

ST MICHAEL'S
UNITING CHURCH



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CITY”

9 OCTOBER 2022



MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: AIDAN BOASE (PIANO)
& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTOR: 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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SUNDAY GATHERINGS ARE OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-CHURCH.
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Music notes 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.***

WELCOME & GATHERING

*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.*

HYMN

DEAR GOD, EMBRACING HUMANKIND

Dear God, embracing humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Tune: Repton

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

JESUS' PRAYER

***Most compassionate Life-giver,
may we honour and praise you:
may we work with you to establish your new order of
justice, peace and love.***

***Give us what we need for growth,
and help us, through forgiving others,
to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing,
that we may resist all evil.
For all the tenderness,
strength and love are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.***

SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

HYMN

WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE

We are your people; Spirit of grace,
you dare to make us, to all our neighbours,
Christ's living voice, hands and face.

Joined in community, treasured and fed,
may we discover, gifts in each other,
willing to lead and be led.

Rich in diversity, help us to live
closer than neighbours, open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive.

Glad of tradition, help us to see
in all life's changing, where you are leading,
where our best efforts should be.

Give, as we venture justice and care
(peaceful, resisting, waiting, or risking)
wisdom to know when and where

Christ as we serve you in different ways,
may all we're doing show that you're living,
meeting your love with our praise.

*Words: Brian Wren (1936-)
Tune: Whitfield
John Wilson (1905-92)*

HEBREW BIBLE: JEREMIAH 29:1,4-7

VAL GILL

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

CONTEMPORARY READING

“In Love with the world” by Mark Nepo

REFLECTION

For the welfare of the city

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In thanksgiving and solidarity

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

OFFERING

***Generous God,
we bring our gifts in love and gratitude.
May our hearts be generous and healing,
as we seek to create a just, loving
and wise community.
Amen.***

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
Tune: Blaenwern
William Penfro Rowlands (1860–1937)*

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

May each street of our city become a place of welcome,
each corner a turning towards the good,
and the holiness of God be as a breath of hope
for all the people of the world.

And may the blessing of God:
creating, liberating and sustaining,
be with us and with all the earth
this day and evermore.

POSTLUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Art: "Ten Lepers," Bill Hoover.

Jesus' Prayer by Rev William Wallace. Retired Methodist minister.
New Zealand. Unpublished.

Contemporary Reading: Mark Nepo, "In Love with the world." In
James Crews, *How to Love the World: Poems of Gratitude and Hope*
(p. 153). Storey Publishing, LLC. Kindle Edition.

"Dear God embracing humankind". Words: John Greenleaf Whittier.
Tune: Repton. C. Hubert H. Parry.

"We are your people". Words: Brian Wren.
Tune: Whitfield. John Wilson.

"Called as partners in Christ's service". Words: Jane Parker Huber.
Tune: Blaenwern. William Penfro Rowlands.

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on our website. <https://tinyurl.com/St-Mic-Musician-Biographies>

MUSIC ONLINE

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

Vocalise – Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

The music of Gabriel Faure is well known and much loved. This vocalise, written originally for voice and piano is heard here today performed with the truly beautiful, haunting and rare sound of the Bass flute, played by world leading expert on low flutes, the New York born Peter Sheridan.

Peter Sheridan (Bass Flute) & Rhys Boak (Piano)

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato from the String Quartet in D Major, Op. 64 No. 5
"The Lark" - F. J. Haydn (1732-1809)

Haydn's music is often imbued with a sense of optimism, positivity and often humour. His string quartet nicknamed 'The Lark' is amongst the most celebrated music for String Quartet. The idea of birdsong, of nature and of joy is appropriate for this season of spring.
The Nuovo Quartet led by Susannah Ng

MUSIC IN CHURCH

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

iv - Sehr langsam from Kreisleriana, Op. 16
– Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

We hear 3 movements from Robert Schumann's Kreisleriana during today's service. Schumann wrote this work over a period of just 3 days in 1838. Schumann dedicated the work to Frederic Chopin. The music. The work is inspired by the fictional 'Johannes Kreisler' a character in the works of the author Ernst Hoffman.

Aidan Boase (Piano)

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– Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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POSTLUDE

Sehr innig und nicht zu rasch from Kreisleriana, Op. 16
– Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

Aidan Boase (Piano)