE



¹ As a deer longs for | flowing streams,
so my soul longs for | you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the | living God.

**When shall I come
and behold the | face of God?**

³ My tears have been my food | day and night,
**while people say to me continually,
'Where | is your God?'**

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour | out my soul:
**how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the | house of God,**
with glad shouts and | songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude | keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, | O my soul,
and why are you disquiet- | -ed within me?
Hope in God; for I shall | again praise him,
my help⁶ | **and my God.**

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!

Doxology via 255 (tune 61) O Laughing Light

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



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.

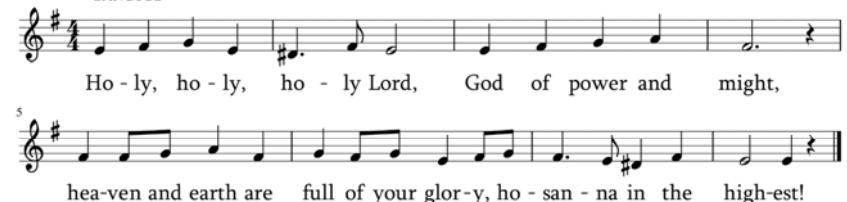
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

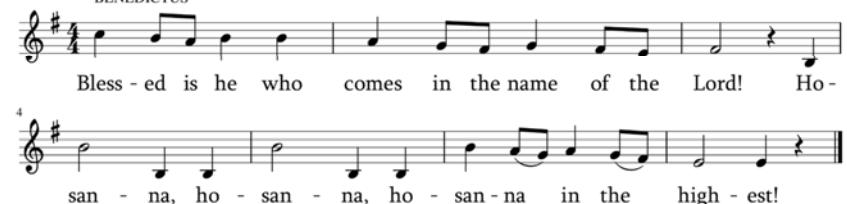
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

SANCTUS



BENEDICTUS



(The prayer continues...)

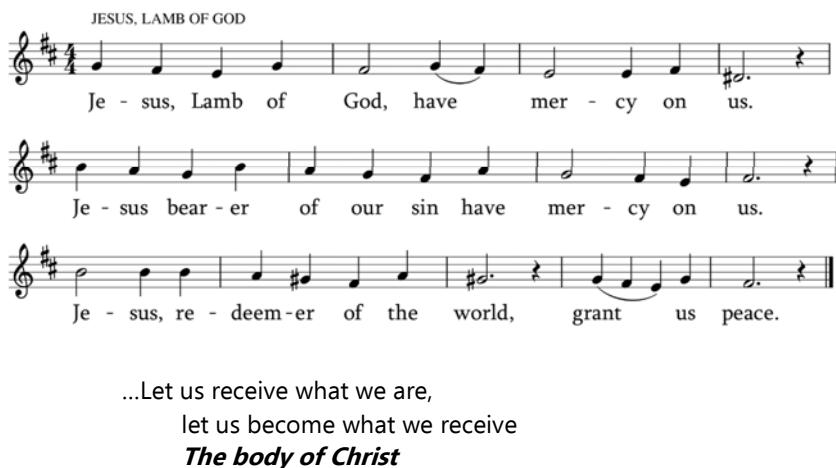
The Lord's Prayer

**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

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD



...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 217(i) Love divine, all loves excelling

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude Georg Böhm, *Prelude & Fugue*

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

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NOTICES

We welcome today Tom Grayden, the chaplain MtE is supporting at the Southbank campus of Melbourne University, in conjunction with Northcote Uniting Church. Tom joins us today to tell us something of his ministry.

MONDAY MOVIES AT THE NOVA - TOMORROW MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

Our movie will be *The Wolves Always Come at Night*, commencing 10:35am, runtime 96mins. Arrive 10:00am+ to purchase tickets (or online beforehand). Coffee/toasties from the Nova afterwards for those who'd like to discuss the film... (A WhatsApp group has been set up for communication around this in future, including having a say in the next movie!)

QUARTERLY CONVERSATION - FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER



In the library at the Center for Theology and Ministry. (Some parking *may* be available onsite, but plan to park in the surrounding streets, just in case...). **Catch a coffee at the CTM cafe before the meeting** (although coffee not allowed in the library), **and then stay for lunch afterwards!** We meet for the conversation from 11:00am-12:30pm.

