

*Sunday at
St Michael's*

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

15 AUGUST 2021

“CHANGING HEARTS AND MINDS”

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC ONLINE: GEORGIA WILKINSON
(SOPRANO) & RHYS BOAK (ORGAN & PIANO)

CANTORS: KATHERINE NORMAN, TIM REYNOLDS,
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

Pema Chodron, 21st century

“If your everyday practice is open to all your emotions, to all the people you meet, to all the situations you encounter, without closing down, trusting that you can do that—then that will take you as far as you can go. And then you’ll understand all the teachings that anyone has ever taught.”

Kate McGahan, One Heart’s Journey, 21st century

“Keep an open mind. The right person coming to you at the right time will change everything you ever thought was true.”



*Nancy Schoellkopf,
21st century*

“How to open your heart?
Step one: listen.”

*Barbara Kingsolver,
20th century*

“A mother’s body
remembers her babies—the
folds of soft flesh, the softly
furred scalp against her
nose. Each child has its own
entreaties to body and
soul.”

*The Syrophenician
Woman, by Robert Lentz*

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 live in between winter cold and summer warmth:
in between who we are and who we are becoming,
in between birth and death.
In these perpetual between times,
let us celebrate life in Divine Presence.

HYMN

LET US BUILD A HOUSE
CANTOR: TIM REYNOLDS



Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Words and Tune: Marty Haugen (1950 -)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

We give thanks for the life that pulsates within us
breath and heartbeat, joy and sorrow,
dance and stillness.

We give thanks for the life that ebbs and flows between us
loving, understanding, creating,
embracing and letting go.

We give thanks for the web of life that surrounds and sustains us
feeding, protecting, teaching, inspiring mutual care.

We give thanks for the source of all life,
this living universe, of which our lives
are an expression.

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.*

HEBREW BIBLE:

MAREE MCDONALD

PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

For the wisdom of our ancestors in faith

We give thanks.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Addio del Passato from La Traviata – Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Verdi is often described as being the king of melody. This

unforgettable melody comes from one of the greatest operas of the
19th century, La Traviata.

Georgia Wilkinson (Soprano) Rhys Boak (Piano)

GOSPEL: MARK 7: 24-37

For the opening of hearts and minds to love,

We give thanks.

CONTEMPORARY READING

“The Choice” by Meir Barger

After all of this is done

(if it is ever all done),

after we throw our doors open and

run, run

purposely and joyously into the

embrace of

all our beloveds;

after we cast aside our masks to
breathe, breathe
in the Divine Essence of
each and every
human Creation we encounter
in the supermarket,
on the sidewalk,
in the small and the large spaces
of our lives;

May we take a moment (or a lifetime)
to consider deeply
a choice that
the Universe,
the Holy Blessed One, has
placed before us.

Will we draw more closely to one another,
to heal our collective brokenness,
to seek justice,
to ensure that our collective wellbeing
is built upon the wellbeing of
each and every
human Creation?

Or

Will we forget our fear,
the masks,
the field hospitals,
the empty schools,
the nurses wearing garbage bags,
the refrigerated trucks full of bodies
(the sacred, empty vessels of beloveds),
the doors closed tight to
separate us;

And return to the regularly scheduled program
of individual interest and collective failure?

Will we have the courage to learn and
to change,
to accept the responsibility we have to
each and every
human Creation,
made in God's Image?

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

We give thanks.

REFLECTION

“CHANGING HEARTS AND MINDS”

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.*

***Show us, gracious God,
how to be frugal, till all are fed;
how to weep, till all can laugh;
how to be meek, till all stand in pride;
how to mourn, till all are comforted;
how to be restless, till all live in peace;
how to claim less, till all find justice.
Amen.***

NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MUSICIANS

HYMN:

DEEP IN THE HUMAN HEART
CANTOR: CHRISTOPHER WATSON



Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concern.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.

This is our task today -
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no-one lives in fear.

Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

Words: William L. (Bill) Wallace (1933-)
Tune: Diademata
George Job Elvey (1816-93)

BLESSING

We are called by the Spirit into a different world
where grace abounds,
where love is all,
where the poor are rich,
and the oppressed are set free.
We need courage.
We have the gift of God's presence.
We have what we need.

And as we go,
may the blessing of God,
Creator, Liberator and Sustaining Spirit,
Go with us and be with us and all creation,
now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING SONG

CANTOR: 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

Toccata in 7 – John Rutter (b. 1945)

John Rutter's website states: "*With exuberantly rhythmic textures skilfully wrought within a septuple metre, John Rutter's Toccata in Seven offers a lively new take on the toccata. The music moves from a jubilant opening to a more sustained central section before the initial sprightliness returns in a final flourish.*"

Rhys Boak (Organ)

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 the St Michael's Office.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“The Choice” by Rabbi Meir Barger.

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

“Let us build a house where love may dwell”. Words and Tune: Marty Haugen.

“Walls mark our boundaries”. Words: Ruth Duck. Tune: Penrose. Jim Strathdee.

“Deep in the human heart (The Summons)” Words: John Bell. Tune: Kelvingrove. Traditional Scottish melody. Arr. Valerie Ruddle.

“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.

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

13th Sunday after Pentecost – 22 August 2021

“Suffering is not good for the soul”

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Joe Chindamo (Piano), Zoe Black (Violin) & Rhys Boak (Organ)

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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.

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

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.

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