

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

May God take us on our journey
May we follow you as Christ
Lead us where we may not expect
Bring out of us gifts and talents that we could not imagine having
Teach us things about ourselves and others which are surprising
and are the beginning of wisdom.
May God lead us to connect with people in ways beyond our thinking
Experiencing difference which jars and challenges our sense of normal
Exposing us to needs that awaken our compassion and give us cause to act for
good. May God confront our beliefs and dogma,
Expose us to realities and experiences which stretch our belief and faith,
Shattering the illusion of certainty which we try to cloak ourselves in.
May God take on the way of the Christ,
Not along easy or comfortable roads, but on the way of the cross
Leading us as Spirit. towards the promised end. **Amen**
[Jon Humphries, Prayers that Unite - adapted]

PASSING THE PEACE

Friends, Beloved of God, it's time for us to go to live Christ-like lives,
Remembering that the peace of Christ will always be with you.
And also with you.

We share together the peace of Christ.

This service was prepared by and Greg Elsdon,
and Norm Inglis selected the songs.

The music was led by Norm Inglis with Jenny Ward (piano), instrumentalists
Genevieve Bassani, Jeff Telfer, Don Bell, Ruth Farrent, Graham Brice and singers
Alison McDougall, Colin Telfer, Bronwen Blight, Peter Muller and Michael
Heathcote. Thanks to Rose Milton-Head and Greg Bassani who looked after the
AV desk.

*Please join us for refreshments and continuing conversation
in the hall following the conclusion of the service.*

**Please help us to comply with the COVID-SAFE Regulations by wiping the
areas you have touched on the pews, after the service.
Thank you for your assistance.**



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Pilgrim
Uniting Church

9.30am
Community Worship

Sunday, 20th June 2021

Pentecost 4
COCU44B

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop. Hearing aid wearers are advised to sit
in the front half of the church and switch their aid to T-setting.*

**This Service is being live-streamed. The Service will also be available for
viewing on YouTube at 'Pilgrim Uniting Church Adelaide' for two months.**

Uniting Church Anniversary



LIGHTING OUR COMMUNITY CANDLES

GATHERING

We are God's people, the community of Christ,
living compassion and hope.
In this moment and in this place
we gather around to worship our God,
to uphold one another in prayer
and be bound to each other in friendship and concern.
We come as a community
bound by the spirit who calls us to be vital, vibrant people,
living out our redemption, forward looking,
alert and ready to bring healing and wholeness to the world.
God of life, gather us in and hold us in love.
We come for we have heard the call to live compassion's way,
to welcome the stranger and break down barriers of exclusion,

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to reconcile our difference and set aside wrongs,
to embrace our diversity and know the blessing and harmony
that is found when we open our hearts and minds to all.

God of justice, gather us in and encircle us with grace.

We come to sing hope's song,
to ring in the light when darkness abounds,
to be a beacon of joy in desperate places,
to respond to God's love as it beckons us into a still more
excellent way.

**God who makes all things new,
gather us close as we walk a resurrection path.**

Let us stand and sing with joy together...

[Prayer written by Neryl McCallum]

SONG: HaND 37 A Pilgrim people

1.
We follow the pathway of pilgrims of
old
and honour their courage and vision
so bold;
we seek to tread wisely, their
footprints to trace,
aware of their presence, their
passion and grace.

2.
We gather with pilgrims to welcome
this day
and whisper love's message in
words that we pray;
we cradle life gently, as hope we
impart,
and live with compassion and joy in
our hearts.

3.
We rise to joy's calling as birds
taking flight
and move to the magnet of shadow
and light;
we find bliss and wonder in faith's
ebb and flow,
with pathways uncharted and
depths still to know.

4.
We stand on the threshold of
vision and dreams
and ponder life's beauty as love
ever streams;
we share bread together, so
yeast we may be;
and dwell in love's nurture as
salt in the sea.

5.
We honour the pathway of
pilgrims of old
yet carve out a new course as
visions unfold;
we seek truth and justice for all
and for earth
and strive for a just world whose
coming we birth.

Words: Helen Wiltshire 2012
Music: *Slane* - Irish traditional

A PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We are called not to exist, but to live.

We are called not to what we have known, but to a new life –
renewed, restored and resurrected.

We are children of God, children of a new earth!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.
Source of all that is and that shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by all peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

[Uniting in Worship 2]

SONG: HaND 34 Trusting

1.
Step now beyond the known
with hopeful heart and mind,
trusting a way uncharted,
a deeper life to find.
Move now beyond the clamour
of answers held as truth,
to trust the joy of children
and share the dreams of youth.

