

Sunday at St Michael's

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25 JULY 2021

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: THE ACADEMY OF ST. MICHAEL,
GEORGIA WILKINSON (SOPRANO)
& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTORS: JESIKA CLARK, GEORGIA WILKINSON,
CHRISTOPHER WATSON & KATHERINE NORMAN.

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

Augustine, 5th century

“Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature.”

Sue Monk Kidd, 21st century

“I realized it for the first time in my life: there is nothing but mystery in the world, how it hides behind the fabric of our poor, browbeat days, shining brightly, and we don’t even know it.”

Frederick Buechner, 21st century

“A miracle is when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. A miracle is when one plus one equals a thousand.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 19th century

“The invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common.”



Chinese Proverb

“The miracle is not to fly in the air, or to walk on the water; but to walk on the earth.”

Loaves and Fishes
by Annika

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

We gather celebrating the presence of the God
who lives and breathes in all time,
all space, all histories, all creation, all people;
eternal Divine Presence.

We gather celebrating the presence of Christ/Christa,
living witness to eternal life
in all its costliness and joy.

We gather celebrating the presence of the Holy Spirit,
our company forever,
leading us, guiding us into a life of trust and hope.

May we joyfully participate in the life of the Sacred.

HYMN:

WORD OF GOD IN HUMAN LANGUAGE
GEORGIA WILKINSON

Word of God in human language
For this time and in our tongue,
Tell anew the ageless story
Ever ancient, every young.
May our heart receive the message
of God's faithful, loving care.
May our lives respond in action,
living deed and living prayer.

All around the world is hungry
for the liberating Word,
food for spirit as for body,
to be tasted, felt and heard.
It is thus the Word encounters
at God's own appointed hour,
bringing knowledge and perception
of true justice, peace, and power.

So God's voice continues speaking
in the words we can't deny,
sounding out across the ages!
Will we answer or defy?
As the call becomes still clearer,
witness that the Word shall last.
May we follow with commitment
in the present as the past.

Words: Jane Parker Huber

Tune: Austria

Adapted from Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

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: 1-21

REV CLARE BROCKETT

For the stories of Jesus and the beloved community,
We give thanks.

HYMN

GOD OF OUR EVERYDAY
JESIKA CLARK

God of our everyday,
friend who will walk our way,
light who can change the focus of our seeing,
capture our heart and mind,
be in the work we find,
till all we do becomes your mode of being.

Speak to our spirit's void,
hands that are unemployed,
lives that are lived without a true direction:
gifts that are hid, unearth,
lift us to know our worth
that in ourselves we see your own reflection.

Shine through our winter's grey,
break through depression's day,
live through the little deaths we die in growing;
meaning for whom we grope,
home of our strongest hope,
power and peace, through all creation flowing.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Tune: Down Ampney

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

CONTEMPORARY READING

'Blessing for Winter Meal' by Bronwyn White.

When winter seems darkest
and all is laid bare
the whole of creation is ours
We gather for comfort, for courage, for change
the abundance is ours to share
We prune and shape, and let the new buds form
we open our arms and turn to face the light
The fruit of our labours,
the bounty of the earth is ours
We share it, and bless each other.

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

We give thanks.

REFLECTION

"RADICAL HOSPITALITY"

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Allegro (Alleluia) from 'Exsultate Jubilate' K. 165 - W.A. Mozart (1756-1791) arr. Rhys Boak

This highly celebrated, much loved, and often performed motet was written in the year 1773. It was written for the Italian castrato Venanzio Rauzzini and composed, and first performed while Mozart was staying in Milan.

Georgia Wilkinson (Soprano) & Rhys Boak (Organ).

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.*

***Surprising God,
we give thanks for the many blessings of our lives,
and pray that these gifts and our lives
will be used to bless others
in wild, risky and imaginative ways.
Amen.***

NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MUSICIANS

HYMN

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE
CHRISTOPHER WATSON

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 overhead.
*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 the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.
*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 young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hand of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

*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 gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

*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 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.

*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*

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

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Tune: For Everyone Born

Brian Mann (2006)

BLESSING

Go forth into the world
in the knowledge that we are God's body,
that hope for a new world is in the blood of our veins,
that the struggle for justice is the beat to which our hearts respond,
and that God's promise is the very stuff of which our bones are made.

And may the love of God give you grace;
God in Christa/Community hold you in compassion;
and the Spirit lift up your hearts.

