

In a time of many conflicts at home and abroad,  
there remains so much for which we can be thankful:  
Peacekeepers and those who seek resolution and reconciliation;  
Breakthroughs in understanding;  
Extra measures of selflessness that make all the difference.

**Give us thankful hearts, Loving God,  
as we pause to remember the connections  
that bind us, one to another. Amen**

#### **THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER**

#### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Make this meal for us a reminder of our inclusion  
in the binding covenant of love  
poured out and broken open. **Amen**

*Communion is shared*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Thank you, Loving God, for refreshing us at this table. We arise from here to do  
justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you; that we might seek your peace  
and be your compassion in the world. **Amen**

**HYMN TIS 623**                      Lord Christ, true peace of all above

#### **WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING**

We do not go out from here the same as when we gathered.  
We are expanded by wonder,  
but also right-sized to fit our good place in God's world.  
**We turn outwards to serve a world  
in which we are fully a part,  
and yet only a part.**

God be with you, in the wonder of earth, and sea, and sky.  
Christ be with you, in the open-hearted joy of service.  
Holy Spirit be with you, in the simple reassurance:  
you are part of life. **Amen**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*The sign of the peace is exchanged.*

*Everyone is invited to stay for a light continental breakfast following this service.  
and called for repentance in word and deed.*



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

**8.00am MORNING WORSHIP**



## **PENTECOST**

**18 October 2015**

### **WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Here we will stop to consider  
how the world goes on around us,  
constantly renewing itself in wondrous ways.  
We have not set this in motion,  
We are not responsible for it,  
nor even in charge of it.  
But we are part of it;  
blessed by its beauty  
and encouraged by its resilience.  
**Here we will stop to give thanks  
and to consider our place in God's great world.**

#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
So sings the psalmist,  
**and we join the song of wonder and awe.**  
Make your creating, sustaining presence  
known to us here in our time together,  
so that in all times and places  
**we will remember that in you  
we live and move and have our being. Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Deal gently with us, Loving God,  
for we have a tendency towards waywardness,  
a proclivity for ignorance,  
an aversion to sacrifice:  
even when called upon to give  
as we have received.

Help us to put aside any arrogance  
that seduces us away from a wondering mind  
and an open heart.

**For there is always more to learn about love and faithfulness.**

Help us to put aside any fear that leads us to seek control when cooperation is required.

**For there is always more to understand about the connectedness of all life, together with you, Source of Life.**

Help us to put aside any greed that drives us to grasp and hoard instead of sharing and giving of ourselves.

**For there is always more to offer from the deep wells of grace.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The earth is set on strong foundations.

The waters stay within their bounds.

The sun wraps the world in light, like a garment.

All is well with the world, at its deepest points.

All is well with us, at our deepest points,

for by the grace of God we are accepted and acceptable. **Amen**

**HYMN TIS 157** O Lord of every shining constellation

**BIBLE READINGS:** Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)  
Psalm 104: 24-34  
Hebrews 5: 1-10  
Mark 10: 35-45

### **REFLECTION**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We pray that our asking, in this time of prayer, may be the fulfilment of our need because in the asking we are awakened to new understanding.

Loving God, we ask for relief for those who suffer illness, loss, or distress.

**Give us new understanding of our role in encouraging others.**

**Help us to honour our connections to each other.**

Loving God, we ask for reordering of power so that the last may be first, and the first may be generous and open.

**Give us new courage to dismantle exclusivity and build interdependency instead.**

**Help us to honour our responsibility for each other.**

Loving God, we ask for reconciliation and renewal of the whole creation.

**Give us new wisdom**

**to relate well to all the species of Earth.**

**Help us to honour the place of all in the web of life.**

Loving God, give us the cup of shared destiny for we are all in this together;

**Help us to honour the unity of all things, Ground of our Being. Amen**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN TIS 681**

Lord let me see

*During the singing of this hymn, we will receive our offering for the work of the church in the world.*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The world is so vast and its needs are so great.

But let us not be discouraged:

**We have a part to play in God's love for the world.**

Our giving makes us participants

in the great cycles of blessing at the heart of creation.

**May our gifts bless those who receive;**

**may our giving bless us with gratitude**

**for the opportunity to serve. Amen**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **THE INVITATION**

#### **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open our hearts to God.**

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 in a world full of strife, there remains

so much for which we can be thankful:

Majestic beauty, and simple, ordinary joys;

Companionship and a community of fellow disciples;

Powers of discernment and glimpses of wisdom.

**Give us thankful hearts, Loving God,**

**as we pause to remember our place**

**in the vast web of life.**