

Sunday at St Michael's

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 APRIL 2021

“FAITH AND DOUBT ARE NOT OPPOSITES”

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: DR KIM TAN (FLUTE) &
& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN & PIANO)

CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

St Michael's is a vibrant, progressive, inclusive church with a long tradition of nurturing the spiritual well-being of the human person and working for the common good in society.

We are proud of our independent spirit; seeking continually to discover new ways to understand faith and to demonstrate it in our lives, and in the heart of the city.

As part of the Uniting Church in Australia, St Michael's is committed to involvement in social and national affairs. We hold foundational Christian values of the importance of every human being, the need for integrity in public life and concern for the welfare of the whole human race irrespective of race, creed, gender, sexuality, status or age.

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♥ Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors! ♥

While the coronavirus pandemic continues, Sunday Gatherings will be offered Online and at the Church.

Links for the Online Gathering

<http://www.stmichaels.org.au/>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist/SundayatStMichaels>

MEDITATIONS

Khalil Gibran

"Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother." —

C. S. Lewis

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." —

Arundhati Roy, 21st century

"Not only is another world possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."

Willa Cather, Death Comes for the Archbishop, 20th century

"Miracles... seem to me to rest not so much upon... healing power coming suddenly near us from afar but upon our perceptions being made finer, so that, for a moment, our eyes can see and our ears can hear what is there around us always."



Christ shows himself to Thomas

Rowan LeCompte and Irene LeCompte

Mosaic, Resurrection Chapel, Washington National Cathedral.

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ONLINE GATHERING NOTES

CANTOR

Georgia Wilkinson

MUSICIANS

Dr Elyane Laussade (Piano), The Nuovo Quartet led by Susannah Ng & Rhys Boak (Organ)

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Reflections in the water” - G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Dr Elyane Laussade (Piano)

POSTLUDE

Quartet in D major, Op 64 no. 5 “The Lark” - F.J. Haydn (1732-1809)

The Nuovo Quartet led by Susannah Ng

LITURGY VARIATIONS

On some Sundays, there may be an additional reading or hymn included in the service that is held at the church.

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S ONLINE

Third Sunday of Easter – 18 April

“Touch and See”

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Georgia Wilkinson (Soprano) & Rhys Boak (Organ)

GATHERING AS PEOPLE OF EARTH AND SPIRIT

*The candles are lit.
The chimes call the hour of worship.
The people stand, as they are able, as the Bible is carried in.*

PROCESSIONAL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

We meet on the land of the Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung
peoples of the Kulin Nation;
on land that was taken from them
without consent, treaty, or compensation.

***We acknowledge, with respect, Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung elders –
past, present, and emerging,
the ones who carry the traditions and the dreaming.
With them we yearn for justice and for reconciliation.***

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
wherever you have come from, wherever you are going to;
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe;
you are welcome here.*

GATHERING WORDS

Let there be joy in our coming together.
Let there be truth heard in the words we speak
and the songs we sing.
Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.
Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.
Let us be nurtured in the presence of the Spirit
as we are offered peace and called into community.

HYMN

CHRIST IS RISEN, SHOUT HOSANA GEORGIA WILKINSON



Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
 Celebrate this day of days!
 Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
 all creation is amazed.
 In the desert all-surrounding,
 see, a spreading tree grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding
 bring a taste of love unknown.

 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
 from the caverns of despair.
 Walk with gladness in the morning.
 See what love can do and dare.
 Drink the wine of resurrection,
 not a servant, but a friend.
 Jesus is our strong companion.
 Joy and peace shall never end.

 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
 nevermore shall be the same.
 Break the bread of new creation
 where the world is still in pain.
 Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
 'Christ is risen! Get you gone!'
 God the First and Last is with us.
 Sing Hosanna everyone!

Words: Brian Wren (1936-)
Tune: Hyfrydol
Roland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

We give thanks for the opportunity we have
 to worship and celebrate this day.
 May we be surrounded with a very real sense
 of the presence of the Source and Sustainer of all that exists
 as we spend this time together.
 May Christ Sophia, Word and Wisdom, inspire and challenge us.

 Let us lay down all that burdens us. Let us let go all that pre-occupies us.
 May we sense forgiveness and grace, knowing and being known
 by the sacred energy that is at the heart of the universe.

