

*Sunday at
St Michael's*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

20 JUNE 2021

“REFUGEE SUNDAY:
SHELTER FROM THE STORM”

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC ONLINE: THE SUSIE NG TRIO,
THE NUOVO QUARTET & RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTORS: JAMES EMERSON
& 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

Dean Smith, 20th century

“If you treat every situation as a life and death matter, you’ll die a lot of times.”

Woody Allen, 20th century

“I’m not afraid of death; I just don’t want to be there when it happens.”

Eleanor Roosevelt, 20th century

“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”

Louisa May Alcott, 19th century

“I’m not afraid of storms, for I’m learning how to sail my ship.”

Annie Dillard, 21st century

“It could be that our faithlessness is a cowering cowardice born of our very smallness, a massive failure of imagination....If we were to judge nature by common sense or likelihood, we wouldn’t believe the world existed.”

African Proverb

“Smooth seas do not make for a skillful sailor.”

Prayer of the Breton fishermen

“O God, thy sea is so great, and my boat is so small.”



“Quiet noise” by Parmis

Parmis is an Iranian refugee, now living in Austria.

Source:

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-01-09/making-art-helps-refugee-create-her-new-life-austria>

PROCESSIONAL

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

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've come from, wherever you're going to; whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe; you are welcome here.

GATHERING WORDS

We come to re-weave the unravelling fabric of community
To re-connect once more with the larger human family
To find once more that quiet centre
To remind ourselves that we belong...
to one another, to the earth, to the holy source of life and love.

HYMN

OH GOD OF EARTH AND SPACE
CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON



O God of earth and space,
Of sea and fire and air,
Your providence surrounds us here,
And everywhere.

In fruit and grain and tree,
In shelter from the cold,
In cooling breezes, flowing wells,
Now as of old.

Where faithfulness is shown,
Where love and truth abound,
Where beauty graces human life,
There You are found.

Inspirer of all thought!
Creative force of art!
The melody on every tongue,
In every heart!

Wherever freedom reigns,
Where sin is overthrown,
Where justice fused with mercy rules,
There You are known.

Give us the courage clear,
To make the earth a home
For all to live in harmony
In Christ's shalom.

Your word commands response
And summons us to life.
We follow, strengthened by Your grace,
In calm or strife.

Our ever present help,
Our challenge and our prod,
We praise You now and to life's end,
Eternal God.

Words: Jane Parker Huber

Tune: Leoni

Tune: Hebrew Melody, arr. Meyer Lyon (1751-1797)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Encircling One
who encircles us all
in a love that lasts forever:
we trust that you will encircle us
when we call you by your name.

One who waits
for those who forget
and for those who walk away:
we trust that you will wait for us
when we call you by your name.

Still voice in a raging storm
the quiet intuition
in the depths of our inner selves:
we trust that you will speak your truth to us
when we call you by your name.

One who longs and is longed for
the ache at the heart of our universe,
the desire of all to be one:
we trust that you will be one with us
when we call you by your name.

One who sits in sorrow
cradling the pain of generations
in the hollows of your heart:
we trust that you will sit with us in our pain
when we call you by your name.

Rainbow of chaotic colour
encompassing the variety
of a pluriform universe:
we trust that you will open your world to us
when we call you by your name.

May the silence which we now hold quieten us,
touch our need,
refresh our courage,
enlarge our wonder.

JESUS' PRAYER

*Ground of all being,
Mother of Life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings
in heart and in action.
May there be food
for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness
of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us
in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.
For the light of life,
the vitality of life,
and the glory of life
are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

May the Peace of Divine Presence be with you.

And also with you.

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

CONTEMPORARY READING

REV CLARE BROCKETT

“Boat People” by Bruce Dawe

South-south-west of sorrow
Lay that land,
For which we gave up everything
But breath
- What else were we to do,
For whom the north
Meant persecution, misery,
And death?

Even so, the maps they gave us
And the charts
Belied the swivelling compass
Of our hearts...

So, every sunrise,
Like a troubled beast,
Frowned down upon us
From the heaving east,
And every wave that
Cheated us of rest
Was matched by the watchful tumult
In each breast...

Now, here, in the placid south-land
We must wait
Once more upon the vicissitudes
Of fate.

For courage to envision and act for a different world,

We give thanks.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

En la orilla del mundo – Martin Rojas (B. 1943)

In English, the title of this piece is ‘On the edge of the world’. The Cuban born Rojas was blinded as a child from an explosion created by a stockpile of clandestine ammunition, but despite the difficulties this posed, he is still active as a musician now in his late 70s.

The Susie Ng Trio

GOSPEL: MARK 4: 35-41

For Wisdom that was in the beginning,
for Wisdom that invites and inspires
for Wisdom made known among us.

