

You raised new life through him,  
and are now strengthening us for the race before us,  
so that with the faithful witnesses of all generations  
we may receive your promises of belonging and becoming.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high,  
we offer you thanks and praise at all times  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine:  
sign and symbol of your gracious, cultivating presence  
in all times and all places.

Quench our thirst for righteousness.  
Satisfy our hunger for justice.  
**Grant us your peace. Amen**

*Communion is shared*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Thank you, God, for refreshing us at this table.  
In this meal, we have encountered your promises anew:  
You are light and life to us.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**HYMN** TiS 124                      Great God, we sing that mighty hand

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

Go now with new focus and fresh faith.  
Bring forth a harvest of justice and righteousness,  
and run with perseverance  
the race to embody love and peace.

And may God turn to you and cherish you;  
May Christ Jesus surround you with the light of his presence;  
And may the Holy Spirit give you life and strength. **Amen**

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



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



**8.00am MORNING WORSHIP**

**PENTECOST 13**

**14th August 2016**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

As rain pours forth from clouds,  
we pour out love and compassion.  
**By faith, we can be the waters of peace,  
quenching fires of anger and hostility.**  
As wind stirs the stagnant pond,  
we move by the Spirit to refresh community.  
**By faith, we can let righteousness and  
justice be our constant companions.**  
As God-with-us in every moment  
composes a love-song for our hearts.  
**By faith, we can sing this song  
to a world yearning to be free.**

**HYMN** TiS 457                      The church's one foundation

#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Let us pray.  
O God, source of all beauty and goodness,  
your grace is new to us every morning.  
In each new day, your light gives guiding hope.  
Make your presence known to us in this time together,  
as we remember your steadfast love and constant care. **Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Let us pray.  
God of constancy and love,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than we desire or imagine:  
pour into us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
for which we feel unworthy to ask.  
*silence for reflection*

## WORD OF ASSURANCE

This is the assurance of God:

We are planted deep in the heart of God.  
It is God's good pleasure to see us thrive  
and bear good fruit for the kin-dom of love.

Therefore, let us lay aside every weight,  
and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.  
Our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

## BIBLE READINGS:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-7

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

## REFLECTION

### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

The Prayer of St Francis

*As we offer these prayers today, we will light a candle for each of the words in bold. Let these be the lights of our lives.*

Let us pray:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, **let us sow love;**

where there is injury, **pardon;**

where there is doubt, **faith;**

where there is despair, **hope;**

where there is darkness, **light;**

where there is sadness, **joy.**

*time for reflection and prayer*

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled

**as to console;**

to be understood

**as to understand;**

to be loved

**as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(printed inside cover of hymn book)*

**HYMN** TiS 650

Brother, sister let me serve you

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our gifts to you, O God,  
in gratitude and hope.

In dedicating them,

**we dedicate ourselves anew  
to be your people in the world,  
in love and compassion. Amen**

## COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

This table is open to all.

Let us pray:

In a world where some thrive on fear,  
where profit is often more important than people,  
and where violence seems the order of the day,  
fill us again at this table with your Spirit of peace,  
loving and gracious God. **Amen**

## THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open up your hearts.

**We open them to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise.

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

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for though our lives were a wasteland  
you cherished us and gave us life again.

With a love-song, you sang the earth into being,  
and led your people from slavery through the Red Sea.  
You planted them in a fertile land  
and looked for a harvest of justice and righteousness.

When we, your people, returned only bloodshed and torment,  
you sent your child, Jesus,  
to be the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.  
His preaching kindled a fire  
and divided the living from the dead.  
He endured the cross, disregarding its shame  
and was baptised in suffering and death.