 In the quiet of this time and place we consider the fullness of the season of Easter
 continuing for fifty days after Easter Sunday.

Silent reflection

May silence invigorate our questioning.
 May our commitments be made stronger by our joining together.
 May new friendships be made and old friendships renewed,
 bound together by care and affection.

JESUS' PRAYER

*God, you are life for us,
Holy be your name.
Your new day come,
Your will be done
On earth as in your vision.
Give us this day our bread for the morrow;
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Strengthen us in the time of test,
And deliver us from evil.
For the power and the splendour
and the fulfilment are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen.*

SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

May the Peace and Wisdom of the Divine Presence be with you!
And also with you.

*People are invited to offer a greeting
and share a sign of peace.*

HYMN

WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE



We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
the yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.

We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.

*Words: Bill (W L) Wallace
Tune: Alive, Alison Carey*

LISTENING FOR WORDS OF SPIRIT

EARLY CHURCH: ACTS 4:32-35

MAREE McDONALD

For the courage to create a community of radical inclusion.

We give thanks.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Moderato from Suite Modale – Ernest Bloch (1880-1959)

Bloch's Suite Modale was originally conceived for flute and string orchestra, but today we hear it with piano accompaniment. Bloch wrote the work in 1957 shortly before his death in 1959. The work uses a system of 'Modes' rather than the usual musical system of a key, giving the work it's interesting harmonic texture and sound.

Dr. Kim Tan (Flute) & Rhys Boak (Piano)

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

For the Word that was in the beginning
For the Wisdom that invites and inspires
For the Spirit embodied in us,

We give thanks.

RECORDED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Anthem" by Leonard Cohen

The birds they sang
At the break of day
Start again
I heard them say
Don't dwell on what has passed away
Or what is yet to be
Ah, the wars they will be fought again
The holy dove, she will be caught again
Bought and sold, and bought again
The dove is never free
*Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in*

We asked for signs
The signs were sent
The birth betrayed
The marriage spent
Yeah, and the widowhood
Of every government
Signs for all to see

I can't run no more
With that lawless crowd
While the killers in high places
Say their prayers out loud
But they've summoned, they've summoned up
A thundercloud
They're going to hear from me

Ring the bells that still can ring..

You can add up the parts
But you won't have the sum
You can strike up the march
There is no drum
Every heart, every heart
To love will come
But like a refugee

Ring the bells that still can ring...

REFLECTION

"FAITH AND DOUBT ARE NOT OPPOSITES"

RESPONDING IN LOVE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Movement 2 from Suite Modale – Ernest Bloch (1880-1959)

Dr. Kim Tan (Flute) & Rhys Boak (Piano)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In thanksgiving and solidarity

OFFERING

*A prayer dedicating the retiring offering
and gifts given in other ways to support the work of the church.*

***As people seeking to live in right relation,
we look for a gentler humanity, a kinder world:
with our money and our hearts,
with our minds and with every good intention,
this is our prayer.
Amen.***

NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MUSICIANS

HYMN

YOURS BE THE GLORY



Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory, over death you've won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.*

See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.*

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.*

Words: Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)

Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939 alt).

Tune: Maccabeus

Adapted from G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

SENDING AND BLESSING

BLESSING

Fall in love with living
wrestling with the chaos
and the pain within yourself and within the world.
Join the celebration of life,
dancing with the angels and the clowns.
And may the God of peace and joy,
who is continually making all things new,
embrace you as a partner in the divine creating.

SUNG AMEN



African-American spiritual

Arr. N. T. Johnson

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

This joyous work takes the form of a mini concerto, with the solo part played by the organ's trumpet stop. Alfred Hollins, nicknamed "Alfred the great" was a celebrated, blind Scottish organist and composer.

Rhys Boak (Organ)

OFFERINGS

Offerings to support the ministry and shared life of St Michael's received with gratitude. In church, in addition to the offering boxes placed by the doors, you now have the opportunity to give electronically and securely in church at two Donation Points: one at the entrance on the corner of Collins and Russell, the other in the St Michael's Walk Colonnade. To give, simply tap your credit or debit card, smartphone or wearable on the 'tap and go' device where indicated. Donations are set at \$10. If you wish to give more, you can do so by tapping as many times as you like. Online there is a 'Giving' button with instructions for online giving. A downloadable donation form is also available. Cheques may be mailed to St Michael's Office. Online banking: St Michaels Uniting Church. BSB: 083004. A/C: 515113338

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Lord's Prayer Paraphrase. David B. Royer and Jonathan C. Nelson in Ruth C. Duck, ed. *Flames of the Spirit*.

