

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Sunday 31C | 2 November 2025



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

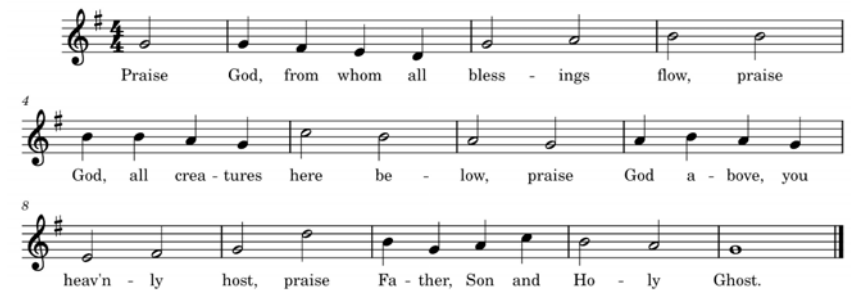
Prelude Georg Muffat, *Adagio* from *Toccatà Undecima*

The Gathering of the People of God

Sung Processional (TIS 768 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:*

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below,
praise God above, you heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

*Thomas Ken
1637–1711 alt.*

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

God's will is wonderful indeed;
Therefore we obey it.

The unfolding of God's word gives light;
And teaches the simple.

cf. Psalm 119:129f

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 452 God of mercy, God of grace

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

Word: The Testimony of Scripture

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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119: 137-144

PCS 124

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

REFRAIN



TONE



Lord, you are /just indeed;*
your de/crees are right.

You have imposed your /will with justice*
and with ab/solute truth.

I am carried a/way by anger*
for my foes for/get your word.

Your promise is tried /in the fire,*
the delight /of your servant.

Although I am weak /and despised,*
I remem/ber your precepts.

Your justice is et/ernal justice*
and your /law is truth.

Though anguish and dis/tress have seized me,*
I delight in /your commands.

The justice of your will /is eternal,*
if you teach me, /I shall live.

REFRAIN

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

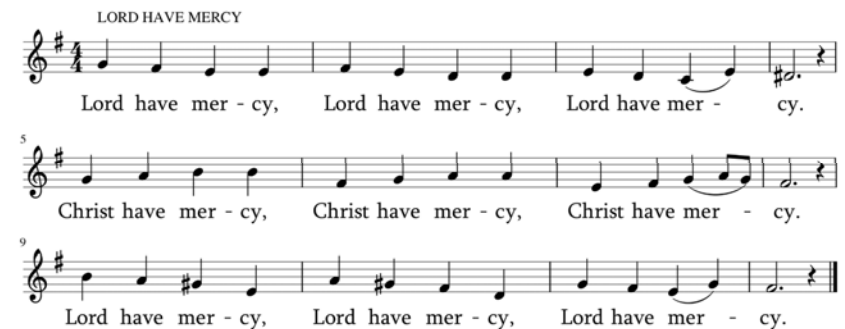
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Prayer of Confession



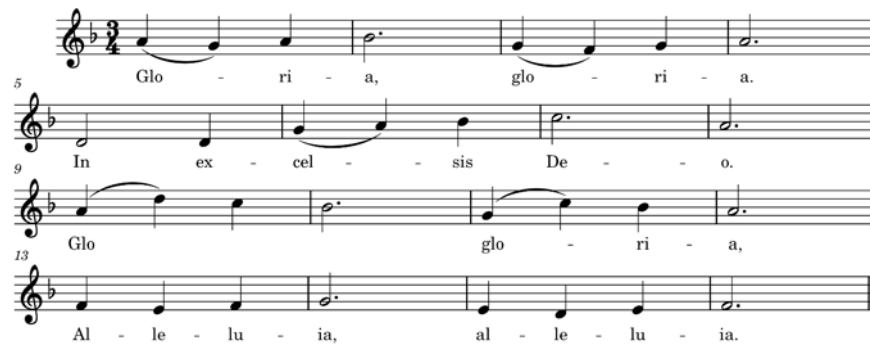
Declaration of Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:
Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology



Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

(Glory to God in the highest, alleluia)

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 the 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 of the Holy Spirit and 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 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,

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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 -

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san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - 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


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 602 O Love that will not let me go

Word of Mission and Blessing

Postlude Jaques Lemmens, *Fanfare*

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

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NOTICES

MONDAY MORNING MOVIES - MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

10:35am @Cinema Nova – “The Travellers”: a poignant, funny and heartwarming family story set in Western Australia, *The Travellers* is the new film from acclaimed director Bruce Beresford (Ladies In Black, Breaker Morant, Driving Miss Daisy).

Meet upstairs in the foyer to buy tickets at 11:30am; coffee available in the cafe next to the box office, and you can stay for a toastie lunch and conversation in the cafe afterwards if you can. A WhatsApp group has been set up for communication around this in future; contact Craig to join this.

MISSIONAL THINGS – MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

An invitation to conversations about missional things, an invitation to community.

This gathering is for you if you're interested in exploring missional things – how might we offer the Spirit-given gifts we all have in expressions of God's love and in participation in God's mission in the world, even if it looks a little different to how we usually “do” church.

At our first **missional things** gathering in July we were encouraged by the opportunity to connect with people from right across the Presbytery (and beyond!) and to hear the stories of all kinds of missional activities taking place in many of our churches and communities.

For our next missional things gathering the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra would like to invite you to an evening of conversation with Natalie Dixon-Monu.

Boroondara Community Outreach (BCO) is a mental health ministry established in 1993 by the Presbytery, located at Kew Uniting Church. BCO provides meals, emergency relief, friendship and advocacy to hundreds of vulnerable community members each year. They are an inclusive and welcoming community for those looking for a place to belong and to contribute. They are all about creating a community of hospitality with people, a safe place where each person is valued as a member and contributes to creating the community that is BCO. They value compassion and respect, nurture hope and encourage creativity. Their hope is that

when people feel they belong and are supported, their health and well-being will improve on all levels - physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social.

Rev Natalie Dixon-Monu is the Coordinator and Minister of BCO. Her life and faith journey shapes her belief that people are "mysteries to enjoy, not problems to fix." Her work is driven by the conviction that every person is made in the image of God and deserves to be seen, valued and welcomed. With more than 35+ years' experience in prison chaplaincy, counselling, pastoral care and community leadership, Natalie brings deep compassion and practical wisdom to her ministry.

Come and hear some more of Natalie's story, and the story of BCO. We'll get into the deep end of some of the learning and thinking about mission that has taken shape for Natalie along the way and that undergirds her leadership and ministry. There will be an opportunity for some Q&A.

The details: **7.30pm Monday 10 November, Boroondara Community Outreach.** 23 Highbury Grove, Kew. |RSVP by 7 November:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYPM7PB>

***Nadine Rozario**, Presbytery Minister Congregations and Presbytery eLM Minister*

"CHRIST THE KING" LUNCHEON - SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

On Sunday November 23 we will hold our re-located All Saints luncheon (now a "Christ the King" luncheon), after worship. Please speak to Rod and Rosemary about whether you're able to come, and what you can bring to share for the meal.

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
- New Theological Fragments: "On not taking sin too seriously"



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See above for more details on these events

Monday Morning Movies at the Nova Church Council	Mon Nov 3, time 10.35am
Hotham Mission Board	Tue Nov 4, 7.30pm (online)
Fourth Quarter Discussion Groups	Fri Nov 21, 3pm @ CTM
	TBA!

People to commemorate this week

Soren Kierkegaard, Christian thinker

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Canada, United States of America

Lectionary Readings | 09 November 2025

Haggai 1: 15b – 2: 9; Ps 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

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