

*Communion is shared*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you for refreshing us with your presence through this meal and this fellowship, Loving God. Our souls, which long for you, have been satisfied. You offer us a home in you and nourish us with love.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**HYMN** TIS 657 God of freedom, God of justice

## WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out to live the mystery of the gospel.  
Keep alert and pray at all times.  
Draw strength from God's presence.

And may God guide you with truth and righteousness;  
May Christ Jesus give you words of Spirit and life;  
and may the Holy Spirit draw you near to God's presence  
and bless you with honour and grace.

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.*



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



**PENTECOST 13**

**23 August 2015**

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to remember  
the safety and graciousness of God's presence.

**God is with us in gentleness and great care.**

We come to discover again our true purpose and hope.

**God calls us here and now to restoration and renewal.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

How lovely is your dwelling place, Gracious God.

**My soul longs, indeed it faints for your presence;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, Our Host, Our Home.

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your  
praise.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God:

we confess that while we know you are with us,  
we so rarely act as if that is our truth.

**We are silent when we should speak,  
we stand back when we should step forward.**

We so often do not live as people  
assured of love and acceptance.

**Forgive us, and give us courage and grace  
to live confidently, surely, fully. Amen**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is with us:

in glory and in shame,  
in faith and in doubt,

in fear and in courage.  
God is with us.  
This is our great, redeeming truth.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen**

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

**BIBLE READINGS:**

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**REFLECTION**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God, we are well aware that many people  
in our world are in desperate need of protection.  
**We pray for all who seek safety and shelter.**

We are well aware that many people  
in our world are in desperate need of care.  
**We pray for all who seek healing and comfort  
of body, mind and spirit.**

We are well aware that there are few  
who make decisions that affect millions.  
**We pray for those who hold lives in the balance:  
give them wisdom and compassion.**

We are well aware that we are among the relatively privileged.  
**May we not harden ourselves to the plight of others.**

Flood the earth with your grace, Bread of Life,  
opening hearts and minds  
to generosity and joy. **Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN** TIS 440 Christ, from whom all blessings flow

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

For all your gifts we are truly thankful, Loving God.  
We pray that our gifts  
will be used to shape a world  
where everyone has all that they need,  
and all can be truly thankful. **Amen**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

**THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER**

**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.**

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,  
for you are the source of honour and grace  
and we are eager for your presence with us.

The heavens and the earth cannot contain you,  
and yet you dwell among your people  
and invite even the birds of the air  
to nest in your courts and honour you with their song.

You have sent your Holy One, Jesus Christ,  
to speak to us your word of Spirit and life.  
Though the forces of evil and death consumed him,  
your raised new life through him,  
proclaiming your gospel of peace.  
Now Christ nourishes us for eternal life  
and empowers us with truthfulness and openness  
to live lives of integrity and grace.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Let us dwell in you through the sharing of this meal,  
taking in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Peace  
so that we might be life-giving and peace-filled in your world. **Amen**