

*Sunday at
St Michael's*

ST MICHAEL'S DAY

26 SEPTEMBER 2021

“LAMENT, HEALING AND HOPE”

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: THE SUSIE NG TRIO,
THE ACADEMY OF ST. MICHAEL,
ZOE BLACK (VIOLIN), JOE CHINDAMO (PIANO)
& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTORS: ELOISE VERBEEK,
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

Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird, 20th century

“I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It’s when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.” (Atticus Finch)

Audre Lorde, 20th century

“When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.”

Harriet Beecher Stowe, 19th century

“All serious daring starts from within.”

Nora Ephron,

21st century

“Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim.”



Eleanor Roosevelt,
20th century

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

There is always hope
Banksy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

Today we acknowledge that the land on which St Michael's stands is the sovereign and unceded country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, who have cared for this country since its creation.

We commit ourselves to working for a more just sharing of resources and power between the First and Second peoples of Australia.

*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.*

GATHERING WORDS

Ours is a faith that, like the Spirit, is everywhere;
its temple, all space;
its shrine, the good heart;
its creed, all truth;
its ritual, works of love;
its profession of faith, living well,
seeking justice and abundant life for all.

HYMN

SONG OF FAITH THAT SINGS FOREVER CANTOR: ELOISE VERBEEK



Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long.
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song in sickbed or in prison
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931–2020)

Tune: Hymn to Joy

Adapted from Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS – THE MINGARY PRAYER

Restore in us
A peaceful mind.
A strengthened spirit.

Restore to us
A new pathway –
a new hope, and a new purpose.

Restore for us
The courage to let go of what is past.
The readiness and strength to walk,
towards the future.

Restore in us
A union with the energy
of this sacred place
and a union with the
soul of the universe.

As we touch the Rock
Help us to draw strength from the stone.

JESUS' PRAYER PARAPHRASE

***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

There is grace in the midst of life,
grace that finds and frees us
grace that liberates and leads us to love.

May the Peace of Divine Presence be with you.

And also with you.

*People are invited to offer greetings
and share signs of peace.*

GOSPEL: MARK 9: 38-50

VAL GILL

For the dangerous memory of Jesus challenging us
and calling us to be at peace in community,

We give thanks.

REFLECTION

“LAMENT, HEALING AND HOPE”

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

En la orilla del mundo – Martin Rojas (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

CONTEMPORARY READING

“Blessing of Salt and Fire” by Jan Richardson.

And so, in this season,
may we give ourselves
to the fire
that shows us
what is elemental
and sacramental,

that reveals what remains
after all that does not have
substance or savor
falls away.

May we turn
our eyes
our ears
our hands
to the beauty
for which we were formed
and bear with grace
the patterns
that blossom upon us
who live salted
and singed.

For Wisdom that was in the beginning,
for Wisdom that invites and inspires,
for Wisdom revealed in all creation,
We give thanks.

HYMN

WE ARE NOT OUR OWN
CANTOR: CHRISTOPHER WATSON



We are not our own, Earth forms us,
human leaves on nature's growing vine,
fruit of many generations,
seeds of life divine.

We are not alone, Earth names us:
past and present, peoples near and far,
family and friends and strangers
show us who we are.

Through a human life God finds us;
dying, living, love is fully known,
and in bread and wine reminds us:
we are not our own.

Therefore let us make thanksgiving,
and with justice, willing and aware,
give to earth, and all things living,
liturgies of care.

And if love's encounters lead us
on a way uncertain and unknown,
all the saints with prayer surround us:
we are not alone.

Let us be a house of welcome,
living stone upholding living stone,
gladly showing all our neighbours
we are not our own.

Words: Brian Wren (1936-)
Tune: Yarnton
Composer: Brian A. Wren
Arr. Fred Graham

ST MICHAEL'S DAY REFLECTION

YANA CANTELOUPE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Reverie – Joe Chindamo (b.1961)

This Reverie, with its truly beautiful melody, sumptuous harmony
and exciting spirit comes very recently from the pen of Melbourne
based pianist and composer, Joe Chindamo.

Zoe Black (Violin) & Joe Chindamo (Piano)

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ANTHONY BENDELL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of thanksgiving and solidarity, for compassion, justice, and peace.

PRAYER FOR THE CITY AND THE CHURCH

***Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.
Give us a new spirit of unity
with all who follow Christ
and a new spirit of love
toward all people.***

***Bless the city in which we live
that it may be a place
where honest dealing,
good government,
the desire for beauty
and the care for others flourish.***

***Bless this Church
that what we know of your will
may become what we do,
and what we believe,
the strong impulse of our
worship and work.
Amen.***

OFFERING PRAYER

***Spirit of life and love,
receive our offering.
Guide those who use it
that it may help to bring fullness of life,
inclusive community,
support for people who are struggling,
and relief to people who live in need
and long for justice and compassion.
Amen.***

CONVERSATION - WALKING TOGETHER

PAMELA BLOOD, SANDRA FOSTER & LYNDELL O'BRIEN

HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON



Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
God, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
Creator now be given,
the Christ and Spirit blessed,
whose reign is still our vision:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

*Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) alt.
Tune: Nun Danket Alle Gott
Johann Crüger (1598-1662)*

BLESSING

May the mystery of God enfold us.
May the wisdom of God uphold us.
May the fragrance of God be around us.
May the brightness of God surround us.

May the wonder of God renew us.
May the loving of God flow through us.
May the peace of God deeply move us.
May the moving of God bring us peace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sonata in G Major – Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)
Arr. Joe Chindamo

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 from today's St Michael's Day Gathering are received for FoodBank Victoria and the Carlton Uniting Church of All Nations, who are feeding vulnerable Australians and providing vital social inclusion programs.

