



**St Mark's**  
NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTRE



“The Burning Coal” Isaiah 6.1-7

## Morning Prayer

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Welcome to our livestreamed chapel.

Join live 10.30am AEST Tuesdays—Thursdays

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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 34**

**1** I will bless the Lord continually:

his praise shall be always in my mouth.

**2** Let my soul boast of the Lord:

the humble shall hear it and rejoice.

**3** O praise the Lord with me:

let us exalt his name together.

**4** For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:

and he freed me from all my fears.

**5** Look towards him and be bright with joy:

your faces shall not be ashamed.

**6** Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:

and saved me from all my troubles.

**7** The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:

and delivers them in their need.

**8** O taste and see that the Lord is good:

happy are they that hide in him!

**9** Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:

for those who fear him never lack.

**10** Lions may suffer want and go hungry:

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

**11** Come, my children, listen to me:

and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**12** Which of you relishes life:  
wants time to enjoy good things?

**13** Keep your tongue from evil:  
and your lips from telling lies.

**14** Turn from evil and do good:  
seek peace and pursue it.

**15** The eyes of God are on the righteous:  
and his ears towards their cry.

**16** The Lord sets his face against wrongdoers:  
to root out their memory from the earth.

**17** The righteous cry; the Lord hears it:  
and frees them from all their afflictions.

**18** The Lord is close to those who are broken-hearted:  
and the crushed in spirit he saves.

**19** The trials of the righteous are many:  
but our God delivers us from them all.

**20** He guards all our bones:  
so that not one is broken.

**21** Evil will slay the wicked:  
and those who hate the righteous will be destroyed.

**22** The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:  
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

*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.*

### **Isaiah 6.1-7**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

And one called to another and said:  
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'

*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 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.**

### **Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

O God,  
you declare your almighty power  
chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace  
that, running in the way of your commandments,  
we may obtain your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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