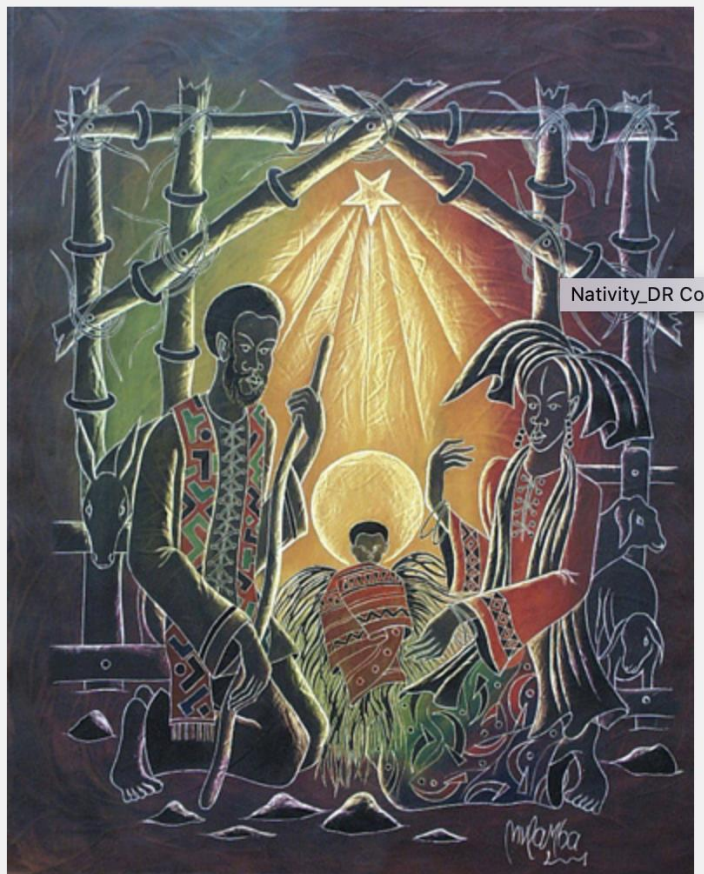




# St Mark's

NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTRE



Joseph Mulamba-Mandangi, *Nativity*, 2001. Peinture grattée, 70 x 50 cm.

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Welcome to our livestreamed chapel.

Join live 10.30am AEST Tuesdays—Thursdays

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

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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.

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 forever. Amen.**

*The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace*

Blessed are you,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.  
You chose us to be yours in Christ  
before the foundation of the world:  
that we should be holy and blameless before you.  
In love you destined us to be your children,  
through Jesus Christ:  
according to the purpose of your will,  
To the praise of your glorious grace:  
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.3–6

*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 forever. **Amen.**

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

**Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by the power of your name:  
and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup> Hear my prayer, O God:  
and listen to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup> For the insolent have risen against me:  
the ruthless, who have not set God before them,  
seek my life.

<sup>4</sup> But surely God is my helper:  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

<sup>5</sup> Let evil recoil on those that would waylay me:  
O destroy them in your faithfulness!

<sup>6</sup> Then will I offer you sacrifice with a willing heart:  
I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup> For you will deliver me from every trouble:  
my eyes shall see the downfall of my enemies.

*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.*

**Isaiah 9:1-7**

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

6 For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*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 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 steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that we may with one voice glorify our God and Father.

**Amen.**

Romans 15.5-6