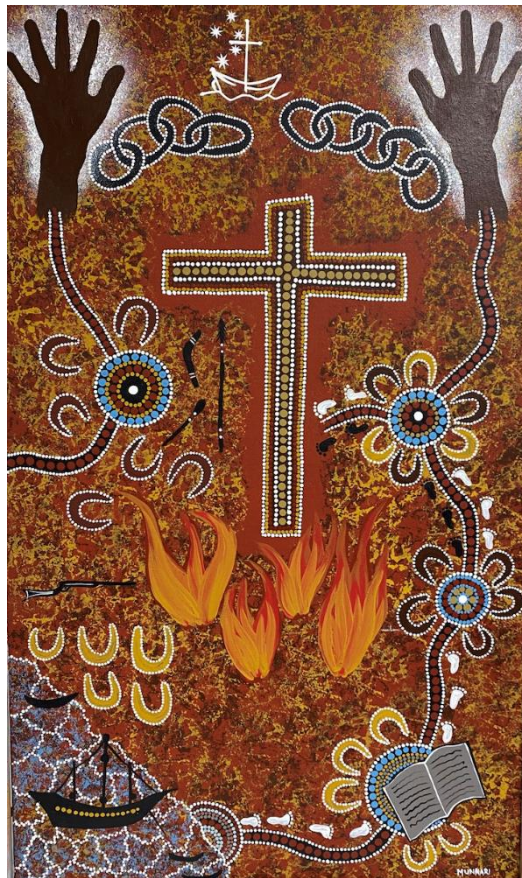


ST MICHAEL'S  
UNITING CHURCH



DAY OF PENTECOST  
“DO GOOD, SEEK JUSTICE”

28 MAY 2023



GUEST MINISTER: REV DEACON SANDY BOYCE

MUSIC: DR JOEL BRENNAN (TRUMPET)  
& RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTOR: CAILIN HOWARTH

## 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 can be found at the end of the order of service.*

## PROCESSIONAL

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Ancient of Days breathed life into this Land and her Peoples.  
From time beyond our reckoning the first peoples have blessed this  
place through their care and concern. We gather today on the  
unceded land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

***We pay our respects to their elders past and present and stand  
in solidarity with the call of the Statement from the Heart for  
Treaty, Voice and Truth.***

## 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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord, the giver of life;  
You were there at creation before time began;  
your presence fills the whole universe:

***Come to us now, Spirit of life.***

Holy Spirit, you have spoken through the prophets of old;  
by their witness the Word of God has never been silent:

***Come to us now, Spirit of wisdom***

Holy Spirit, you surround the waiting church with the wind of Pentecost;  
you gave life and breath to announce Christ's gospel:

***Come to us now, Spirit of power.***

Holy Spirit, you came upon the first Christians as a holy fire;  
you set their hearts ablaze with devotion to their risen Lord:

***Come to us now, Spirit of love.***

Holy Spirit, you pour out your rich and varied gifts;  
you call us to bring forth your fruits in our lives:

***Come to us now, Spirit of grace.***

Holy Spirit, you are the Spirit of truth, the Counsellor;  
you lead us to the truth that sets us free:

***Come to us now, Spirit of God, and renew Christ's holy church.***

*(Source: Uniting in Worship)*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HYMN

## IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are joined as one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*Words: John Oxenham (1953-1941)*  
*Tune: St Bernard*  
*Tochter Sion, Cologne (1941)*

## SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

May the peace of Divine Presence be with you.

***And also with you.***

## PSALM 104: 24-34 AND 35B

## PRAYER OF LAMENT AND CONFESSION

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

## FIRST READING: ACTS 2: 1-21

CHRIS PHILLIPS

For our ancestors in faith,

***We give thanks.***

## GOSPEL: JOHN 20: 19-23

For Wisdom revealed in scripture and poetry,

For Wisdom made known among us,

For the Wisdom that dwells within us,

***We give thanks.***

## CONTEMPORARY READING

“Poem for Pentecost Sunday” by Andrew King

For the Spirit speaking still,

***We give thanks.***

## HYMN

## FAITHFUL GOD, YOU SENT YOUR SPIRIT

Faithful God, you sent your Spirit  
Long ago at Pentecost.

You gave life and said to share it,  
All as one, beneath your cross.  
May we see your wondrous blessing  
When your people everywhere  
Work together, all confessing  
Faith that binds us, faith to share.

God of hope, you daily nurture  
Those who seek to follow you.  
You're not bound by any culture;  
You love rich and poor ones, too.  
In an ever-changing nation,  
May your churches welcome in  
Every child of your creation,  
Giving hope to all again.

God of love, may we in worship  
Welcome our diversity.  
May we reach in trust and friendship  
To the poor and refugee.  
May we see Christ in the stranger,  
Breaking bonds of race and fear.  
By your Spirit, may we offer  
Glimpses of your kingdom here.

*Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2008  
Tune: Abbot's Leigh*

## REFLECTION

“Do good, seek justice”

## HYMN

## GREAT GOD, YOUR SPIRIT LIKE THE WIND

Great God, your Spirit, like the wind  
unseen but shaking things we see  
will never leave us undisturbed  
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,  
until we turn from faithless fear  
and prove the promise of your grace  
in justice, peace and daily bread  
with joy for all the human race.

God, shake us with the force of love,  
to rouse us from our dreadful sleep;  
remove our hearts of stone, and give  
new hearts of flesh, to break and weep  
for all your children in distress  
and dying for the wealth we keep.  
Help us prevent, while we have time,  
the blighted harvest greed must reap.

And then, in your compassion, give  
your Spirit like the gentle rain,  
creating fertile ground from which  
your peace and justice spring like grain;  
until your love is satisfied,  
with all creation freed from pain,  
and all your children live to praise  
your will fulfilled, your presence plain.

*Words: Alan Gaunt (1935–)  
Tune: Jerusalem. C.H.H. Parry*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Thanksgiving, compassion, justice...*

God of love, Creator of this land and of all:  
We hold in prayer the people who have lived here on this land for thousands of years,  
a people whose soul is one with this earth and will always be,  
We pray for those who have arrived only a few hundred years ago, not understanding how much is lost, how much was taken.

***Teach us and show us the way.***

Creator God, today we live with the consequences of actions that have made life unsustainable for some and overabundant for others. Teach us to know how to responsibly use the resources you have given to us for the benefit of all and the respect of your creation. The groaning creation cries out to you.

***Teach us and show us the way.***

Just as Christ Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit onto the disciples to birth the community of the new creation, send your grace to heal our divisions and gift us with the unity for which Jesus prayed.

***Teach us and show us the way.***

Just as Christ embodied justice in his ministry on earth by the good that he did, breaking down the walls that divide and the prejudices that imprison, may we play our part to acknowledge the pain, treasure the truth, and working for peace, justice and reconciliation.

***Teach us and show us the way.***

*In a time of silence we offer our prayers...  
for people and places close to our hearts.*

These are the prayers of our hearts,

***May our prayers move to live with passion and compassion.  
Amen.***



## JESUS' PRAYER

*God, you are life for us, Holy be your name.  
Your new day come, Your will be done  
On earth as in your vision.  
Give us this day our bread for the morrow;  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Strengthen us in the time of test, And deliver us from evil.  
For the power and the splendour and the fulfillment are yours,  
Now and forever.  
Amen.*

## MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

### OFFERING

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

## NOTICES

CHRIS PHILLIPS

## HYMN

SING FOR GOD'S GLORY

Sing for God's glory  
that colours the dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky,  
trailing bright clouds of elation;  
sun of delight  
succeeds the velvet of night,  
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power  
that shatters the chains that would hold us,  
searing the bleakness of fear  
and despair that would mould us,  
touching our shame  
with love that will not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice  
disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants  
and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right,  
resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints  
who have travelled faith's journey before us,  
who in our weariness  
give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see  
the new creation to be,  
spirit of love made flesh for us.

*Words: Kathy Galloway  
Tune: Lobe Den Herren*

WORDS OF MISSION

POSTLUDE

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Art: "Invasion" by John Munnari Hammond A'Hang

Jesus' Prayer by David B. Royer and Jonathan C. Nelson  
in Ruth C. Duck, ed. *Flames of the Spirit*.

Reading: "Poem for Pentecost Sunday" by Andrew King, in *Andrew King Lectionary, 2016*.

"In Christ there is no east or west." Words by John Oxenham  
Tune: St Bernard. Tochter Sion, Cologne

"Faithful God, you sent your spirit." Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.  
Tune: Abbot's Leigh

"Great God, your Spirit like the wind." Words: Alan Gaunt.  
Tune: Jerusalem. C.H.H. Parry.

"Sing for God's glory." Words: Kathy Galloway. Tune: Lobe Den Herren.

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## MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

Allegro from the concerto for trumpet

– A. Vivaldi (1678-1741) arr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The wonderful combination of trumpet and organ has been part of church music for many centuries. J.S. Bach adapted this concerto from Antonio Vivaldi, a contemporary composer of his who Bach admired greatly.

Dr. Joel Brennan (Trumpet) & Rhys Boak (Organ)

## POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune - Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

This joyful work, despite the name, was not written for the Tuba. It was written to showcase the organ's Tuba or Trumpet stop. Craig Lang was born in New Zealand, although he spent most of his life in England. This piece is perhaps the only work of his to receive regular performances, and is a perennial recital favourite amongst organists.

Rhys Boak (Organ)

## MUSICIANS

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