

The Congregation of Mark the Evangelist  
Reign of Christ | 23 November 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** C Franck, *Panis angelicus*

### *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, seek the kingdom of God;  
*in God's reign  
we have all things.*

#### **Prayer of invocation**

#### **Hymn 786 (tune 437)**

1. Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2. Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation.  
Word that came from heav'n to die,  
crucified for our salvation.  
Saving Word, the world restoring,  
speak to us, your love outpouring.

3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
speak and heal our mortal blindness.  
Deaf we are, our healer be,  
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken;  
heal the world, by our sin broken.

4. Word that speaks God's tender love,  
one with God beyond all telling.  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling.  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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## 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 19:1-16 *Behold*

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*

## AfterWord: Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY

A musical score for three voices. The first staff (soprano) starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' The second staff (middle voice) starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are 'Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.' The third staff (bass) starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

## 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* Hymn 28 God is our strength and refuge

## The Peace

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

**The Nicene Creed** (Said/sung: words at the end of the hymn book)

**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 Intercession**

(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 517 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus**

(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,  
5 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 -  
4 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

The gifts of God for the people of God....

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** 225 My heart and voice I raise

## Word of Mission and Blessing

**Postlude** JS Bach, *Wachet auf ruft uns die stimme*, BWV 645

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

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## NOTICES

### "CHRIST THE KING" LUNCHEON - TODAY

TODAY we will hold our re-located All Saints luncheon (now a "Christ the King" luncheon), after worship.

### MONDAY MORNING MOVIES - MONDAY 1 DECEMBER

Time TBA, at Cinema Nova – Meet upstairs in the foyer to buy tickets (or buy them online); coffee is available in the cafe next to the box office, and 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.

### MARK THE WORD - 2025 SUMMER EDITION

Vicki and Rosemary are seeking contributions for the 2025 Summer edition of Mark the Word. We are again not proposing a theme for this edition and are open to any topic. However, since this edition encompasses the Christmas Season, you are welcome to write an article on your most memorable Christmas or talk about what is your favourite part of Christmas, for example, traditions, carols etc.

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, 7th December, 2025. Thank you.

### 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](https://faithafterfaith.substack.com) for more info, or use the QR image here to check in.

Recent posts include

- Recent Sermons
- New Theological Fragments: Jesus' death as sacrifice (or not)



### 2025 INAUGURAL LANGMORE ORATION WITH SAM ROGGEVEEN



**Date: Wednesday 10th December 2025**

**Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm**

**Venue: Arts West Building, University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus**

The Langmore Oration is FREE but registration is essential

The Initiative for Peacebuilding proudly presents the **Langmore Oration**, honouring the vision and achievements of Professor John Langmore AM, in developing the concept of the Initiative for Peacebuilding, and his lifelong advocacy for peace, equity, and global cooperation. The inaugural address, "**War and Peace in Asia's New Order: Australia's Duty**," will be delivered by **Sam Roggeveen**, Director of the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute and author of *The Echidna Strategy: Australia's Search for Power and Peace*. Drawing on his extensive experience in strategic analysis and international security, Sam will explore Australia's role in promoting peace amid intensifying strategic competition between the United States and China, asking how stability can be sustained without escalating conflict. The event will be moderated by **Professor Erika Feller AO**, followed by a Q&A and refreshments in the Atrium.

**Register:** <https://events.humanitix.com/langmore-oration>



# PASTORAL CARE INTERACTIVE SEMINAR

## LIFE TRANSITIONS AND LEARNINGS

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERACTIVE PASTORAL  
CARE EDUCATION WITH TWO LEADING AUSTRALIAN  
CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATORS: GRAEME GIBBONS  
& CAROLYN DAGGERS

Saturday 27 November  
9am-12pm (8:30am for coffee)

Heidelberg Scots Uniting Church  
187 Burgundy St, Heidelberg

*Presented by the Banyule Network  
of Uniting Churches Pastoral Care  
Committee and CPE Centre*

Register on Try Booking



### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*See above for more details on these events*

MtE Luncheon	Sun Nov 23, after worship
Monday Morning Movies at the Nova	Mon Dec 1, time TBC
Church Council	Tue Dec 2, 7.30pm online
Congregational Meeting (2026 Budget)	Sun Dec 14, after morning tea
Hotham Mission Board	Fri Dec 19, 3pm @ CTM
Advent Carols Service	Sun Dec 23, (usual service)

### People to commemorate this week

John Knox, reformer of the Church

### Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

### Lectionary Readings | 30 November 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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

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