

## WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

None of us can predict what this week may bring, but there is one certainty:  
the resources of the God, who engineered the whole universe, will be there for you.

You may be tested, you may suffer, you may waver and become weary, but you will not finally be overcome. God is your strength and salvation.

**Amen! God is our strength and salvation!**

The blessing of God all-loving, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you today and evermore. **Amen**

*The sign of peace is exchanged.*



**Pilgrim Uniting Church  
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**



**8.00am MORNING WORSHIP**

**Pentecost 20**

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

### ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

Our purpose is awesome: Let us worship God.

**God is in his holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence**

We do not come before God like frightened supplicants, but as those who are confident that they are wonderfully loved.

**Our high priest is Jesus, tempted as we are yet without sin, who is able to sympathise with our human weaknesses.**

Let us then boldly draw near to the throne of grace, that we may be welcomed with mercy and obtain assistance in every moment of need.

### PRAYER OF APPROACH

Most loving God you are far more majestic than human mind can ever conceive, and more loving than our deepest feelings can ever explore. Yet we want to offer you the best we can do in thought and devotion, and offer the enthusiasm of our songs and prayers. Holy are you, wonderful are you, God of time and eternity!

**Glory and honour, thanksgiving and praise, belong to you now and always. Amen!**

**HYMN: TIS 141** Praise to the Holiest in the height.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our complicity in the evil of our nation and world, and those personal sins which both frustrate and shame us. Let us pray.

Merciful God, look kindly upon your human family, we pray. By your irrepressible grace, mend the brokenness that inevitably follows our sinning.

If we have been quietly wilful or openly rebellious, sending waves of unhappiness among the lives of those around us,  
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have become infected by the cheap values and selfish goals of the advertising industry and have found ourselves aping them:  
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have allowed our faith to be eroded by the endless chatter of critics who have nothing to offer except their own sour grapes:  
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have become so caught up in trivial pursuits that we have little time left for holy wonder and spiritual growth:  
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have been wounded by the spite of others, and have turned in on ourselves, nursing our injuries and brooding over revenge:  
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

If we have participated in wrongdoing for so long that we no longer feel any regret or desire for repentance;  
Come Saviour God, **come and reclaim us.**

Jesus Christ, friend of sinners, please never let go of us. Forgive our failings and help us to make amends where we have harmed others. Call us back to the disciplines that flow from faith, that in loving you and one another, we may find that peace and joy for which we were built. Through your love and to the praise of your holy name. **Amen**

### **WORD OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted in every way that we are, and is now at the throne of grace presenting to God our case for mercy. Therefore, we can approach God's throne in confidence. Christ is God's word of absolution. With confidence rejoice at this throne of grace, having received mercy and grace to cover all your sin. Our sins are forgiven **Amen**

**BIBLE READINGS** Job 23: 1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22: 1-15  
Hebrews 4: 12-16  
Mark 10: 17-31

### **REFLECTION**

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place:  
**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 the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Grant that all who share this bread and this cup  
May become one body and one spirit,  
A living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

And let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

### **THE 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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Communion is shared*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**May the welcome we have received at this table be the welcome we extend to others.  
May the grace we have received at this table be the grace known by all in need.  
May the wholeness we find in Christ be the wholeness found by those diminished by the struggle.  
May your peace prevail in all things, everywhere. Amen.**

**HYMN: TIS 387** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
*The offering will be received during the singing of this hymn*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

For your generous love we thank you, dear God.  
For your generous openness to all our fears and failings  
And to all our uncertainties we thank you.  
May this money become part of the great work  
of your new world and shape the beloved community. **Amen**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### THE INVITATION

#### THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise,  
O God, for you have suffered with us  
and tasted despair that we might taste mercy and grace.

Your living and active word created all things;  
and everything lies exposed before your eyes.  
When our forebears put their trust in you  
you rescued them, for all things are possible for you.

You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world,  
preaching your message and calling everyone to follow.  
His word cuts to the core of all things,  
exposing the addictions that bind us and blind us and hold us back from  
investing all we have in serving you.

When Jesus was brought down to the dust of death,  
dying in the horror of abandonment,  
you raised him to life again, and through him we have the confidence to  
come into your presence and look to your grace for our Life.

### **COLLECT**

Loving God, as we wend our way through this market-place of life,  
**may we keep our eyes fixed on Christ Jesus.**  
Let nothing tawdry distract us, no cheap value seduce us, no voice bully  
us, and no threat frighten us.  
**Inspire us to keep our commitment as unconditional as is humanly  
possible, and to draw nearer to that goal which is divinely assured.**  
Through the same Jesus Christ, whose grace is made perfect in human  
weakness. **Amen**

**HYMN: TIS 206** With joy we meditate the grace of our High Priest  
above

### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

We pray for those whose misery is the result of the wilful action of others.  
The victims of hatred and violence, war and persecution, crime and  
apathy, greed and exploitation, road rage, or drugs and alcohol.  
**Please bless them, with our help or without it, according to your  
overriding wisdom and love.**

We pray for those who are on the front line in serving others. Police  
officers and social workers, overseas aid workers and peace keepers,  
nurses and doctors, ambulance officers and counsellors, pharmacists and  
parents, teachers and magistrates. **Please bless them, with our help or  
without it, that they may be kept from chronic weariness or cynicism.**

We pray for those who work hard to keep the church wide open, both to  
the Gospel and to the world's needs. Committee members and hospital  
visitors, secretaries and editors of church newspapers, theologians and  
treasurers, parish ministers and evangelists, youth workers and street  
priests, denominational leaders and social justice campaigners.  
**Please bless them, with our help or without it, that the witness to the  
word and way of Christ may never be dimmed.**

We pray for those among us who feel burdened or distressed today. Any  
who are dealing with bad news, poor health, tense relationships, suffering,  
sorrow or any other hardship. **Please bless them, with or without our help,  
that they may find the extra resources and guidance that they need.**

Most holy God, we thank you that our prayers are heard before we even  
express them. May our deeds embody our prayers, and our prayers  
become more aware because of our deeds. We offer our prayers in the  
name of Christ Jesus, our teacher and liberator. **Amen**