"Anthem" by Leonard Cohen. *The Essential Leonard Cohen*. Sony BMG, 2002.

"Christ is risen, shout hosanna." Words: Brian Wren. Tune: Hyfrydol. Roland Huw Pritchard.

"We are an Easter people". Words: Bill (W.L) Wallace. Tune: Alive. Alison Carey.

"Yours be the glory". Words: Edmond Louis Budry. Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle. Tune: Maccabeus. Adapted from G.F. Handel.

"Sung Amen." Tune: African-American spiritual. Arr. N. T. Johnson.

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GUEST MUSICIANS IN CHURCH

Dr. Kim Tan is a Melbourne based interdisciplinary musician and teacher whose practice is defined by the creative diversity of contemporary music performance. Studying with local teachers such as Mardi McSullea, Greg Dikmans, Lawrence Whiffin, and Margaret Crawford, Kim has developed an approach to her craft that embraces the cross-section between several musical disciplines. She studied in Germany in 2009 under the tutelage of flautist, Camille Hoitenga (Cologne) and during this time she had lessons with international soloists including; Andras Adorjan (Musikhochschule Munich), Felix Renggli (Musikhochschule Freiburg), and Renate Greiss-Armin (Musikhochschule Karlsruhe). Kim has also performed in masterclasses and lessons with international soloists including Michael Cox (the Royal Academy of Music, London) and Katherine Kemler (Louisiana State University).

Kim completed a PhD at the University of Melbourne; her thesis is a philosophical inquiry into music performance with the aim of establishing a more inclusive and creative discourse at the academic level. Kim has been employed as casual staff by the Conservatorium of Music at the University where she tutored a range of academic music subjects including history and theory.

In 2014, she was employed by the Australian Music Examinations Board Victoria as a proof player/proof-reader for the recently released Series 3 flute exam syllabus. Kim has a 17-year teaching career that includes students from preschool to tertiary ages through a range of different schools across Victoria. She is currently working in the Performing Arts Unit team as a woodwind tutor for The Victorian State Schools Spectacular. Since 2017, Kim has been involved with the Piano Project, a Melbourne-based charity that sponsors piano lessons for children who are new immigrants.

Kim is in constant search for challenges or ways to renew her approach to practice. With violinist Lizzy Welsh, Kim has commissioned and performed acoustic and electro-acoustic compositions for baroque violin and flauto traverso by composers including Peter de Jager and Alexander Garsden. She also performs regularly with Melbourne based ensembles such as Golden Fur and Astra Music Society, and with The Argonaut Ensemble at The Bendigo International Festival of Exploratory Music. She has performed world premieres of works by Thomas Meadowcroft and Klaus Lang, her repertoire also includes local premiers of works by Salvatore Sciarrino, Clarence Barlow, Liza Lim, Elliot Carter, and Morton Feldman.

GUEST MUSICIAN ONLINE

Dr Elyane Laussade

Here is what the New York Times has said about Elyane Laussade, "*a pianist with a polished technique. . . . dazzling power . . . and an impeccable sense of style.*" A graduate of the Juilliard School in New York City, pianist Elyane Laussade has delighted audiences on five continents for her imaginative and strongly individual playing. Since arriving in Australia, Elyane has established herself as one of Australia's finest pianists. She has appeared in the MSO's Metropolis Festival with Marcus Stenz and has been featured many times by ABC Classic FM and 3MBS in studio recordings and live broadcasts. She performed St. Saens' *Carnival of the Animals* with the MSO in Hamer Hall with pianist Benjamin Martin under the baton of Anthony Ingliss. Elyane performed De Falla's *Nights in the Gardens of Spain* with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in the Myer Bowl in a concert which was broadcast across Australia.

