

*Sunday at
St Michael's*

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

29 AUGUST 2021

“FROM REJECTION TO WELCOME”

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: PAULINA VAYENAS (PIANO),
DR. KIM TAN (FLUTE) &
RHYS BOAK (ORGAN & PIANO)

CANTORS: JAMES EMERSON, KATHERINE NORMAN &
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

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 19th century

“A great [person] is always willing to be little.”

Helen Keller, 20th century

“I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble.”

*Carson McCullers, *The Square Root of Wonderful*, 20th century*

“The closest thing to being cared for is to care for someone else.”

William Shakespeare, 15th century

“[One] is not great who is not greatly good.”

Fyodor Dostoyevsky, 19th century

“The soul is healed by being with children.”



*C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 20th century*

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.”

Martin Luther King Jr., 20th century

“Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.”

Sophia, Divine Wisdom by Mary Plaster

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

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

We acknowledge, with respect, Wurundjeri elders – past, present, and emerging, the ones who carry the traditions and the dreaming. Let us share their hope and act together 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

From the corners of the world
from the confusion of life
from the loneliness of our hearts
We gather in Divine Presence.

To feed our minds
to fire our imagination
to free our hearts
We gather in Divine Presence.

HYMN

HERE IN THIS PLACE
CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON



Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt of the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Tune: Gather us in
Words and Tune Marty Haugen (1950-)*

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: MARK 9: 30-37

READER: LAURA BECKETT

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

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Adagio from the piano Sonata in D Major K. 576 – W.A. Mozart
(1756–1791)

The piano sonata from which this Adagio comes is one of a set that Mozart composed for Princess Friederike of Prussia in 1789. Sadly for the world, it was also his last ever piano sonata, written at the young age of just 33.

Paulina Vayenas (Piano)

CONTEMPORARY READING

“May we be blessed by a foolishness” by Glynn Cardy

May we be blessed by a foolishness
that believes the divisions that tear our world
can be overcome, that hate can be healed,
and we can live in harmony.

May we be blessed by a forgiveness,
received and given, for the conspiratorial ways
we keep the gates of our privilege closed,
lest the least get within.

May we be blessed by a fearlessness,
a courageous counter-intuitive form of faith,
that imagines and acts to bring to birth
the fragile gift of hope.

May we be that fool.
May we be that open.
May we be that hope.
May we be the blessing we seek.

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

We give thanks.

REFLECTION

“FROM REJECTION TO WELCOME”

HYMN

WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE
CANTOR: KATHERINE NORMAN



We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

Words and tune: Colin Gibson (1933-)

Tune: Hamilton

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.*

***God whose holy name
defies definition
but whose will is known
in freeing the oppressed,
and the healing of the earth.***

***As we offer these gifts and ourselves
make us to be one
with all who cry out for justice;
that we who speak your praise,
may struggle for your truth.
Amen.***

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-)
Music: Penrose, Jim Strathdee (1941-)

BLESSING

May the God we see
in all the colours of creation
arouse in us a sense of awe and wonder.
May the God who is a sacred presence
be real to us.
May the God who is a source of inspiration and courage
keep calling us forward.

May the blessing of the Sacred
Life giver, liberator, sustaining presence
Go with us, and bless us, and all creation,
now and forever.

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

Morceau de Concours – Gabriel Urbain Fauré (1845-1924)
This work picks up on many themes of stillness and spiritual
replenishment. Dating from the early 20th century, this work comes
from the pen of the celebrated Parisienne composer, Gabriel Fauré
who is best known for his celebrated setting of the Requiem.
Dr. Kim Tan (Flute) & Rhys Boak (Piano)

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.

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ST MICHAEL'S ZOOM CUPPA

To help us stay in touch, the Sunday Zoom Cuppa has recommenced. Hosted by members of Council and Congregation.

Sundays | 11:15am - 11:45am.

All welcome to join. If you know someone who doesn't have a computer or smart phone, let them know they can join by landline.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92292118658?pwd=YkJLS25JYmVZekxKRG9nRXpTNUZFUT09>

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Passcode: 494938

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

"Here in this place". Tune: Gather us in. Words and Tune: Marty Haugen.

"We are many, we are one". Words and tune: Colin Gibson. Tune: Hamilton

"Walls mark our boundaries". Words: Ruth Duck. Music: Penrose, Jim Strathdee.

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

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GUEST MUSICIANS ONLINE

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 McCullea, 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.

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.

Paulina Vayenas is an enthusiastic young pianist and piano teacher based in Melbourne. She has studied the piano since the age of five, taking lessons from Russian pianist, Tamara Vasilevitsky, during her formative years. She then went on to study music at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, attaining a Bachelor of Music under the tutelage of esteemed Australian pianist, Associate Professor Ronald Farren Price. During her undergraduate years, she also earned an Associate Diploma (AMusA) in Piano from the Australian Music Examinations Board and is currently studying a Master of Music degree, specialising in Performance Teaching. Outside of her own performing, Paulina enjoys teaching the piano, as well as playing collaboratively through accompanying other instruments and playing piano duets.

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S - ONLINE OR IN CHURCH

Season of Creation – 5 September 2021

“Planet Earth Sunday”

Minister: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music in Church: Georgia Wilkinson (Soprano) &

Rhys Boak (Organ & Piano)

Music Online: Christopher Watson (Tenor) & 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 telephone 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 telephone 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 contact the St Michael's office on 9654 5120. Ask for your first name and telephone number to be passed on to Catherine Jones, who will then be in touch with 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 telephone. Please call the office to arrange a time for Margaret to contact you.

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Podcast www.soundcloud.com/stmichaelsunitingchurch

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

REPEAT OF SEARCHERS "BEYOND BELIEF" IN 2 PARTS

The Searcher's Program "Beyond Belief with Prof Marcus Borg" will be replayed in a two-part Zoom series.

Please note these are the videos only. No discussion will follow videos. Anybody can join and/or leave at any time.

Part 2 Program:

Video 1: Session 4 Reading the Bible | 4.30pm to 4.51 pm approx.

Video 2: Session 5 An Emerging Way | 4.51pm to 5.17pm approx.

Video 3 Session 6 Beyond Belief | 5.17pm to 5.35pm approx.

When:

Part 2 | Sunday 29 August 2021 | 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Where: via Zoom. Register with St Michael's Uniting Church at office@stmichaels.org.au for Zoom link.

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. There is no charge for counselling appointments.

For more information, please see our website at

www.mingarycounselling.org.au To make an appointment, call 1800 391 393 (free call) or email clinic@cairnmillar.org.au