



St Mark's
NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTRE



"So Loved" by Glenny Naden. (John 3:16)

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24 November 2021

Welcome to our livestreamed chapel.

Join live 10.30am AEST Tuesdays—Thursdays

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*If what we do is new to you, please feel free to let it wash over you, and join in as you are able. We say the short **bold sections** together, not caring if internet latency makes it a little garbled. If you are attending in person please make sure you are registered as being on site.*

*When we get to **some coloured text**, I will ask a **green reader**, a **purple reader** and a **blue reader** to read their parts without me prompting them.*

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;
in everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5.16–18

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Herald

Go up to a high mountain
herald of good tidings to Zion:
lift up your voice with strength,
herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.
Lift up your voice, fear not:
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'
See the Lord God, coming with power:
coming to rule with his mighty arm.
He brings his reward for the people of God:
the recompense for those who are saved.
God will feed his flock like a shepherd:
and gather the lambs in his arms;
He will hold them to his breast:
and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.9–11

The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.

Psalms 56

¹ Be merciful to me, O God, for they are treading me down:

all day long my adversary presses upon me.

² My enemies tread me down all the day:

for there are many that arrogantly fight against me.

³ In the hour of fear:

I will put my trust in you.

⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and fear not:

what can flesh do to me?

⁵ All day long they afflict me with their words:

and every thought is how to do me evil.

⁶ They stir up hatred and conceal themselves:

they watch my steps, while they lie in wait for my life.

⁷ Let there be no escape for them:

bring down the peoples in your wrath, O God.

⁸ You have counted my anxious tossings;

put my tears in your bottle:

are not these things noted in your book?

⁹ In the day that I call to you, my enemies shall turn back:

this I know, for God is with me.

¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise,

in God I trust and fear not:

what can flesh and blood do to me?

¹¹ To you, O God, must I perform my vows:

I will pay the thank-offering that is due.

¹² For you will deliver my soul from death,

and my feet from falling:

that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

and let your glory be over all the earth.

At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

We consecrate this day to your service, O Lord; may all our thoughts, words, and actions be well-pleasing to you and serve the good of our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

Ephesians 3:14-4:1-16

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of

the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

The Canticle, Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God:

we acclaim you as Lord.

All creation worships you:

the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:

the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you:

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you:

Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded:

your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,

the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory:

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free:

you humbly chose the virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death:

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory:

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood:

and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for
ever. Amen.**

Prayer of the day [Pastor James Noble]

**Heavenly Father, loving shepherd of your people,
we thank you for your servant James Noble,
who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock;**

and we pray that we may follow the good of his example and grow into
the fullness of the stature of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever.

Amen.

Hebrews 13.20–21