

Sunday at St Michael's

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 AUGUST 2021

PEACE SUNDAY

“NO PEACE WITHOUT BREAD”

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: KATHERINE NORMAN (SOPRANO),
MAX RIEBL (COUNTERTENOR),
ROSE RIEBL (PIANO), THE NUOVO QUARTET
& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTORS: JAMES EMERSON,
CHRISTOPHER WATSON & 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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by 11.30am Wednesday.



♥ 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

William Sloane Coffin, 20th century

“Human unity is really less something we are called on to create than simply to recognize and make manifest.”

Mahatma Gandhi, 20th century

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”

Bishop Desmond Tutu, 20th century

“I don’t preach a social gospel; I preach the Gospel, period. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned for the whole person. When people were hungry, Jesus didn’t say, ‘Now is that political or social?’ He said, ‘I feed you.’ Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.”



A world of peace and justice
John August Swanson

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

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

When our world is twisted by greed and bruised by violence,
we come seeking signs of hope and healing.
When our concerns have become inward and narrow,
we come seeking the Peace that passes understanding.
When our actions are small and our vision weak,
we come looking for the Sacred in friend and neighbour.
Divine Presence, Creator and Sustainer of all that is, we come.

HYMN:

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE
CANTOR; GEORGIA WILKINSON



Make me a channel of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, may healing flow;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
*Divine One, grant that I may never seek –
so much to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace;
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
where there is darkness - only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
*Divine One, grant that I may never seek –
so much to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words: Based on a prayer attributed to St Francis

Tune: Channel of Peace.

Johann Sebastian von Tempelhoff (1928–1997)

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD AFTER HIROSHIMA

God, keeper of the atoms and stars:
You made us collaborators in creation
but we have abused the secrets of ordered existence
and justified their immoral use
in the name of security and peace.
We could say then that we didn't know the consequences.
Now we do know, but we are complacent and silent.

Silence

We have abused the fabric of the universe.
We have made and stockpiled weapons of mass destruction
And failed too often to say “No” to their use for evil.

Fear and presumption have driven us
to be ready to annihilate untold lives and
make areas of the earth uninhabitable.

Silence

May our eyes be open to see how small and fragile the planet is and
how the destruction of human and non-human life diminishes all.
Heal the wounds opened with the destruction
of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
Mend the fabric of the human family.

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

O God who called all life into being,
The earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us.
Every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
With her we yearn for justice to be done.

For creation to be freed from bondage,
For the hungry to be fed,

For the captives to be released...

JESUS PRAYER PARAPHRASE

***Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
come on earth!
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever, 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.*

GOSPEL: JOHN 6: 24-35

DR LIZ BOASE

For the stories of Jesus and the beloved community,

We give thanks.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Lament of Anne Boleyn - Anne Boleyn (1501-1536)

Although this work is most often attributed to Anne Boleyn, its composition is shrouded in mystery and speculation. Some scholars have suggested the music was in fact written by Anne Boleyn's brother Lord Rochford. The poem and its setting to music however do date to the days shortly before Anne Boleyn's execution while she was imprisoned in the tower of London.

Maximillian Riebl (Countertenor) & Rose Riebl (Piano)

CONTEMPORARY READING

"Say no to peace" by Brian Wren

Say "no" to peace if what they mean by peace is
the quiet misery of hunger,
the frozen stillness of fear,
the silence of broken spirits,
the unborn hopes of the oppressed.

Tell them that peace is
the shouting of children at play,
the babble of tongues set free,
the thunder of dancing feet,
and a father's voice singing

Say "no" to peace if what they mean by peace is
a rampart of gleaming missiles,
the arming of distant wars,
money at ease in its castle
and grateful poor at the gate.

Tell them that peace is
the hauling down of flags,
the forging of guns into ploughs,
the giving of fields to the landless.

Peace is a song
growing from the soil of justice,
watered by the rain of love.