BLESSING SONG

KATHERINE NORMAN

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

Sonata in E Major Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757) Arr. Joe Chindamo
(b. 1961)

Domenico Scarlatti's claim to attention will forever be associated with his ingenious keyboard sonatas. Intended as 'exercises' these tongue twisters for the fingers, numbering at around 550, have delighted and tortured keyboardists for centuries. Clearly, they are not merely exercises, and such is their depth, that all manner of re-invention is possible. Their beauty is accentuated when transported to the string orchestra, where Scarlatti's universal romanticism perhaps supersedes the charm of hearing his work by way of early keyboard instruments.

The Academy of St. Michael led by Zoe Black

OFFERINGS

Offerings to support the ministry and shared life of St Michael's received with gratitude.

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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“Blessing for Winter Meal” by Bronwyn White. In *You who delight me: words of spirit & faith.*” Steele Roberts. NZ.

“A Version of the Lord's Prayer” from *Prayer at Night* by Jim Cotter, Cairns Publications. Used in *Uniting in Worship 2*.

“Word of God in human language”. Words: Jane Parker Huber. Tune: Austria. Adapted from Franz Joseph Haydn.

“God of our everyday”. Words: Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: Down Ampney. Ralph Vaughan Williams

“For everyone born,” Words: Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: For everyone born. Brian Mann.

“The Blessing Song,” Miriam Therese Winter. Tune: Blessing Song ©Medical Mission Sisters.

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GUEST MUSICIANS ONLINE

Georgia Wilkinson

With over 14 years of experience performing, Georgia Wilkinson is making a name for herself as one of Australia's most versatile young sopranos. Since beginning her classical voice training at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School, Georgia has progressively built her repertoire of operatic and musical theatre credits. Companies she has worked with include Victorian Opera, Left Bauer Productions, Gippsland Opera, Weimar Lyric Opera Studio (Germany) and Gertrude Opera. Georgia has had the pleasure of performing alongside some of Australia's most celebrated and illustrious artists, including Yvonne Kenny, Marina Prior, David Hobson, Sylvie Paladino, Roy Best, Kahmahl, and James Morrison. She also works regularly with Teddy Tahu Rhodes. In addition to opera, Georgia has also taken on many musical theatre roles. These include the roles of Christine in *Phantom of the Opera*, Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Maria in *West Side Story*. For her impressive musical theatre performances, Georgia has been recognised with a Guild Award and four Lyrebird Awards. Georgia graduated from the University of Melbourne's Conservatorium of Music with a Bachelor of Music and has studied opera abroad in Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States. Georgia's studies in London and New York, where

she had the opportunity to learn from some of the world's most renowned vocal coaches, were supported by grants from the Ian Potter Foundation and the Australia Council for the Arts.

Through her operatic career, Georgia has received various awards, including 'Opera Scholar of the Year' through the illustrious Opera Scholars Australia program and first place in the Ringwood Aria Competition. She was the youngest Opera Scholar of the Year and Robert Salzer Voice Awardee. Georgia's career highlights of 2018 included being a part of Victorian Opera's 2018 Young Artist program, performing in Gertrude Opera's Yarra Valley Opera Festival, performing on her first Bravo Cruise: Radiance of the Seas, and being featured in Sydney's Carols in the Domain in December 2018 (televised on Channel Seven) as one of Australia's finest upcoming opera singers. 2019 has seen Georgia perform in Victorian Opera's Parsifal, become a young artist with Gertrude Opera, star in her 5th Opera by the Lakes, perform at Sydney Town Hall, present the title role in Victorian Opera's Alice Through the Opera Glass, and perform at Opera Under the Stars in Broome. She will soon be stepping onto the stage of Hamer Hall for the first time in Concert Work's production of Jekyll and Hyde starring Anthony Warlow, before taking part in Opera Australia's production of Turandot. On October 23rd, Georgia won Australia's prestigious Herald Sun Aria competition.

The Academy of St. Michael

Founded in 2007, The Academy of St. Michael is a string ensemble that performs semi-regularly at St. Michael's services such as Easter and Christmas. The Academy is led by Violinist Zoe Black.

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost – 1 August 2021

"Peace Sunday"

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S ONLINE

10th Sunday after Pentecost – 1 August 2021

Peace Sunday

Minister: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Katherine Norman (Soprano), Max Riebl (Countertenor),
The Nuovo Quartet & Rhys Boak (Organ)

Links to videos, orders of service and the latest eNews are on the front page of our website.

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.

SUNDAY CAR PARKING

When services are back on in church, 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 is 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 4: Wednesday 28 July 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.

POSTPONED: MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SESSION

The Mindfulness Meditation Session with Karen Ellis scheduled for this Sunday 25 July has been postponed.

Please see the Order of Service, eNews or St Michael's website for updates on future sessions.

POSTPONED: 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

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