



St Mark's College Adelaide

Commencement Service 2020

**St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide
Friday, 28th February, 2020, 5.00 pm**

Please stand as the College Club President, Director of Learning, Dean of the College, Chaplain, and Head of College, and the Dean of the Cathedral and the Archbishop enter the Cathedral to Processional by William Mathias (1934-1992), to be played by David Heah, Cathedral Organist.

Please sit for the welcome by The Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, Dean, St Peter's Cathedral.

The Acknowledgement of Country and College Welcome by the College Chaplain, the Rev'd Grant Moore.

Please join in the responses shown in **bold type**.

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

The Chaplain: Let us pray.

Almighty God, maker and sustainer of all:
we acknowledge that our inner lives
are an open book to you.

We recognise that our attitudes, words and actions
reflect our spirituality and the values we hold dear.
Grant, we pray, values which will enable us to live
each day in truth and love,
caring responsibly for the world you have given us,
and reaching out with compassion to all we meet.
This we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, gracious God,
we give thanks for the beginning of this academic year, 2020,
seeking your blessing in every aspect of our College life;
in our words and actions,
in our thoughts and prayers,
in our delights and joys,
in our difficulties and disappointments.
Guide and prosper us in our academic studies.
Open our hearts and minds to the truth of your Word;
help us to appreciate fully the wonders of your creation.
Above all, assist us to imitate the love of Christ
by the manner in which we care for each other,
that we may be a welcoming, inclusive and safe community,
reflective of your grace, and pleasing to you.
We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the opening hymn: **All people that on earth do dwell.***

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure. *(William Kethe, d.1594)*

The First Reading: Proverbs 3: 13-18

Read by College Club President, Mr Nicholas Marzhol.

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

The Second Reading: Mark 12: 13-17

Read by the Director of Learning, Dr Rachel Buxton.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The chief priests, the scribes, and the elders sent some Pharisees and some Herodians to Jesus to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?”
But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test?

Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Jesus said to them, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: “Smart Thinking,” The Chaplain, the Rev’d Grant Moore

***The Commissioning of the Head of College by the Archbishop, the Most Rev’d
Geoffrey Smith***

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Head of College stands before the Archbishop. He is presented by the St Mark’s College Board Chair (Ms Linda Matthews), the Dean of the College (Professor Peter Tregear), and the President of the College Club Committee (Mr Nicholas Marzhol).

Archbishop Geoffrey, we present to you Donald John Markwell, to be installed as the Head of St Mark’s College.

The Archbishop: Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, to your servant Don whom we here commission for his work as Head of this College, the grace of diligence and perseverance. Bestow upon him the gifts of wisdom and sound judgement, of simplicity and singleness of heart, of sympathy with those among whom he will live and work. Be to him, O Lord, a guide in all perplexity and doubt and his strength in all adversity, that in the power of your Holy Spirit he may live and work to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Head of College: I, Donald John Markwell, duly appointed as Head of St Mark’s College, promise to uphold the purposes for which the College was founded, as a place of learning and faith, in which the finest qualities are nurtured in a community of scholars; to hold in trust the rich inheritance received from those who have gone before, and to hand it on yet more excellently to those who come after, and to exercise my authority as Head of College justly, so that all who live and work and study here may flourish and excel.

The Head of College stands before the Archbishop for the Commission and Blessing.

The Archbishop: Receive this charge in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God be upon you. **Amen.**

Lord of the Church, you have given to your servants a diversity of gifts that they may share them with their brothers and sisters; grant us the generous hearts to give, the humble hearts to receive; that we, with all who love you, may know the fullness of your grace; that your love may be perfected in us, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Archbishop: Members of this College community, will you support your new Head of College in his work among us?

Congregation: **We will gladly do so.**

Please remain standing to welcome the Head of College with acclamation.

Please sit. The Head of College gives an opening address, after which there will be a short time of silent reflection.

The Prayers of Intercession: read by Assistant Deans, Bronte Phillips and Chad Lennon.

We pray for the life of St Mark's College.

Gracious Lord;
grant us the strength of purpose to live together in harmony,
to create and maintain a welcoming, inclusive and safe community,
while honouring the heritage of the past
and embracing our hopes for the future.
Lord, in your mercy;
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

We give thanks for the beauty and complexity of the world we inhabit.
Help us to care for our environment wisely and responsibly.

Creator of all, guide world leaders in ways of co-operation and harmony;
and help us to value the freedom we possess.

We give thanks for the diversity of our nation and its people.
Empower us to respect each other and live with integrity.

Loving God, guide your Church;
that it may embody your grace and mercy.

Inspire us with a desire to serve you in love and truth;
and thus reveal Christ in word and action.

Imbue all who administer the law with a spirit of impartiality;
that we may live with equality and fairness.

Give grace to those whose lives are linked with ours.
We are grateful for everyone who contributes to our mutual welfare.
God of hope, help all in our community who are suffering any kind of adversity.
Let each of us experience the power of your healing love.

We give thanks for St Mark and the saints of every age.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

The congregation says the College prayer together.

**O God, we praise You for the heritage
into which we have entered in this College of St Mark.
Make us worthy to maintain and strengthen
all that is good in the traditions of this College,
and inspire us to pursue Your vision for the future.
Give to all who study here a true love of knowledge,
and bind us together in a bond of loyalty
to You and to one another,
so that we may be equipped for service,
to Your honour and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Chaplain: Almighty God, we ask that you receive our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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.**

Please stand for the closing hymn: **Praise, my soul, the king of heaven.**

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

(Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847)

Please remain standing

The Archbishop gives the Blessing:

Seek knowledge, strive for wisdom, be of service to others;
and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Chaplain: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remain standing for the College Club President, Director of Learning, Dean of the College, Chaplain, and Head of College, and the Dean of the Cathedral and the Archbishop to process out.

Recessional: Toccata, from the Fifth Symphony for Organ (Charles-Marie Widor, 1844-1937).

It is customary in Anglican services to refrain from conversation until the conclusion of the recessional or postlude music.

The College thanks all who have participated in this worship service. We especially acknowledge with gratitude the Archbishop, the Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith, the Dean, the Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, the Organist, David Heah, and the staff of St Peter's Cathedral, who go to great lengths to make us feel welcome in this Cathedral Church.

Following the conclusion of the service you are warmly invited to join our student community for refreshments on the Downer House lawn until 6.30 pm.

