

Editorial

Nearly a decade ago *St Mark's Review* produced several numbers that provided a resource for preachers, scholars, and preachers' audiences, based on the Revised Common Lectionary. The Lectionary is, for Anglicans and Catholics alike, a three-year cycle of set texts for worship services (denoted as Year A, Year B, and Year C). Each year focuses on a different synoptic Gospel, with the Gospel of John worked in at various points.

2023 is Year A in the Lectionary, during which Gospel readings in worship services are set from the Gospel of Matthew. Accordingly, this number of *St Mark's Review* revives that earlier tradition of resourcing preachers, audiences, and scholars for preaching on Matthew in Year A.

The number falls into two sections. The first draws on the expertise of two front-rank Australian biblical scholars, David Neville and Matthew Anslow. Anslow's discussion is in conversation with preacher and a leading Australian lecturer in homiletics, Ockert Meyer.

The second section of the number contains a number of sample sermons with reflections—on the inner logic, approach, and, in some cases, comment on the reception of the sermons as they have been preached. The sermons and reflections are presented in the order of the Matthean texts on which they are based. All the preachers represented here are clergy in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

In this year in which the Gospel of Matthew will be preached extensively across Australia and globally, the following articles, sermons, and sermon commentary provide a valuable resource and model that will benefit both preachers and their audiences alike. Readers will also deepen their appreciation of the rich structure, context, and content of the Gospel of Matthew. I commend these original essays, sermons, and biblical studies resources to the readers of *St Mark's Review*.

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