

Sunday at St Michael's

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17 OCTOBER 2021

“A POWER OF GOOD”

MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: BRUNO SIKETA (TRUMPET)
& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTORS: 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 are offered Online.

<http://www.stmichaels.org.au/>
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MEDITATIONS

Ernesto Tinajero, 20th century

"If you read the Bible and it does not challenge you, then you are reading yourself and not the Bible."

Helen Keller, 20th century

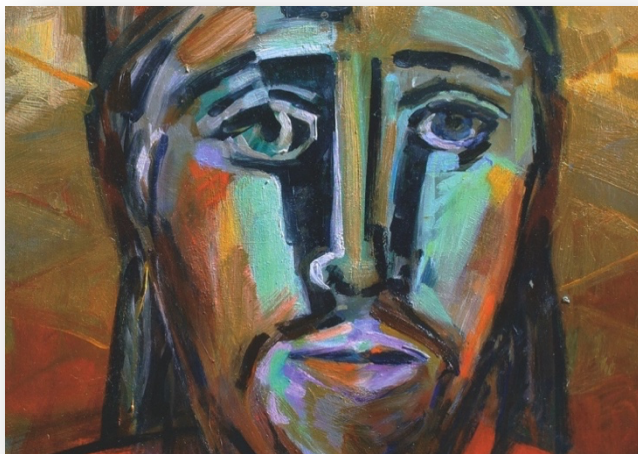
"Happiness cannot come from without. It must come from within. It is not what we see and touch or that which others do for us which makes us happy; it is that which we think and feel and do, first for the other fellow and then for ourselves."

Carter Heyward, 21st century.

"For god is nothing other than the eternally creative source of our relational power, our common strength, a god whose movement is to empower, bringing us into our own together, a god whose name in history is love... which is just, mutually empowering, and co-creative."

Martin Luther King, Jr., 20th century

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."



Disciple
Elaine Roemen

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

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

On this spring morning
it is good to gather together!
In this time we share let us open ourselves to
new understanding,
reassurance,
and hope.

Now is the time to dance heaven's dance,
Time to discern eternity's face,
Moment of knowing beyond all sight,
Day of the Spirit's smile and tender embrace.
May our lives and our world be reawakened,
as we come alive to the wonder of this day.

HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
CANTOR: CHRISTOPHER WATSON



Holy, holy, holy, love now ascending,
early in the morning our song shall rise to you.
Holy, holy, holy, joy that has no ending,
giving, forgiving, breathing life anew.

Holy, holy, holy, love without a limit,
care that binds creation in sacred unity.
Holy, holy, holy, birthing every minute,
Christ, Love's revealer, sets our spirits free.

Holy, holy, holy, infinite compassion
makes a place for every soul in God's eternal reign,
Holy, holy, holy, truth beyond religion,
love that endures should nothing else remain.

Holy, holy, holy, raise your voice in singing.
Join the cosmic chorus in praise of Love divine.
Holy, holy, holy, God beyond all naming,
echoes our song in harmony sublime.

Words: adapted by Jim Burklo
Tune: Nicea
John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Sacred Spirit, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with each other;
to love and work, support and heal.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people;
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with the whole creation;
to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

In this time of being gathered together
we come into awareness of you and one another.

We recall what has been:
sometimes with thankfulness,
sometimes with regret.

We open ourselves to sacred presence:
accepting, loving, forgiving, reconciling,
receiving the blessing that has been promised...

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

May the Peace of Divine Presence be with you.
And also with you.

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

HEBREW BIBLE: MARK 10:35-45

DR LIZ BOASE

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

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)*

CONTEMPORARY READING

“Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver.

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

For poetry that illuminates our lives,
We give thanks.

REFLECTION

“A POWER OF GOOD”

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

‘A Prayer of St Gregory’ – Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)

The Armenian born composer, Alan Hovhaness, was one of the most prolific composers of the 20th century. He composed at least 67 symphonies, and at least 500 works in differing genres.

Bruno Siketa (Trumpet) & Rhys Boak (Organ)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In thanksgiving and solidarity...

