

ST MICHAEL'S  
UNITING CHURCH



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
“NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN”

31 JULY 2022



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& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

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## 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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*Music notes, musicians' bios, and the text of the contemporary reading  
can be found at the end of the order of service.*

## PROCESSIONAL

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet on the unceded land of the traditional owners, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

***We acknowledge Wurundjeri people,  
and pay our respects to their elders, past and present.***

We honour their custodianship and care for the lands and waters since time immemorial.

***Walking together toward a just and peaceful future,  
we accept the invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.***

*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.*

## WELCOME & GATHERING

In this time of gathering,  
bring all of yourself, doubts and certainties,  
strength and vulnerability.

Come as you are,  
free to be who you are.

## HYMN

## PRAISE WITH JOY THE WORLDS CREATOR

Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge,  
Force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory -  
Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
Frees the captive, finds the lost,  
Heals the sick, upsets religion,  
Fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -  
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
Liberating truth from pride,  
Forging bonds where race or gender,  
Age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure,  
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, son and Spirit,  
One God in community,  
Calling us to leave behind faith's  
Ghettos and obscurity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe  
When shown Christ's vibrant unity.

*Words: John L. Bell (1949-)  
and Graham Maule (1958-2020)*

*Tune: Praise, my soul. John Goss (1800-80)*

## PRAYER OF AWARENESS

### JESUS' PRAYER

***God, lover of us all, most holy one,  
help us to respond to you  
to create what you desire here on earth.  
Give us today enough for our needs;***

*forgive our weak and deliberate offences,  
just as we must forgive others  
when they hurt us.  
Help us to resist evil  
and to do what is good;  
for we are yours,  
endowed with your power  
to make our world whole.  
Amen.*

#### SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

May the heart of peace rest with you.  
*And also with you.*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

#### THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

#### PROMISES

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.*

***We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.***

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## THE BAPTISM

### SUNG BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you;  
May God make her face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you;  
May God lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

*Numbers 6: 22-27*

### COMMITMENT OF THE CONGREGATION

People of St Michael's,  
will you live out the truth of the Gospel for Irene  
and for all who gather here  
and will you point to the love of God in our world?

***With God's grace, we will.***

***We promise our love and support.***

***Together, we will seek to open our eyes and hearts  
to the wonders of Divine Presence in our midst.***

*Presentation of Baptism Candle and Certificate*

## BAPTISM HYMN

## FOR YOU, DEEP STILLNESS

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland  
For you, deep blue of the desert skies  
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones  
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges seek the heartlands  
and when you're burnt by the journey  
may the cool winds of the hovering  
Spirit soothe and replenish you.  
*In the name of Love, in the name of Love.*

*Words: Julie Perrin (alt)  
Tune: Robin Mann*

## HEBREW BIBLE: ECCLESIASTES 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23

SALLY CLARKE

For ancient seekers of wisdom,  
***We give thanks.***

## GOSPEL LUKE 12:13-21

For the challenging teachings of Jesus,  
***We give thanks.***

## MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

## CONTEMPORARY READING

“Love’s faithfulness,” by Kathy Keay.

For Wisdom that was in the beginning  
For Wisdom that invites and inspires  
For Wisdom in our world today,  
***We give thanks.***

## REFLECTION

“Nothing new under the sun”

## MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In thanksgiving and solidarity...

*Time of silence*

Holy Spirit, God in us and with us,  
enable us to be people of light and love.

***Empower us to be a community  
where everyone feels at home  
and enabled to find hope and joy in life.  
Amen.***

### OFFERING

***Source of life, whose heart abounds with gifts,  
we bring our offering as a sign of our intention  
to live surrounded by your compassion,  
inspired by the Spirit,  
open to the joy of Divine presence,  
hospitable toward one another,  
and generous toward the world.  
Amen.***

## CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

### EXPRESSIONS OF COMMITMENT

#### THE BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of God go before you,  
May their grace and peace abound.  
May her Spirit live within you  
May his love wrap you 'round.