2.
Dance now into the wonder
of sacredness and space;
trusting the present moment,
its sacrament and grace.
Dwell now within the solace
of music's symphony,
and trust its vibrant beauty,
a gift of ecstasy.

3.
Live now within the nurture
of love's community,
trusting a gentle wisdom
to offer clarity.
Breathe now the costly fragrance
of justice, flowing free,
and trust the Spirit's blessing,
a gift of harmony.

Words: Helen Wiltshire & Norman Inglis
Music: Norman Inglis

what was to come, he promised that we would not be left orphaned; that an Advocate, the Holy Spirit would be there to sustain us always. Then he was arrested, tried, convicted, executed.

But the story was not over. You, God of power in weakness, you raised him from death and he returned to breathe hope and life into his fear-filled followers, into us. As we gather for this meal we remember a meal Jesus shared with his friends on the night before his death. We remember that he took some bread, blessed it, broke it, and passed it to them saying:

This is my body broken by and for the world. Eat it and remember me.

Then later he took a cup of wine, blessed it, and passed it to them saying:

This is the Cup of the New Covenant, Drink it and remember me.

And so, even all these years later, we continue to eat and drink and remember, sharing in the meal of faith.

And pledging, as we remember, to follow the Way that Jesus laid out for us.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Chaos covered its ears, Crafty God, as you began constructing creation. Joyous noise filled the air, as rivers cascaded through lush green valleys. From the heavens came love's raucous laughter, echoing down mountain passes. You would gladly guide us along Eden's paths of peace, but we shook off your hand, rejecting your hopes and dreams for us. Women and men were called to tell the story of your love and grace, but people have covered their ears and continued to walk another path. But continuing to seek us and draw us to yourself, you sent Jesus, to show us the way back to you.

We join our voices with those around the world today, offering our praise and thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Spirit on us, and weave through this bread and wine. May they be for us the life of Christ.

The bread of life, the life of Christ.

The cup of compassion, love poured out.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion is shared

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

PRAYER OF PRAISE

We praise you God for your truth which exceeds the grasp of our minds, **and how it changes our lives.**

We praise you for your coming to us in Christ **to make us members of your family .**

We thank you for the promise that broken hearts shall be mended, **that the poor shall hear good news, that the imprisoned shall be liberated.**

Great God, we look for you in the majestic mountains,

in the deep rivers and vast seas and oceans,

in the noble words of the wise,

in the grand and impressive things of this world.

Yet you deem to meet us in the small, quiet corners of our lives

in the touch of a friend on our shoulder,

a moment of quiet reflection in the middle of a busy day,

the One from Nazareth who came and lived among us.

Lord God we thank you that in Jesus Christ you have made yourself most fully known,

You have been so good to us, we rejoice in your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF WHO WE ARE

God of grace and mercy,

you love us, but we have not always loved you.

You call, but we have not always listened.

We know the times we walk away from neighbours in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

We know we sometimes condone, by our inaction and inattention, evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our failings,

so that as you come to us in mercy,

we may turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

some reflective silence

Spirit, lead us.

Light up the truth in these tales we retell.

Spirit, lead us,

as we become the next chapter ourselves.

[Source: Paul Somerville 2002 - adapted]

A READING FROM OUR GOSPEL TRADITION: Mark 4: 35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SONG: SFP 45 The summons

1.
Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

2.
Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

3.
Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

4.
Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

5.
Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

*(Words: John Bell and Graham Maule,
Iona Community)*

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these resources
help to share abundant life and grace,
as in God's love we're found.
May they be a blessing,
as in God's love we're blessed. Amen

WITNESS

SONG: SMS 60 Now to your table spread

1.
Now to your table spread;
we come, each one in faith
that you alone provide the words
of life or death:
in wine and bread, in promised
food
we find your loving heart, O God.

2.
Hands of the world stretch out,
your mystery to touch;
in longing to believe a truth beyond
our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.

3.
Here is our common wealth
in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around
one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to
taste:
one people in the name of Christ.

*(Words: Shirley E Murray)
Music: Love unknown - John Ireland*

COMMUNION

INVITATION

At this table, all are welcome and all are fed.
At this table, all share in the cup that refreshes, no one is denied.
By the power of God's Holy Spirit,
these gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ.

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

REMEMBERING

As followers of Jesus, the one we name as the Messiah we remember his story. Born of the young woman Mary, raised in a backwater town, he came to share your vision for the world. He modelled your Kingdom, lived by its values, and in doing so enraged those with power. Knowing