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

We give thanks.

REFLECTION

"NO PEACE WITHOUT BREAD"

HYMN

WALLS MARK OUR BOUNDARIES
CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON



Walls mark our bound'ries and keep us apart;
walls keep the world from our eyes and our heart
Tables are round, making room for one more,
welcoming friends we had not known before.

*So build us a table and tear down the wall
Christ is our host. There is room for us all!*

Walls make us sure who is in and who's out;
walls keep us safe from all question and doubt,
but at a table in open exchange
new ties are formed as our lives rearrange.

Refrain

Once we were strangers, divided, alone.
Hate and distrust built a wall stone by stone.
Now at a table the bread that we share
joins us to Christ in a circle of care.

Refrain

Words: Ruth Duck (1947-)

Tune: Penrose.

Music: Jim Strathdee (1941-)

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.*

***Compassionate God,
who calls all people to be one family,
teach us to share your gifts with each other,
strengthen us to make peace by working together,
and challenge us with a vision of the feast
where all are welcome. Amen.***

HYMN THIS IS MY SONG, O GOD OF ALL THE NATIONS
CANTOR: CHRISOPHER WATSON



This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

Words: Lloyd Stone (v1-2) and Georgia Harkness (v3)

Tune: Finlandia

Jean Sebelius (1865-1957)

BLESSING

May the justice of Divine Presence rule in our land
may the compassion of Divine Presence temper our leaders
may the wisdom of Divine Presence guide the people
may the mothering of Divine Presence protect the weak
may the forgiveness of Divine Presence break down barriers
may the peace of God bind us together
may the love of Divine Presence give birth to a new day
and may the blessing of Divine Presence,
Creator, Liberator, and Presence
make us more human every day. Amen.

BLESSING SONG

CANTOR: JAMES EMERSON

May the blessing of God go before you,
May her grace and peace abound,
May her spirit live within you,
May her love wrap you 'round,
May her blessing remain with you always,
May you walk on holy ground.

Miriam Therese Winter (1938 -)
Tune: Blessing Song
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POSTLUDE

'Pie Jesu' from "Requiem in D minor" - Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)
This haunting movement from Faure's "Requiem" is one of the most sublime moments in all church music. Today it is sung not in its original orchestration, but in a version made for string quartet, organ and soprano soloist during this time of social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Katherine Norman (Soprano), The Nuovo Quartet and
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, people may 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. 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 tap multiple times. On our website 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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"The Blessing Song," Miriam Therese Winter. Tune: Blessing Song ©Medical Mission Sisters.

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GUEST MUSICIANS ONLINE

Katherine Norman is a Soprano with over 19 years' experience, including five European concert tours, several recordings and numerous live concert broadcasts presented by ABC Classic FM. An early sacred & Bach specialist whose repertoire also includes modern composition, Katherine is an accomplished soloist & blended ensemble singer.

Katherine studied voice with Vivienne Hamilton & Steven Grant at the University of Melbourne, Conservatorium of Music. Career highlights include Soprano soloist for the much-loved and vocally demanding Allegri Miserere, Mozart's Requiem, and the Pergolesi Stabat Mater, presenting the world Premiere of Hodgson Lamentations, and performing in four separate years of the annual Melbourne Festival.

Notable collaborations have included performances with the Tallis Scholars, the Rolling Stones, Warren Trevelyan-Jones, Steven Layton & Jeremy Summerly.

Katherine has sung with the Consort of Melbourne since 2009 and was recently a guest artist for the St James King St (Sydney) European concert tour, performing in such distinguished venues as Westminster Abbey and Notre Dame.

Katherine is also Secretary of the Board for the Consort of Melbourne. When not singing, Katherine is the Senior Account Manager in Presenter Services at Arts Centre Melbourne – leading the entire Event Management team to deliver 3,000 shows every year. She also lectures in Venue Management and is on the Venue Management School Committee. She & her partner also volunteer for Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (ASRC) & dote on their two Wheaten Terrier dogs.