We give thanks.

HYMN

WOUNDED WORLD THAT CRIES FOR HEALING
CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON

Wounded world that cries for healing--
 here we hold each other's pain,
 wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
 bear the load, the scars of strain;
 dollars ration out compassion,
 hard decisions rule the day,
 Jesus of the healing Spirit,
 free us to another way.

Through our nation's pent frustration,
 through the corridors of stress
 may there move a kindlier wisdom
 all may feel, and all may bless;
 tax and tithe are for a purpose
 shared to shield the poor and weak:
 past the symptoms of our sickness
 let the voice of justice speak.

Honour those whose loving spirit
 nurses hope, restores and heals,
 towel and basin used in service
 like the Christ who comes and kneels
 in the tending, in the mending
 may we see the right and fair,
 in our common quest for wholeness
 heal each other by our care.

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)
Tune: Hyfrydol
Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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.*

Let us pray:

***Generous Spirit,
your goodness sustains us,
and your graciousness gives us hope.
Use us and these gifts
to further your way of love, hope, and justice.
Amen.***

POEM FOR THE JOURNEY HOME:

“We Refugees” by Benjamin Zephaniah

I come from a musical place
Where they shoot me for my song
And my sister has been tortured
By my brother in my land.

I come from a beautiful place
Where they hate my shade of skin
They don't like the way I pray
And they ban free poetry.

I come from a beautiful place
Where girls cannot go to school
There you are told what to believe
And even young boys must grow beards.

I come from a great old forest
I think it is now a field
And the people I once knew
Are not there now.

We can all be refugees
Nobody is safe,
All it takes is a mad leader
Or no rain to bring forth food,
We can all be refugees
We can all be told to go,
We can be hated by someone
For being someone.

I come from a beautiful place
Where the valley floods each year
And each year the hurricane tells us
That we must keep moving on.

I come from an ancient place
All my family were born there
And I would like to go there
But I really want to live.

I come from a sunny, sandy place
Where tourists go to darken skin
And dealers like to sell guns there
I just can't tell you what's the price.

I am told I have no country now
I am told I am a lie
I am told that modern history books
May forget my name.

We can all be refugees
Sometimes it only takes a day,
Sometimes it only takes a handshake
Or a paper that is signed.
We all came from refugees
Nobody simply just appeared,
Nobody's here without a struggle,
And why should we live in fear
Of the weather or the troubles?
We all came here from somewhere.

HYMN

FOR EVERYONE BORN A PLACE AT THE TABLE

CANTOR: JAMES EMERSON



For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star over head.

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice, and joy.*

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding to share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain

For just and unjust, a place at the table;
God gathering in, abundance to give,
injustice and hurt, make way now for mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

Refrain

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

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Tune: For Everyone Born

Brian Mann (2006)

BLESSING

The blessing of the God of Sarah and Hagar
as of Abraham
The blessing of the son, born of the woman Mary
And the blessing of the Holy Spirit
who broods over us as a mother with her children
be with us all and with all creation
now and always.

POSTLUDE

Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op 6 no. 8 - Grave & Vivace – Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)
The Concerto Grossi of the Italian born violinist, Arcangelo Corelli have remained popular for centuries. Several of these concerti have been used in the soundtracks of many well-known films and other productions. The devout Corelli, born in the papal states, would perhaps approve of his music being used in the 21st century for an online church service.
The Nuovo Quartet led by Susannah Ng

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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"Boat People" by Bruce Dawes. Unpublished poem. Australia.

"We Refugees" by Benjamin Zephaniah. <http://benjaminzephaniah.com/rhymin/we-refugees/>

Lord's Prayer paraphrase by J Philip Newell, in *Ground of All Being: The Prayer of Jesus in Color*, published by New Beginnings, an imprint of Material Media, 2008.

"Oh God of earth and space". Words: Jane Parker Huber. Tune: Leoni. Tune: Hebrew Melody, arr. Meyer Lyon.

"Wounded world that cries for healing". Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: Hyfrydol. Rowland Hugh Prichard.

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GUEST MUSICIANS ONLINE

The Susie Ng Trio

The Susie Ng Trio consists of Susie Ng (Violin), Ben Hanlon (Bass) and the legendary pianist, Mark Fitzgibbon.

The Nuovo Quartet led by Susie Ng

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 Susie Ng (Leader / Violin), Zoe Black (Violin), Ceridwen Davies (Viola) and Josephine Vains (Cello).

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

5th Sunday after Pentecost – 27 June 2020

Uniting Church in Australia Anniversary

"Jesus multi-tasked – there's always time for more compassion"

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Luke Severn (Cello), Dr. Elyane Laussade (Piano) & Rhys Boak (Organ)

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

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.

