**8am Sunday 25th June 2017**

**Welcome**

**Hymn: 106 Now thank we all**

**Centering**

On this winter day, with wet earth and the crisp morning air invigorating our bodies, we come apart from the busyness of our days ahead, and seek to make ourselves fully present in the presence of God who is our source of being. *(Silence)*

**In the early morning, we find a place of stillness.**

**In the early morning, we sense again the presence of God.**

‘Be still and know that I am God’ Ps 46.10 *(a time of silence is kept)*

We hear the gentle sounds of the city coming to life once more.

May the relative silence envelop us in peace and allow the quiet sounds of life to support our reflection and allow us to give thanks.

*(words of thankfulness are offered)*

*Most loving God, your holy Son has taught us that none of our concerns lie outside your love, and no person is ever irrelevant or dispensable. Teach us the way of quiet trust, that placing all our affairs in your hands, we may live faithfully and lovingly, allowing your Spirit to guide our feet in the way of your peace. Through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17**
Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
**for I am poor and needy.**

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
**save your servant who trusts in you.**
You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul**.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.**

In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me;

**give your strength to your servant;**

save the child of your serving girl.

**Show me a sign of your favour**,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
**because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me**.

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Let us pray.

Holy Friend, in you there are no shadows, no imperfections, and no regrets. We wish we could say the same about ourselves,

but it is not so.

*(we pray silently the following…)*

*We confess that in our secret lives there crouch scungy things which needs dragging into the light of your beauty.*

*We confess that in our more open selves are some faults that we have come to treat as foibles rather than to confront them as sin.*

*We confess that in our hearts are unresolved regrets for hurts inflicted or opportunities wasted, yet our regrets readily turn to self pity rather than repentance.*

So we come to you in simple trust, as we have done many times seeking

the same stream of mercy in which we have often bathed,

and that same spring of love from which we have slaked our thirst,

and that  same bread of life from which we regain our strength.

**FORGIVENESS**

My friends, please do not let this moment no pass as a mere formality.

God is merciful, and can be trusted right at this moment to forgive our sins

and cleanse us from all corruption.

For Christ’s sake, don’t carry old guilt one moment longer.

Let it slip from your shoulders and fall away into the into the abyss

of God’s forgiveness.

Out of Christ’s fullness we have received love heaped upon love.

**Thanks be to God!** (http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/41Sun12.htm)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**
Grant us fresh insight as we read and listen,

and wisdom to understand. **Amen**

**Readings**

**WITNESS – Rev Dr Dean Eland**

**Hymn:** and offering (TiS 687 God give us a future???TBD)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

It is our privilege to share in God’s compassion and mission. And so we pray:

**Nothing we have, O God, could repay the gift of new life you give us.**

**In our offering we simply want to respond with joy and thankfulness**

**and pray that this money and the other gifts that we share might be used to share your resurrection life with all the world. Amen**

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

Prayers are offered …… (this is my prayer/**this is our prayer**)

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.**

**Communion**

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.***

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*(using images gathered up from our readings)*

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, and in the heavenly realm, 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.**

We remember that Jesus, on the same night that he was handed over to torture and execution, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his friends, saying:

Take eat, this is my body, my living presence, given for you.

Do this to remember me.

In the same way he took the cup of wine and gave you thanks and gave it to them, saying: Drink this all of you; for this is my very life, spent for you.

Do this to remember me.

So today we share bread and wine together as a sign of our unity in the body of Christ, as a pledge that we will work for justice, and as a foretaste of that which can be despite what is and what has been.

We pray that Your Spirit will be present amongst us here, and in this bread and this wine, that they may become the life of Christ within us, that our lives may lean towards justice, mercy and peace. Amen.

Bread – broken. The body of Christ – broken.

The cup of salvation – God’s love poured out.
*Communion is shared*

**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!

Hymn: TiS 532 For the bread that we have eaten ?????

**BENEDICTION:**

Go now into your renewed and continually renewing life,

into restored community, and go knowing that God is before you,

beside you and within you.

**Thanks be to God!** (Words for worship June 22 2014)

God’s peace be with you/**and also with you!**

*The peace is exchanged*