



**St Mark's**  
NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTRE



'A swarm of locusts' by Emil Schmidt (1839-1909).

## Morning Prayer

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Welcome to our livestreamed chapel.

Join live 10.30am AEST Tuesdays—Thursdays

<https://charlessturt.zoom.us/j/692025370>

further info: <https://stmarks.edu.au/about/worship-at-st-marks/>

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.

This is the message we have heard from Christ:

**that God is light, in whom there is  
no darkness at all.**

1 John 1.5

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.*

**Psalm 51: 1-10**

- 1** Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:  
according to the fulness of your compassion  
blot out my offences.
- 2** Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3** For I acknowledge my rebellion:  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4** Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your eyes:  
so you will be just in your sentence  
and blameless in your judging.
- 5** Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:  
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6** You that desire truth in the inward parts:  
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.
- 7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8** Make me hear of joy and gladness:  
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9** Hide your face from my sins:  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10** Create in me a clean heart, O God:  
and renew a right spirit within me.

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

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers in his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

1st Reading

**Joel 1.1-14**

The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel:  
Hear this, O elders,  
    give ear, all inhabitants of the land!  
Has such a thing happened in your days,  
    or in the days of your ancestors?  
Tell your children of it,  
    and let your children tell their children,  
    and their children another generation.  
What the cutting locust left,  
    the swarming locust has eaten.  
What the swarming locust left,  
    the hopping locust has eaten,  
and what the hopping locust left,  
    the destroying locust has eaten.  
Wake up, you drunkards, and weep;  
    and wail, all you wine-drinkers,  
over the sweet wine,  
    for it is cut off from your mouth.  
For a nation has invaded my land,  
    powerful and innumerable;  
its teeth are lions' teeth,  
    and it has the fangs of a lioness.  
It has laid waste my vines,  
    and splintered my fig trees;  
it has stripped off their bark and thrown it down;  
    their branches have turned white.  
Lament like a virgin dressed in sackcloth  
    for the husband of her youth.  
The grain-offering and the drink-offering are cut off  
    from the house of the Lord.  
The priests mourn,  
    the ministers of the Lord.

The fields are devastated,  
the ground mourns;  
for the grain is destroyed,  
the wine dries up,  
the oil fails.  
Be dismayed, you farmers,  
wail, you vine-dressers,  
over the wheat and the barley;  
for the crops of the field are ruined.  
The vine withers,  
the fig tree droops.  
Pomegranate, palm, and apple—  
all the trees of the field are dried up;  
surely, joy withers away  
among the people.  
Put on sackcloth and lament, you priests;  
wail, you ministers of the altar.  
Come, pass the night in sackcloth,  
you ministers of my God!  
Grain-offering and drink-offering  
are withheld from the house of your God.  
Sanctify a fast,  
call a solemn assembly.  
Gather the elders  
and all the inhabitants of the land  
to the house of the Lord your God,  
and cry out to the Lord.

*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, The Hymn of the Word*

In the beginning was the Word:  
and the Word was with God,  
And the Word was God:  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things were made through him:  
and without him, was not anything made that was made.  
In him was life:  
and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness:  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
He was in the world:  
and the world was made through him  
yet the world knew him not.  
He came to his own home:  
and his own people received him not.  
But to all who received him who believed on his name:  
he has given power to become children of God;  
Who were born not of blood  
nor of the will of the flesh:  
nor of the will of a man but of God.  
And the Word became flesh:  
and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;  
We have beheld his glory:  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.  
And from his fullness have we all received:  
and grace upon grace.

John 1.1–5, 10–14, 16

### *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.**

## **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Loving Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us

that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters

we do also for him:

give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all,

who gave up his life and died for us,

and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

### *The Morning Collect*

Lord and heavenly Father,

you have brought us safely to this new day:

keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,

guard us from every kind of danger,

and in all we do this day

direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,

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.**

see Hebrews 13.20–21