Follow the instruction to give online:

FoodBank Victoria: <https://foodbank-victoria.giveeasy.org/2021-general-banner?state=vic>

Carlton Uniting Church CAN: <http://carlton-uca.org/news/can-community-support/>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Jan Richardson. "Blessing of Salt and Fire"

<https://paintedprayerbook.com/2012/09/25/salted-with-fire/>

"The Mingary Prayer", Francis Macnab and Alana Pryor, *Mingary the Quiet Place: Rock, Water, Light*.

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

"Prayer for the church and the city," by the Very Rev John S Murray. Written for St Andrew's on The Terrace, Wellington, NZ.

"Song of faith that sings forever." Words: Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: Hymn to Joy. Adapted from Ludwig van Beethoven.

"We are not our own." Words and Composer: Brian Wren. Tune: Yarnton. Arr. Fred Graham.

"Now thank we all our god." Words: Martin Rinkart.Tr. Catherine Winkworth. Tune: Nun Danket Alle Gott. Johann Crüger.

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GUEST MUSICIANS

The Susie Ng Trio

The Susie Ng Trio comprises Susie Ng (Violin), Mark Fitzgibbon (Piano) and Ben Hanlon (Bass). The trio have been performing together for many years. During the 2020 lockdown, this group recorded a great deal of music for use in the St. Michael's online services.

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.

Zoë Black

Zoë Black has won numerous awards, including the National Youth Concerto Competition in 1989 and the String section of the ABC Young Performers Award in 1991.

Graduating from the Victorian College of the Arts in 1992, Zoë was awarded grants from the Australia Council and the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Trust and the major performance award of the Australian Musical Foundation in London, where she studied at the Guildhall School of Music under David Takeno and subsequently at the Vienna Hochschule with Michael Schnitzler.

During her time in Europe, she studied chamber music with the Takacs Quartet, played with the London Symphony Orchestra and, in Vienna, with the Wiener Kammerorchester. She returned to Australia in 1996 to become Assistant Leader of the Australian Chamber Orchestra with whom she toured extensively both within Australia and overseas.

Touring regularly throughout Australia, Zoë has been a featured soloist and performed in chamber settings at the annual Huntington Festival in Mudgee, NSW, performed in the MSO Chamber Music series, appeared as soloist with the Tasmanian and Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and is a regular performer for the ABC Sunday Live series.

In 2006, Zoë was a founding member of the Freshwater Trio, which has quickly become one of Melbourne's leading chamber ensembles, with sell-out performances at numerous festivals, including Port Fairy and Castlemaine, and with its own innovative subscription series at Melba Hall. Future engagements include taking part in Musica Viva's Coffee Concert series and regional touring, as well as a tour to St. Petersburg.

In 2007 Zoë recorded the Roger Smalley Violin Concerto with the Victorian College of the Arts Orchestra for the ABC. In addition to her performing career, Zoë is a valued member of staff at Melbourne University and the Victorian College of the Arts.

Joe Chindamo

Joe Chindamo ranks amongst the world's best jazz pianists and composers. His equal gifts as composer, arranger and improviser enable him to skate between musical genres with deftness and integrity, creating a unique music which eschews boundaries. A man with an international reputation, Joe has performed concerts all over the world. Of particular note, at the Umbria Jazz Festival, The Tokyo Dome and The Lincoln Centre in New York. He also toured with famed US drummer, Billy Cobham, for over 10 years. Numerous of his recordings reached number 1 on the modern jazz charts in Japan. His formidable pianism has earned him admiration from amongst the classical elite.

In 2008, Joe was invited to perform 3 concerts in Italy by the celebrated classical pianist, Michele Campanella, who was curator of a respected piano festival. In the same year, as a result of an enthusiastic recommendation by the formidable Nickolai Demidenko, piano maker Paolo Fazioli invited Joe to perform at his auditorium in Venice, a venue normally reserved for the likes of Angela Hewitt, Nickolai Demidenko and Aldo Ciccolini.

Joe is an artist who has done it all. He has performed and recorded with the best, such as Shirley Bassey, Anne Sophie von Otter, Ricky Lee Jones, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Yvonne Kenny and Olivia Newton John, and worked on over 60 film soundtracks, providing the piano work for iconic Australian movies such as *Phar Lap*, *The Man from Snowy River II*, *Babe* and *The Sound of One Hand Clapping*.

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S ONLINE

Pentecost 19B – 3 October 2021

“Reading the Bible with soft hearts”

Minister: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Dr. Elyane Laussade (Piano) & Rhys Boak (Organ)

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 smartphone, let them know they can join by landline.

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

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SUNDAY GATHERINGS @ ST MICHAEL'S

During the current COVID restrictions in Melbourne, our Gatherings are online only. When we are able to gather again in the church, Online Gatherings will continue for people who are not able to attend in person because of health, distance, or other commitments. 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 will remain confidential.

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

Lyndell O'Brien: Chair of Contact and Care

Joy Arnot: Deputy Chair

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 call the St Michael's office on 9654 5120 and ask for your first name and phone number to be passed on to Catherine Jones, who will then be in 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 call the office to arrange a time for Margaret to contact you.

ST MICHAEL'S SOCIAL MEDIA

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

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WOMEN'S POETRY DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join with us for the Women's Poetry Discussion Group on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm via Zoom, when Pamela Blood will revisit some of the poetry from the services over the past eighteen months. The poems for discussion, along with the Zoom login details, will be emailed prior to the session.

You are invited to register with the church office by providing your name and email address to office@stmichaels.org.au.

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

The Thursday Lunchtime Organ Recital series has been postponed due to current government restrictions. Check 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 the Mingary website.

<https://www.mingarycounselling.com.au>.

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