

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist

Sunday 29C | 19 October 2025

Pray always
and do not
lose heart

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 L Marchand, *Fond d'Orgue & Dialogue*

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!

Come, worship the Lord
for he is righteous and faithful.

His justice is everlasting
and his word is the truth

(Psalm 119:138.142)

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 445 Jesus, where'er your people meet

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.

Luke 18:1-8 *The need to pray always and not lose heart*

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

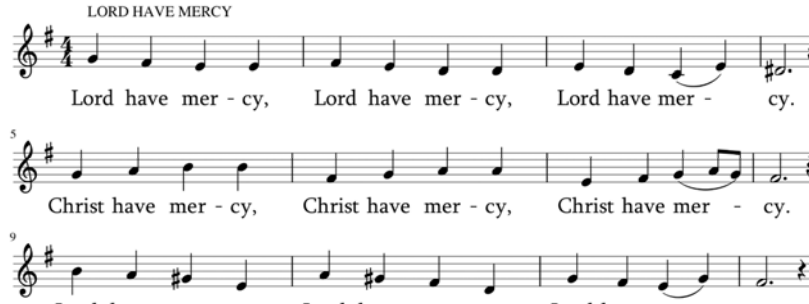
Preaching of the Word

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

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

Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

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!

Psalm 121 *The Lord shall keep watch over you* [PCS p.344 no.6]

Cantor Responsorial

*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



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

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TONE



- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ² My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of | heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not suffer your | foot to stumble;
he who watches over you | will not sleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel
shall neither | slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord himself | watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not | strike you by day,
neither the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall keep you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep your soul.
- ⁸ The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your | coming
in,
from this time forth for | evermore.

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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.

The Visible Word: Eucharist

Hymn 499 Lord Jesus joy of loving hearts

(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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, ho - san - na in the high-est!

BENEDICTUS

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

(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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, 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 578 How firm a foundation

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude A Guilment, *Allegretto tranquillo*

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NOTICES

Today we welcome Daniel Broadstock back as our preacher

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/discernment-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>

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THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 6:00 PM FOR 6:30PM START

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 Ergl, Islamic Sciences & Research Academy with Moderator Noor Gillani, from The Conversation. A conversation exploring Divine Control, Human Agency, and the implications for Moral Responsibility. Light Refreshments at 6:00pm. Panel starts at 6:30pm. 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=oddtcreatorFAITH>

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
- "What I need to hear at a funeral"



TIME STANDS STILL



Matthew Champion
Kate Macfarlane
Timothy Reynolds
Christopher Roach



Rosemary Hodgson

FREE ENTRY

October 25 (Saturday) 2:30 PM

Yuma Auditorium
Pilgrim College
29 College Cres, Parkville

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See above for more details on these events

Monday Morning Movies at the Nova
Church Council
Hotham Mission Board
Fourth Quarter Discussion Groups

Mon Nov 3, time TBC
Tue Nov 4, 7.30pm (online)
Fri Nov 21, 3pm @ CTM
TBA!

People to commemorate this week

James, brother of Jesus, apostle

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Lectionary Readings | 26 October 2025

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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