

Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

8.00am MORNING WORSHIP

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WELCOME and COMMUNITY NOTICES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Deepen our understanding of your presence, Loving God.
As we take this time to think about our lives
in the bigger context of community and in the truth of your love,
help us to see the ways we have been guided by you.
We live within so many systems and structures:
some that work for us and some that work against us.
But in all things we live and move and have our being in you.
Therefore we are confident that we do not toil in vain. Amen

HYMN "All-Present, All-Visible, Source of All Life"

All-present, all-visible, Source of all life,
Within and around us, through joy and through strife.
Most Sacred, Eternal, You move on the earth,
You beckon and call forth new life and new birth.

Enlivened, extravagant, Sower of seeds,
Abundant, abounding, Your mercy exceeds.
Unhindered, unbridled, you shine forth your grace,
That we may do likewise, revealing Your face.

You care for Creation, O Mother of all,
Great mountains, clear waters, and flowers so small.
The earth is Your temple, for all life to share,
So help us be stewards of healing and care.

Transcendent, uncharted, and still close at hand,
Encompassing people from near and far lands.
Within each new moment, throughout life and death,
Your praises are sung out from all that has breath!

(Words: S Klosterboer; Tune: 'Immortal, Invisible')

PSALM OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF ADORATION and CONFESSION

Unless it is you, Redeeming One, who works within and among us - our efforts are for nothing.
May we find rest in your presence for our anxious and over-worked lives. And from the centre of this
peace, may we become mindful of a deep joy and happiness for the gifts of life around us:
For laughter and friendship,

Food that sustains and delights,
Hospitality expressed and received.
And for each generation, God of all mercy, give us grace today to make a fresh start. We know we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves.
As we hope to be forgiven, teach us how to forgive, and lead us forward in a new life where neither grudges nor resentment have a part. *A silence is kept*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the word to us in Jesus:

Those who have faith will receive grace upon grace. We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

BIBLE READINGS: Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17 Mark 12: 38-44

REFLECTION

HYMN: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone:
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call.
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

(Words: Robert Edwards; Tune: Beach Spring, Hyfrydol, Austrian Hymn, Rustington)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At 11 am on 11 November, 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the Germans back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender. From 1919, Armistice Day was marked with 2 minutes silence at the 11th hour to remember the fallen of WWI. After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. As we commemorate the

centenary of Armistice Day, we reflect on all times of war that Australia has been involved in, we remember the fallen, but we also pray for those who returned, many damaged physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We also think of our current serving Defence force members, and above all, we pray for peace in our world.

We begin our prayers with silence that honours our longings and hopes, and with an aching sigh that words can never express fully.

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the servicemen and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace/**May peace prevail**

for those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace/**May peace prevail**

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace/ **May peace prevail**

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace/ **May peace prevail**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace/ **May peace prevail**

for all Defence Force chaplains offering support, encouragement, acceptance, compassion and understanding wherever and whenever it is needed;

May God give peace/**May peace prevail**

for all who bear the burden and privilege
of leadership, political, military and
religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and
resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace/**May peace prevail**

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

**As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Remembrance"

Once crimson poppies bloomed
out in a foreign field,
each memory reminds
where brutal death was sealed.
The crimson petals flutter down,
still hatred forms a thorny crown.

For in this present time
we wait in vain for peace,
each generation cries,
each longing for release,
while war still plagues the human race
and families seek a hiding place.

How long will human life
suffer for human greed?
How long must race or pride,
wealth, nationhood or creed
be reasons justifying death
to suffocate a nation's breath?

For everyone who dies
we share a quiet grief,
the pain of loss remains,
time rarely brings relief,
and so we will remember them
and heaven sound a loud amen.

(Words: © Andrew Pratt; Tune: 'Little Cornard'/Hills of the North)

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God bless our gifts, big and small,
and bless us to honour you, the Giver of all.
**We honour God with giving
that is free of self-interest and full of compassion.
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.

Once and for all, you spoke, God of overflowing gifts: as your Word called the sun to shine and the earth to spin; as your hand stirred the dust, shaping us in your image; as your Spirit breathed grace into our empty lungs. You would feed us with peace, but we gnaw on the bread mouldy with anxiety; When you would clothe us with glory, we put on the long robes of sin, the hems dragging through dusty death. In vain, the prophets rose early to speak your words of invitation; in vain, they stayed up into the late hours, watching for our return to you. Yet, out of the abundance of your love, you sent Jesus to us, so that we might not live in the poverty of our despair and fear. With Ruth and Naomi, with Boaz and David, with widows in poverty, and children on the streets, we join our voices as we sing to you:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of grace!
All creation is filled with the bounty of your love.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who has not left us without hope.
Hosanna in the highest**

You are holy, God of wonder and wisdom, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Brother, who entered

humanity's world, truly one of us. Again and again, he pointed to you: Restorer of broken lives, Nurturer of every hungry heart, Lover of each child. Remembering his gentleness and generosity, remembering his compassion and clarity, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ died, once, and it was for all;
Christ was raised, once and for all;
Christ will return, for those who wait for him,
to bring them home to God,**

Pour out your Spirit upon those who gather around your bountiful Table, where life and love are placed. You nourish us with your bread filled with gentle grace, so, that fed, we may serve those who hunger for hope in their lives. You restore our flagging spirits from the overflowing cup of joy, so, that refreshed, we may take new life to the poor and hopeless in every place where they are found. (*Communion liturgy: Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies*)

Communion is shared.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Loving God, for nourishing us here with sign and symbol of your constant presence. We go out from here with new resolve to be your people and follow in your ways, that the world will know love in our being, and in our doing. Amen

Please remain standing if you are able for the Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ,
incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe.

Lord, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people by greed and indifference;
through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security by military and economic forces
that threaten human existence:
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ;
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

(15th World Methodist Council, Nairobi, Kenya, 1986 Uniting in Worship 1: People's Book: Page133)

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

(the candles are extinguished)

Go in love to give birth to love, carrying hope into all the world.

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.