As a soloist, Elyane performs in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, the USA and in Europe. She has toured Taiwan where she performed recitals in Taipei, Tainan, Chaiyi, and at the National Concert Hall in Taichung. Elyane was also invited to perform at the first recorded performance at the Elizabeth Murdoch Recital Hall in the new Melbourne Recital Centre which aired on the ABC television program "Catalyst."

The Nuovo Quartet

The Nuovo Quartet is a quartet made up of players from various professional ensembles and came together for the very first time to record music especially for our online services at St. Michael's. The members of the quartet are Susannah Ng (Leader/Violin), Zoe Black (Violin), Ceridwen Davies (Viola) and Josephine Vains (Cello).

GATHERINGS

SUNDAY SERVICES @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter – 18 April

“Touch and See”

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Georgia Wilkinson (Soprano) & Rhys Boak (Organ & Piano)

SUNDAY GATHERINGS @ ST MICHAEL'S – IN CHURCH

St Michael's has a Victorian Government QR Code which you can scan, or alternatively a Welcomer will record your name and phone number. Collection of this information is required by law. It will be only ever be used for COVID tracing. When entering St Michael's, please say hello to a Welcomer, scan the QR code or check -in.

[St Michael's COVID-Safe requirements](#) remain in effect. Please read before visiting.

SUNDAY GATHERINGS @ ST MICHAEL'S – ONLINE

Online Gatherings will continue for the foreseeable future. Links to videos, orders of service and the latest eNews are on the front page of our website.

NOTICES

AFTER SERVICE MORNING TEA.

We will be serving tea and coffee in the hall after the morning service.

Of course we will be following strict COVID-19 safety rules.

Please join us on this special occasion for tea or coffee and conversation.

CONTACT AND CARE

We have a team of members of Contact and Care and Church Council who are each keeping in touch with a group of people by telephone, to keep the important lines of communication open. If you would like to have someone get in touch with you for a chat, please contact the St Michael's office and leave your phone number or email address.

The members of the Contact and Care Team are also available to talk with, or assist people, who are experiencing difficult times for any reason.

All matters remain confidential.

Lyndell O'Brien: Dean of Contact and Care

Joy Arnot: Deputy Dean

PRAYER TREE

We are a group within the Contact and Care team, here to support you during difficult times. We extend a commitment to pray for yourself, or someone known to you, who is facing personal challenges.

All requests are treated with confidentiality, sensitivity and respect.

Kindly ask permission from the person/persons concerned, if the prayer support is not for yourself.

To request the care of The Prayer Tree group, please contact the St.Michael's office. (9654 5120). Kindly ask for your first name and phone no. be passed on to Catherine Jones, The

Prayer Tree leader. Having spoken with you, she will communicate your concern to the rest of the group. If you already have Catherine's details, you can contact her directly.

'It is really beautiful, when someone prays for you, without you knowing.

It is the highest form of respect and care'

Meanwhile, please join us, as we continue to pray for the world's COVID situation.

You are also invited to light a candle at dusk, placing it in a safe window location, as a sign of solidarity and hope.

Catherine Jones, Prayer Tree Leader

PASTORAL CARE

Our minister, Rev Dr Margaret is available for pastoral care meetings by phone. Please phone the office to arrange a time for Margaret to call.

CAR PARKING

The Grand Hyatt has reopened to the public. Validation ticket discount reducing Sunday rate to \$7 subject to conditions: a) Tickets will be valid for use on Sundays only between the hours of 6am and 5pm, b) Tickets will allow for \$7 discount for a maximum of 5 hours after which it will revert to the standard weekend rate of \$10.

An alternative car park option: AC DC Garage –14-128 Flinders Street, Melbourne 3000 Entry 113 Flinders Lane (between Exhibition and Russell Streets).

Park on the Ground Floor and walk through the lane to Collins Street.

Fee: \$10.00. Enter after 5:00am | Exit before 5:00am next day .

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

ST MICHAEL'S ZOOM CONNECT



Zoom Connect is an online event, connecting our online and in-person church communities. Zoom Connect is hosted by different members of Council and Congregation. Everyone is very welcome.

When: Mondays, 12, 19 & 26 April | 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99711619380?pwd=VFV6VkFtbEZ3MjRLODlkGphS1hRQT09>

Meeting ID: 997 1161 9380

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