

80th Anniversary of the formation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Yackandandah

Service with Holy Communion

PRE SERVICE MUSIC and WELCOME

Today we gather to celebrate 80 years of God's gracious acts for his people in this parish. As God has called people to himself, guided them through life, and brought many home to himself here at St Mark's, we are reminded of God's saving acts toward his ancient people Israel. Their experience forms the theme for our worship this special day.



Preacher: Rev. Tim Jarick – College Pastor
Liturgist: Rev. Jaswanth Kukatlapalli – Congregational Pastor

Service at 8.30am on the 8 November 2015

ENTRANCE HYMN - LHS 807 Lift high the cross

Refrain

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our
king victorious, Christ, the Son of God:**

Refrain

**2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of
God in conquering ranks combine:**

Refrain

**3. All newborn soldiers of the crucified bear on their
brow the seal of him who died:**

Refrain

**4. O Lord, once lifted on the tree in pain, draw all to you,
as from the throne you reign:**

Refrain

**5. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the
crucified for victory!**

Refrain

*George William Kitchin 1827-1912
and Michael Robert Newbolt 1874-1956 alt*

WE CALL ON GOD

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: This is the name by which our God reveals himself.

People: This is the name he has given us in baptism.

Pastor: In this name we have gathered these eighty years.

People: In this name we gather today to celebrate his gracious acts.

READING: Exodus 14:21-22, 30-31; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Israel passes through the sea on dry ground; Paul calls this their "baptism."

As God delivered Israel from bondage through water, so he has delivered us from slavery to sin through the waters of baptism.

We are his people now, called by his name, set free to serve him.

Today we remember and celebrate all whom God has called to be his from this place.

Since St Mark's was founded, numerous people have been baptised here.

We praise God for his gracious action in baptism; we thank him for the privilege of bringing children and adults alike to the font; we rejoice in the cleansing waters of baptism received by so many in this place.

READING: Numbers 14:1-4, 13, 17-20*Israel complains; God forgives.*

God's people Israel were not perfect; they grumbled and complained. But they asked God's forgiveness, and in grace, he gave it. We here at St Mark's are likewise imperfect people, and each week we have honestly acknowledged our sinfulness, as we do this day also, for we know that in Christ, we have forgiveness so that we turn from our sin and seek to serve God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know that we are in bondage to sin. We complain in spite of your gracious provision, we grumble in spite of your love, we rebel against your will. Forgive us, we pray, our sinful acts and thoughts, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant us your Spirit that he may renew our hearts and inspire us to service.

*(A time of silence)***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS****People: Amen***(sharing peace with one another)***READING: Exodus 15:1-2***Moses sings a song of praise to God.***SONG OF PRAISE - AT 252 He is exalted****He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;****I will praise him.****He is exalted, forever exalted,****and I will praise his name!**

**He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
 heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.**

Twila Paris

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Saving God, God of history and time, we thank you for the many gracious acts of salvation you have visited upon this congregation in its eighty years. Continue to bless us with your presence, as you come to us in word and sacraments, and make of us a city set on a hill, a light that cannot be hidden, that others may know of your great love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, and also our Lord. With you and the Holy Spirit, he lives and rules for all time. Amen

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8: 22-30

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor: LORD spoke to Israel and made covenant, He made promises to David and the household through His Word, same LORD speaks to us today through His Word.

People: We gladly hear and learn it.

Pastor: Since the founding of St Mark's the Scriptures have been read in worship in this God's house.

People: We give thanks for the saving Word as it continues to come to us.

THE PSALM 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!
- 2 **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**
- 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
- 4 **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
- 6 **As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.**
- 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
- 8 **Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.**
- 9 Look upon our shield, O God; look with favour on your anointed one.
- 10 **Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
- 12 **O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 1-9*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30****Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**WE SING - LH 194 Thy hand, O God, has guided**

**1 Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age:
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned Thy goodness,
And we their deeds record:
And both of this bear witness:
'One Church, one faith, one Lord.'**

**2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least:
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great king's feast:
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
'One Church, one faith, one Lord.'**

3 **And we, shall we be faithless?
 Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
 Shall we evade the conflict
 And cast away our crown?
 Not so: in God's deep counsels
 Some better thing is stored:
 We will maintain, unflinching,
 'One Church, one faith, one Lord.'**

4 **Thy mercy will not fail us,
 Nor leave Thy work undone:
 With Thy right hand to help us,
 The victory shall be won:
 And then by men and angels
 Thy name shall be adored,
 And this shall be their anthem:
 'One Church, one faith, one Lord'.**

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***or Christian: 'catholic' here means 'universal')**

READING: Exodus 25:1-2

God invites Israel to bring an offering.

OFFERING

WE SING: LH 372 We give thee but thine own

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give.**
- 3 O hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold.
And lambs for whom the shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.**
- 4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless,
Is angel's work below.**

**5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.**

**6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.**

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For your past blessings,

People: we give you thanks.

For your present blessing,

People: we pray, O Lord.

For our future,

People: we pray your guidance and blessing. Amen

READING: Exodus 16:10-15

God provides manna to Israel.

Pastor: God provided manna in the desert to feed his people Israel. Today he provides another food to feed us--the body and blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, given to us in Holy Communion.

WE SING : LHS 837 Feed us now

- 1 Feed us now, Bread of life,
 in this holy meal;
 let us know your love anew:
 we hunger for you.
 Feed us now, Bread of life,
 come and live within;
 let your peace be ours today,
 Lord Jesus, we pray.**

- 2 Piece of bread, cup of wine:
 Lord, this food is good:
 love and mercy come to us -
 your promise we trust.
 Piece of bread, cup of wine;
 who can understand
 how his mercy works in these?
 Yet, Lord, we believe.**

- 3 God is here, O so near,
 nearer than our thoughts.
 Stay with us where'er we go;
 Lord, help us to grow.
 God is here, O so near,
 in this heaven's meal.
 May we always feed on you -
 on the bread that is true.**

Robin Mann 1949- (1976)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: For that is fitting and right.

Pastor: It is good for us to give thanks to our gracious God. We remember this day his many blessings to us over the years, but most of all we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who this day once again comes to us in his body and blood. Therefore, we praise God with all angels, and with all the saints, as we join the unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY - [Tune: LH 88 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Alleluia!
great and ever-present God. Alleluia!
Earth joins heaven as we sing: Alleluia!
Praise to our triumphant king. Alleluia!**

**In this place let us proclaim Alleluia!
Christ who comes in God's own name; Alleluia!
join with angels as we sing: Alleluia!
Glory to our holy king. Alleluia!**

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LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD - AT 75 Jesus, Lamb of God

- 1. Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away man's sin.
Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- 2. Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away man's sin.
Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- 3. Jesus, Lamb of God,
You take away our sin.
Give us your peace. Amen.**

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BLESSING OF COMMUNICANTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

READING: Matthew 28:19-20

We celebrate not only our past but also our future ministry as God's called and sent people

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - TIS 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

- 1 **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty:
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

*William Williams 1717-91
tr Peter Williams 1722-96 and William Williams alt.*

***Please join us for a cuppa and fellowship after the
planting of the commemorative plant.***