LIVING HISTORY AND FAMILY STORIES – TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

(South Melbourne 21 October, 6:30pm)

Join David Radcliffe as he reflects on his fifty-year journey to document the lives of Amos and Sarah Radcliffe, their thirteen children and eleven siblings during the 19th and early 20th centuries in his new book, *Goldfields to Graceville*. From discovering the *Lady Hotham* nugget to

oratorios, his talk illustrates how living history opened windows on the world of Amos and Sarah and provided insights when telling their story with 21st century sensibilities. Tues 21 October, 6:30pm. Emerald Hill Library, 195 Bank St, South Melbourne. Book tickets via the QR code or the link. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1455963>



CHURCHES RESPONDING TO YOORROOK: CAN WE HANDLE THE TRUTH? - SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

A special forum to explore the church's response to Yoorrook recommendations. This is co-hosted by The Wesley Centre, Christians for Yoorrook, and ANTaR Victoria.

Sat 18th October, 10:30am – 2:30pm at 95 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.

<https://events.humanitix.com/can-we-handle-the-truth>

DISCERNMENT DAY - SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

Are you wondering "where to from here" in terms of your discipleship? Ever thought about what God might be calling you to? And how do you know it's a call from God? The Synod equipping Leadership for Mission team warmly invites you to attend a Discernment Day on Saturday 25 October. We will offer an opportunity to learn about discernment, lay and ordained ministries, UCA processes, and educational pathways. This event will be held in person in Parkville and online. All are welcome. Come and see! Register online

at <https://events.humanitix.com/discrimne-day> Where: Centre For Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville When: 9am-4pm Saturday 25 October Cost: \$40 per person (in-person); Free (online via Zoom).

'STORIES OF SAINTS IN FILM' – TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER

The Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker - Dean, Trinity College Theological School

This presentation will examine the portrayal of three saints of the church – Joan of Arc (1412-1431), Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), and Franz Jägerstätter (1907-1943) – in three different films:

- 'The Passion of Joan of Arc' (dir. Carl Theodor Dreyer [1928])
- 'A Man for All Seasons' (dir. Fred Zinnemann [1966])
- 'A Hidden Life' (dir. Terrence Malick [2019])

Through discussion and the watching of film clips, we will consider how the filmmakers portray the 'saintliness' of the various protagonists in these films, how they communicate their portrayal through the art of filmmaking, how their filmmaking reflects the time in which their films were produced, and what the films may (or may not) be saying to viewers today.

Tuesday 28th October 6:00pm. Tickets via

<https://events.humanitix.com/films-and-faith-2025>

THE WESLEY CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY



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FREE WILL OR DIVINE SCRIPT? WHO'S REALLY IN CONTROL? Christian and Muslim reflections on Theology and the World.

Panel Discussion with Rev Dr Daniel Sihombing, Pilgrim Theological College; Dr Omer Erli, Islamic Sciences & Research Academy with Moderator Noor Gillani, from The Conversation. A conversation exploring Divine Control, Human Agency, and the implications for Moral Responsibility.

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 6:00PM (light refreshments) FOR 6:30PM START

Venue: Yuma Auditorium, Centre of Theology & Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-will-or-divine-script-whos-really-in-control-tickets-1395516079159?aff=oddtdtcreator>

FAITH AFTER FAITH

Craig publishes weekly on *Faith after Faith*, a Substack site, including Sunday sermons with a bit more commentary, and other material. You can subscribe to receive email updates of recent posts (avoid the paid subscription invitations!).

See faithafterfaith.substack.com for more info, or use the QR image here to check in.

Recent posts include

- Recent Sermons
- More Theological Fragments and "Death by" Aphorisms



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See above for more details on these events

Church Council with CAN	Today, 12:00pm
Monday Movies at the Nova	Mon Oct 6, Time 10:35am
Church Council	Tue Oct 7, 7:30pm (online)
Quarterly Conversation	Fri Oct 17, 11:00am @ CTM Library
Hotham Mission Board	Fri Oct 17 3:00pm @ CTM

People to commemorate this week

Helen Pearl Mackenzie, medical missionary and educator

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

Lectionary Readings | 12 October 2025

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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