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# MATTHEW WILCOXEN

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Pastor-theologian with 15 years of experience in teaching, preaching, soul care, and organizational leadership. An emotionally intelligent, imaginative, and relational leader. Thrives in helping churches and individuals to experience God's grace and to respond redemptively to their contexts.

## SKILLS

**Preaching and teaching:** Delivering faithful, culturally-engaged, and gospel-centered biblical and theological instruction oriented towards deep spiritual formation.

**Soul Care:** Spiritually wise, prayerful, and authentic person who relates humbly to congregants of varying backgrounds and finds joy in knowing and caring for them.

**Staff development:** Leading staff—as individuals and as a team—to foster a culture of growth, celebration, and vocational fulfillment.

**Visionary leadership:** Helping congregations to imagine new possibilities for themselves and their local communities in light of the Kingdom of God.

**Organization building:** Collaborating to create and maintain healthy and adaptive systems to enable long-term sustainability, growth, and scalability.

**Cultural adaptability:** Recognizing and appreciating difference while fostering meaningful connections through curiosity and hospitality.

## WORK HISTORY

### **Rector and Christian Nonprofit Director** | 2021-Present

*St John's Darlinghurst & St John's Community Services – Darlinghurst, Sydney, Australia*

- Leading the revitalization of a historic Anglican church in a highly secular inner-city setting.
- Clarifying and communicating gospel vision and direction to leadership and congregants.
- Caring for congregants, attendees, and local community members of all ages and stages of life.
- Establishing new modes of outreach to the community through arts, music, and public lectures.

- Overseeing an onsite nonprofit that runs an evening drop-in center/café for people experiencing homelessness, trauma-informed programs for women survivors of domestic violence, and a small legal services clinic.
- Managing and coaching a 12+ member staff across both the church and nonprofit, enhancing the culture through wise leadership marked by a non-anxious presence.
- Chairing both the parish council as well as the board of St John's Community Services.
- Overseeing budgets totaling more than \$1m and supervising personnel and HR matters.
- Developed significant conservation and improvement plans for our state heritage-listed church building taking place in stages from now to 2030.

**Associate Rector** | 2017 to 2021

*Church of the Resurrection - Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.*

- Provided preaching, teaching, and pastoral care to an Anglican church on Capitol Hill.
- Served as 'chief of staff' to the rector, supervising and managing the clergy and staff team.
- Oversaw, organized, and supported the church's small groups and other discipleship groups.
- Helped revitalize and teach our membership and catechesis course - "Rez Foundations".
- Served as a clergy member of the parish council and assisted in the development and implementation of vision and strategy.
- Developed a grant application to Made to Flourish that resulted in \$1.1m for curacies for three DC-area churches and became the paradigm for other grant applications from within the Diocese of Christ Our Hope.
- Established and led "The Augustine Fellowship" at Georgetown University, an affiliate of the Consortium of Christian Study Centers.

**Assistant Minister** | 2014 to 2017

*All Saints' Anglican Church - Balgowlah, Sydney, Australia*

- Provided preaching, teaching, and pastoral care to an Anglican church on Sydney's Northern Beaches.
- Had primary oversight of the Sunday evening congregation, a contemporary Anglican expression consisting mainly of young adults and families with teenage children.
- Organized and oversaw the young adults ministry and small groups.
- Oversaw and coordinated the Jr. High and High School youth groups.
- Planned and led various retreats, camps, and mission trips for young adults and youth.
- Chaired the board of St James' Kindergarten, a pre-school affiliated with the church.

**Senior Residential Tutor** | 2012 to 2014

*Robert Menzies College - Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia*

- Served in a residence life role at an Anglican residential college at a public research university while I worked on my Ph.D.
- Led and supported a team of twelve residential tutors (i.e., R.A.s).
- Provided general and pastoral support to residents from nearly 40 countries.
- Ran evangelistic events and discipleship groups in concert with the chaplain.

**Full-time graduate student | 2010 to 2011**

- Finished an M.A. at Talbot School of Theology in 2010.
- Began full-time Ph.D. work at Charles Sturt University in 2011.

**Pastor of Student Ministries | 2006 to 2010**

*Cornerstone Church - Long Beach, CA*

- Served as a full-time youth pastor at a large non-denominational church in California.
- Ministered to teens and families through Sunday services, youth groups, and other activities.
- Supervised and coordinated youth ministry staff and volunteer leaders.
- Planned and led various retreats, camps, mission trips, and service projects.

EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Theology | 2017**

*Charles Sturt University, United Theological College - Sydney, Australia*

Dissertation: "Morally Perfect Being Theology: A Doctrine of Divine Humility"

Supervisor: Prof. Benjamin Myers

**M.A., Theology | 2010**

*Talbot School of Theology - La Mirada, California*

*Highest honors*

**B.A., Biblical and Theological Studies | 2008**

*Biola University - La Mirada, California*

*Summa cum laude*

ORDINATION

**Priesthood | 2018**

*Anglican Church in North America, Diocese of Christ Our Hope*

**Diaconate | 2017**

*Anglican Church in North America, Diocese of Christ Our Hope*

THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION

**Adjunct Faculty** | 2018-2021

*Reformed Theological Seminary - Washington, DC*

- "Anglican Church, Ministry, and Sacraments"
- "Classics of Personal Devotion"

**Adjunct Faculty** | 2013-2014

*United Theological College - Sydney, Australia*

- "The Triune God"
- "Contemporary Theology in Global Perspective"
- "Truth and Knowing in Theology"

**Adjunct Faculty** | 2011

*Biola University - La Mirada, California*

- "Resurrection in the New Testament"

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

**Books**

In progress: A commentary on Galatians (60,000 words) for the new theological commentary series *Hearing God's Voice* from Inter-Varsity Press UK.

*Divine Humility: God's Morally Perfect Being* (Baylor University Press, 2019).

**Journal Articles**

"The Bible is not 'like any other book': Katherine Sonderegger and the Bible as *Vestigium Trinitatis*". *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 25:4 (2023): pp. 521-531.

"Augustine's Theology of Time: A Trinitarian Reassessment of Confessions 11". *The Heythrop Journal* 57:4 (2016): pp. 666-677.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Council Member** – *Cranbrook School, Bellevue Hill, Sydney, Australia*

**Commission Member** – *Families & Culture Commission for the Anglican Church of Australia*

**Police Chaplain** – *New South Wales Police Force, Kings Cross, Sydney, Australia*

**St. Peter Fellowship** – *The Center for Pastor Theologians, Chicago, Illinois*