OFFERING

*A prayer dedicating the Sunday offering
and gifts given in other ways to support the work of the church.*

***Generous Spirit, strengthen our love
to help us meet the needs of others.
Receive and use these gifts
so that abundance and need
may be balanced in the world.
Remembering Jesus the compassionate healer,
we pray. Amen.***

HYMN

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON



Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.

Words: Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

Tune: Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

BLESSING

May we know our place in the world.
May we turn outwards to serve a world
in which we are fully a part,
and yet only a part.

God be with us, in the wonder of earth, and sea, and sky.
The dangerous memory of Jesus be with us,
in the open-hearted joy of compassionate living.
And the Holy Spirit be with us, in the simple reassurance:
we are part of life. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata – Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

There are many wonderful and memorable toccatas for the organ. These include works by such luminaries as Bach, Widor, Frescobaldi and many others. This toccata by the great Belgian virtuoso, Joseph Jongen, was completed in its final form in February 1953, only months before the composer's death. It uses extremely rich and colourful harmony, as well as exploring the full power of the organ. It is regarded as one of the most technically difficult works in the repertory and, as such, is seldom performed and remains little known.

Rhys Boak (Organ)

OFFERINGS

Offerings to support the ministry and shared life of St Michael's are 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. Account: 515113338

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"Wild Geese" by Mary Oliver. *Dream Work*. 1986.

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.

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GUEST MUSICIAN

Bruno Siketa began playing the trumpet in 1988 while attending Geelong College on a music scholarship. He obtained Bachelor of Music performance at the Victorian College of the Arts, studying with Robert Sims, Anthony Pope and Geoffrey Payne. During his studies, he performed in masterclasses with Hakin Hardenberger, David Staff, and Geoffrey Payne. In 2002, he was appointed Sub-principal trumpet in the Auckland Philharmonia and performed there for two years. Since 2003, Bruno has performed as guest principal trumpet in The Queensland Orchestra, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, and also as casual trumpet in the West Australian Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Victoria. In 2004, he performed the 2nd Brandenburg Concerto on tour with Mozart Orchestra. He toured China and performed as principal trumpet with the Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra in 2006. Bruno has played extensively with brass bands, such as Dalewood Auckland and Hawthorn Brass Band and is a continuing member of Melbourne Tramways Band. He has also recorded for Melbourne-based singer/songwriter Georgia Fields, Pyramid and toured with renown vocalist Patrizio Buanne. Bruno has recorded and premiered many new Australian works as a member of the Raga Dolls Salon Orchestra, including the concerto Photo Album, which he performed in 2011 as the cornet soloist. In 2010, Bruno performed a solo recital at the Music at the Basilica Festival, performing works with organ and, in 2011, performed with soprano Judith Dodsworth. He also performed solo recitals at the Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields festival in 2012 and 2014. He appears regularly at St Michael's Uniting Church in Melbourne, performing solo trumpet works with organ. He recently performed new works by Australian and other contemporary composers, including the Australian premiere of Harrison Birtwistle's Endless Parade with the Arcko Symphonic Project. He has also taken part in the Australian National Academy of Music concerts under the direction of distinguished artists such as Richard Tognetti and Michael Collins, performing new works by Anthony Pateras and James Ledger.

NEXT SUNDAY @ ST MICHAEL'S ONLINE

"Whom do we fail to see?"

Pentecost 22B – 24 October 2021

Minister: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman

Music: Francesca Hiew (Violin), David Paterson (Piano), Timothy Reynolds (Tenor), The Nuovo Quartet & Rhys Boak (Harpsichord)

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/>

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SHINING A LIGHT ON ASYLUM IN AUSTRALIA

Presenters: Sr Brigid Arthur & Pamela Curr OAM



Sunday 24 October | 2pm to 3:15pm | via Zoom.

- Learn about the realities of life for asylum seekers living in the Australian community.
- Hear from people seeking asylum and the people who support them to survive.
- Find out about actions we can take to make a difference.

An interactive online presentation hosted by Rev Dr Margaret Mayman, Rev Alistair Macrae, and members of the St Michael's and Wesley congregations, as part of the Inner Melbourne UCA Justice Coalition.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93235042878?pwd=aHQxYkQwTkswQk5PMTV^{EW}WdKaHZPQT09>

Meeting ID: 932 3504 2878. Password: 362 935.

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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