May their blessing remain with you always  
May you walk on holy ground.

*Words: Miriam Therese Winter (1938 - ) alt.*

*Tune: Blessing Song*

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## NOTICES

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## HYMN

## TAKE MY GIFTS

Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free.

Now because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away,  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God,  
spiced with humour, laced with laughter,  
flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer,  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)*

*Tune: Talavera Terrace. Colin Gibson (1933- )*

## BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

May the blessing of God,  
Earth-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,  
be with us and all creation  
this day and forever more.

## POSTLUDE

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Art: "Simultaneous contrasts sun and moon" by Robert Delaunay

Kathy Keay, "Love's faithfulness," in *Laughter, Silence and Shouting: An Anthology of Women's Prayers*. Harper, San Francisco. 1994.

Jesus' Prayer by Lala Winkley, in *Celebrating women*. Hannah Ward, Jennifer Wild, and Janet Morley (eds). London. SPCK. 1995.

"Praise with joy the worlds creator." Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule. Tune: Praise, my soul. John Goss.

"For you, deep stillness." Words: Julie Perrin (alt). Tune: Robin Mann.

"The Blessing Song." Words: Miriam Therese Winter. (alt.)  
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"Take my gifts." Words: Shirley Erena Murray.  
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## CONTEMPORARY READING

“Love’s faithfulness” by Kathy Keay

You offer comfort  
in affliction.  
Within the wasteland of  
my pilgrim heart  
You stand radiant  
moving forward,  
dustblown through the years  
facing every onslaught  
wiping every tear  
defusing every deception  
disarming vanity  
confronting pride-  
idolatry of every kind.  
Seemingly lost amidst unbelief  
and the pain and turmoil  
or past years  
and recent grief,  
yet here you stand  
With you I emerge  
burnt  
yet more vulnerable  
more real.

# MUSIC ONLINE

## MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

Aria – Otar Taktakishvili (1924 – 1989)

Otar Taktakishvili, composer, conductor, teacher and musicologist was born in Georgia during the Soviet era. He composed the official anthem of the Georgian Republic when he was a student at the Tbilisi Conservatory. The flute sonata (1968) is one of his best-known works. Influences from Georgian folk music, its modal harmony, can be heard in this second movement entitled Aria.

Dr. Kim Tan (Flute) & Rhys Boak (Piano)

## 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)

## MUSICIANS ONLINE

### **Dr. Kim Tan**

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 McSullea, 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.

## MUSIC IN CHURCH

### MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

Prelude in G Major, Op 32 No 5 – Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)  
Sergei Rachmaninoff is best known for his works for the piano. This prelude comes from a set of 24 preludes which are considered to be the composer's most significant work. This collection of preludes, published in 1910 covers all the major and minor keys.

Hoang Pham (Piano)

Adagio Cantabile from the 8<sup>th</sup> piano sonata  
– Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Beethoven's 8th piano sonata is called the 'Pathetique' sonata. This truly beautiful movement from it is the second movement and is one of the most recognisable works for the piano.

Hoang Pham (Piano)

### POSTLUDE

Waltz in C sharp minor, Op 64 No 2  
– Frédéric François Chopin (1810-1849)

During Chopin's tragically short life, he wrote a great deal of timeless music. Some of his best known of his works for piano his many waltzes. Chopin wrote all of his music at a young age, before tragically passing away in 1849 at the age of just 39.

Hoang Pham (Piano)

## MUSICIANS IN CHURCH

### **Hoang Pham**

Hoang Pham was born in Vietnam and moved to Australia with his parents at an early age. He has been playing the piano for over thirty years and has performed around the world. Hoang enjoys performing music of Chopin, Beethoven and Mozart and has sometimes performed with our major symphony orchestras. He studied overseas for many years at Manhattan School of Music and Royal College of Music in London. These days, Hoang teaches piano at Haileybury and presents his own concerts at the Melbourne Recital Centre.