

Fourth Sunday of Easter
21 April 2024

“Care of the Soul”



Minister: Rev David Dawes

**Music: Rose Riebl (Piano)
& Rhys Boak (Organ)**

Cantor: Cailin Howarth

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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.

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Processional

Acknowledgement of Country

The Spirit of God has long dwelled with the First Peoples of this ancient land.

We gather today on the unceded land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

We pay our respects to Wurundjeri elders past and present, who have cared for country and carried the traditions from generation to generation.

We stand in solidarity with them in their struggle for justice for the people and for the land.

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

Be still my soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future just as in the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
Christ's voice who calmed them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever one with God,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words: Katharina von Schlegel (1697-?)
Translator: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897)
Tune: Finlandia, Jean Sebelius (1865-1957)

Prayer of Awareness

Jesus' Prayer

Eternal Spirit,
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The Hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your Justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Sharing a Sign of Peace

May the Peace of Divine Presence be with you!

And also with you.

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 23

Val Gill

For our ancestors in faith,

We give thanks.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

For Wisdom that was in the beginning,
for Wisdom that invites and inspires,
For Wisdom embodied among us,

We give thanks.

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Scottish Psalter (1650)
Tune: Crimond.
Melody by Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-87)
arr. David Grant (1833-93)

Contemporary Reading

“By Grace I Stayed Lost” by Jeremy Palmer

For the spirit speaking still,

We give thanks.

Music for contemplation

Interlude – Rose Riebl
Rose Riebl (Piano)

Reflection

Rev David Dawes

“Care of the soul”

Hymn

Guide me, O my great Redeemer

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your loving hand:
*bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.*

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the living waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
*strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.*

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:

*Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.*

Words: William Williams 1717-91
Tune: Cwm Rhondda
John Hughes (1873–1932)

Prayers of the people

In thanksgiving and solidarity

*In silence we pray for the needs of the world,
for those we know and love,
and for ourselves.*

These are our prayers for earth and its people.

**May our prayers stay with us in the season of resurrection
and stir us to make real the Sacred dream of a world reborn.
Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Music for contemplation

Earth Moves – Rose Riebl
Rose Riebl (Piano)

Offering Prayer

**Compassionate One, with these offerings we also bring our
anxieties and uncertainties and cynicism born of pain.
Meet us in our vulnerability.
Ground our faith in authentic connection and solidarity.
That we may rise as a community to the calling of these days.
Amen.**

Notices

Hymn

We are many, we are one

We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

Words and tune: Colin Gibson (1933-2022)
Tune: Hamilton

Blessing and Sung Amen

Go now
with the love of God enfolding you,
the peace of the Risen One within you,
and the breath of the Holy Spirit inspiring your life.

Postlude

Andras – Max Richter
Rose Riebl (Piano)

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Music Notes

Interlude – Rose Riebl (b. 1989)

This work is by Melbourne based composer and pianist Rose Riebl who plays the work for us today. It comes from her recent EP ‘Earth Moves’ which explores themes of liminal spaces, night and darkness.

Rose Riebl (Piano)

Earth Moves – Rose Riebl (B. 1989)

This work is the title work from Rose Riebl’s most recent EP ‘Earth Moves’ and EP that explores themes of darkness, night and liminal spaces.

Rose Riebl (Piano)

Andras – Max Richter (b.1966)

Max Richter is one of the most commercially successful piano composers in recent times. This work comes from a recent album of his newer compositions.

Rose Riebl (Piano)

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