NOTICES

ST MICHAEL'S AGM

Due to government restrictions the St Michael's AGM has been postponed.

CONTACT AND CARE

If you are going through difficult times or would like to have a chat with someone, a member of our Contact and Care Team would be very happy to have a talk with you.

Any personal information shared, would remain confidential.

You can speak with the Dean of Contact and Care, Lyndell O'Brien, on a Sunday at church, or leave your name and phone number or email address with the church office and she will get in touch with you.

Lyndell O'Brien: Dean of Contact and Care

Joy Arnot: Deputy Dean

CARE AND PRAYER GROUP

We are a small group of people, part of the St Michael's Contact and Care team, known as The Prayer Tree.

We commit to prayer and support for you, or someone known to you, who is going through difficult times. All requests are treated with confidentiality, sensitivity, and respect.

To request our support, please phone the St Michael's office (9654 5120). Ask for your first name and phone number to be passed on to Catherine Jones, who will contact you. Or you can speak with Catherine following morning service. She will pass on your request to the remainder of the group.

We are here for you. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

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

Discounted Sunday parking is available at the Grand Hyatt. Pick up your discount voucher after service at from the Bench Table in the Eastern Colonnade.

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.

ST MICHAEL'S SOCIAL MEDIA

 <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsmelbourne/>

 <https://www.youtube.com/user/StMichaelsChurch/videos>

Podcast www.soundcloud.com/stmichaelsunitingchurch

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

MINGARY

The Mingary Counselling Service offers appointments for counselling and Vocational Assessments via telephone and Zoom. For more information, please see our website at www.mingarycounselling.org.au To make an appointment, please call the St Michael's office on 9654 5120.

SEARCHERS ZOOM PROGRAM

6 stand-alone sessions exploring "PROF MARCUS BORG Beyond Belief from Living the Questions".

Featuring Rev. Marianne Borg: "What you're going to hear in the series is, if you will, the best of Borg. For some of us, it'll be like hearing Marcus again for the first time. For many of us, a lot of this is still going to be new. There is something about Marcus's work that I think will continue to make all things new in a way that we can look afresh at Christianity in the 21st century - what it means for the living of our days, what is real, and how should we live."

Watch the Trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/364098337>

Join just one session, a number of them or all of them

When: Session 1: Wednesday 7th July via ZOOM |7.30pm.

Duration: Approximately: 1 hr 15mins including discussions.

Register with St Michael's Uniting Church at office@stmichaels.org.au ZOOM link and discussion questions will be sent to you.

The following programs have been postponed due to the COVID-19 government restrictions. We hope to bring them to you soon. Watch this space for updates.

WOMEN'S POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator: Pamela Blood

A new program with the aim to combine the interests of women, spirituality and poetry. Pamela's inspiration is the poetry Margaret has gifted us with, through the contemporary readings.

Will re-visit some of the poetry we have heard over the past year and more, and especially during Melbourne's long second lockdown.

We will consider the experience we had of the poems then, and what it is like for us now. All women are welcome to share in the discussions of these wonderfully appropriate and insightful poems.

EXPLORING THE PUBLIC GOOD

Imagine you have woken up in the Australia of your dreams...

What is it like?

A new Public Squares Project: Remaking Public Good, is an initiative launched by Australia reMADE, to encourage communities to come together and connect in joyful, purposeful ways across differences; without being treated as a means to someone else's predetermined end.

Public good means ensuring that the things we (the population) decide are important are available and accessible where and when they are needed, regardless of whether they can make anyone a profit.

Public squares are the spaces (physical and virtual) for us (the population) to come together to share ideas, debate nuance, and actively contribute and participate in community life and governance.

What does the public good mean for you?

You are invited to contribute your thoughts and dreams to a national conversation series on the public good.

Further information Contact: Yana Canteloupe & Neil Blood
c/: reception@stmichaels.org.au

Further reading:

<https://www.australiaremade.org/the-vision>

<https://justact.org.au/economy-for-life/actions/>

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SESSIONS

Presenter: Karen Ellis

Meditation has been an important part of Karen's life for 40 years.

Sessions encourage slow breathing and an increased awareness of being in the present moment. If you haven't tried it, now is the time, so please join Karen in the after church sessions.

When: 27 June | 11.45am sharp – 12.15pm

Where: Wellbeing Room, 1st Floor

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Better than lunch at your desk. The Thursday Lunchtime Organ Recitals give you some musical time out each Thursday. Featuring, St Michael's incredible grand pipe organ played by Rhys Boak and visiting artist

Visit www.stmichaels.org.au/music for more details.