



Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide
8.00am MORNING WORSHIP



Epiphany 2B

18th January 2015

WELCOME

PSALM OF THE DAY

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Joan Stott, based on Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18)*

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

May we kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship, witness and service bring honour to God's Holy Name. Amen.

HYMN TiS 596 Fill my whole life

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Glorious God, you are utterly beyond us in every way, yet you involve your holy self with our very human existence and commitments, and we give thanks and praise to you for your unending love for each one of us. You have nurtured and blessed each of us as we grew in the womb of your love and compassion over many years; and we give thanks for the trust in you that has grown in us as we have developed and reached maturity. We praise you for the way you have placed your hand on us in blessing, and that you have communicated to us in wordless ways, the depths of your love for us, so that we can understand and know that we are your beloved child.

We give thanks and praise that deep within us, there is that spark of your holy life to enrich and bless us; so that we always have an inner yearning to be near you and to be blessed by you.

Bearer of all creation, in your power, majesty and infinite love, you have ordained that your eternal presence is with each of us at all times, so that in the morning, you are there with us; and during the evening and night you are still with us. Trustworthy God, you honour us always with your presence and we give thanks. Amen. *(words by Joan Stott)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you.

We give our lives to you, from whom nothing in us is hidden.

O God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart.

We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt.

We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.

O God of life, you are in the light, and in the darkness.

We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance.

We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.

A silence is kept

O God of life, O generous Spirit,

Renew us with your life: today, tomorrow and always. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

To all and to each, when self-awareness is real, God freely offers all we need to begin again. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20) John 1: 43-51

REFLECTION

HYMN TiS 686 Because we bear your name

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

This is my prayer/**this is our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless us to use these gifts wisely and well
as we seek to share your love with the world. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

He was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, Jesus is the host.

And we are all invited to this open table:

no matter our tradition or membership, no matter our state of mind or grace, for you, for me, for all – here there is a place.

HYMN TIS 538 Feed us now, Bread of Life

THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for what we know of you is overwhelming, more wonderful than we can ever understand. In the hidden depths of time you formed the newborn earth according to your design, and knit us together in our mothers' wombs. You led your people through Moses, and corrected them through prophets like Samuel, whose every word went forth with your power.

In these last days you have sent us your Son - Jesus, son of Mary, from Nazareth. In word and deed he brought the truth to light and called us to follow in the ways of integrity and discipleship. When the enemies of life put him to death, you raised him up by your power, and likewise you raise us up and unite us with Christ that we too may be an honoured dwelling place for your Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Merciful God, send now your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let the same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to

the shape of him whose food we now share. **Amen.**

The one whom the universe could not contain,
is present to us in this bread.

The one who redeemed us and called us by name
now meets us in this cup.

So take this bread and this wine,
aware of the presence of God in all things and in you.

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves anew to you. Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread, and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage
many through us. So may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. **Amen.**

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING *(candles are extinguished)*

Christ's food in our souls,

Our food shared like his.

Christ's life in our hands,

Our lives shaped by his.

Christ's love in our hearts,

Our love warmed through his.

Christ's peace on our path,

Our path following his.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The sign of the peace is exchanged