Maximillian Riebl performs regularly as a solo artist, arranging alternative programs at festivals and contemporary venues. As a concert singer, he has appeared throughout Australia, Europe and the UK with ensembles such as the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, La Cetra Baroque Orchestra, the London Handel Orchestra and Orchestra Victoria.

He has performed in Sydney's Angel Place, the Melbourne Recital Center and Hamer Hall, the Forum, the Vienna Musikverein and the Royal Albert Hall. He studied baroque and early music at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis with Gerd Türk and currently collaborates and coaches with Dermot Tutty in Melbourne.

His favourite baroque performance repertoire includes Handel's Messiah and Dixit Dominus, John Blow's Venus and Adonis, Purcell's Ode for St Cecilia's Day, Bach's Johannes Passion, Weinachstoratorium, St Matthew Passion, Magnificat and B-minor Mass, Vivaldi's Stabat Mater, Gloria and Nisi Dominus, Buxtehude's Membra Jesu Nostri and Pergolesi's Salve Regina.

He has received top prizes in the IFAC Australian Singing Competition, the London Handel Competition, Herald Sun Aria, the Chicago International Classical Singer Competition and the Royal Philharmonic Arias.

Rose Riebl

Pianist and composer Rose Riebl began her piano studies at age five, and within a few years was performing and competing around Melbourne. Six years later she was accepted to study under Professor Frank Wibaut, then director of the Australian National Academy of Music. At 14, Rosie moved to Vienna to accept a place at the Universität Darstellende Kunst Wien, where she studied under Professor Heinz Medjmorec, then head of piano. During this time, she learned to speak German and drink vodka, in an attempt to keep up with old-er, Eastern European classmates; during this time, she also gave a series of solo and chamber performances throughout Austria, notably those in Schloss Mirabell Salzburg and Bosendorfer Saal, Vienna. Following her return to Australia, Rosie continued performing, competing and studying at the Australian National Academy of Music. During her two years at ANAM, she participated in master classes with an exciting array of international artists including Gary Graffman, Pascal Rogé, Boris Berman and Imogen Cooper. In the years following, Rosie spent some time performing in New York and eventually moved to London, where she was playing piano, studying literature and working for the circus. It was during this time that her current interest in composing music for theatre, television and film began to emerge.

After her time abroad Rosie moved to Sydney, where she received a first class honours from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Rosie is currently performing and accompanying classical repertoire, as well as composing and performing for solo project Rose Alea – cinematic, neoclassical piano music for the borderlands.

SUNDAY GATHERINGS @ ST MICHAEL'S – ONLINE

11th Sunday after Pentecost – 8 August 2021

“Going to essence”

Minister: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Zoe Wallace (Cello), Peter Sheridan (Flute) &

Rhys Boak (Organ & Piano)

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

11th Sunday after Pentecost – 8 August 2021

“Going to essence”

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 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

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.

ST MICHAEL'S SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Podcast www.soundcloud.com/stmichaelsunitingchurch

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SEARCHERS ZOOM PROGRAM

Six stand-alone sessions exploring “BEYOND BELIEF WITH PROF MARCUS BORG,” a Living the Questions program.

Featuring Rev. Marianne Borg:

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

When: Session 5: Wednesday 4 August via ZOOM | 7.30pm.

Extra: The previous week's session will be broadcast at 6.45pm.

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.

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

The Thursday Lunchtime Organ Recital series has been postponed due to current government restrictions. Check in via our website and eNews for updates.

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

MINGARY-CAIRNMILLAR COUNSELLING

The Mingary-Cairnmillar Counselling Service offers appointments for counselling and Vocational Assessments via telephone or video conference. For more information, please see our website at www.mingarycounselling.org.au To make an appointment, please call 1800 391 393 (free call) or email clinic@cairnmillar.org.au

