

BENEDICTION

Go in peace; and may God's breath stream within you.
May God's breath renew you.
May God's breath invigorate you.
Walk with confidence into this day.

(Traditional Jewish Blessing)

Amen. May it be so.

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

POSTLUDE Toccata Quinta Georg Muffat 1653-1704

Thank you to the many people involved in the preparation and leadership of this combined service.

Presiding Ministers: Rev Dr Greg Elsdon
 Rev Sandy Boyce

Preacher: Rev Prof Andrew Dutney

Bible Readers: Ian Gillespie & Genty Stevens

Organist & Choir Director Peter Kelsall

Assistant Organist: Christopher Bridge
 Alexander Paine

Jenny Ward (Piano), Margaret Chittleborough (Bassoon),
Genevieve Bassani (Flute), Jeff Telfer (Clarinet), Don Bell (Guitar),
Graham Brice & Ruth Farrent (Percussion), Norm Inglis (Organ) and Alison
McDougall (Song Leader).

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

Members of the 9.30am Community Music ensemble

Everyone is welcome for coffee, tea and conversation in the Hall prior to the Meeting of the Congregation, which will commence at 11:40am.



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10:00am Combined Worship Service

Sunday, 25th November 2018

Reign of Christ / Christ the King
COCU67B

The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church. To receive most benefit, hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their hearing aid to T-setting.



THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible and symbols of our life as a congregation are brought to the table.

CALL TO WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF CANDLES

This is the place
and this is the time;
here and now God waits
to break into our experience:

**To change our minds,
to change our lives,
to change our ways;**

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To make us see the world
and the whole of life
in a new light;

**To fill us with hope,
joy, and certainty
for the future.**

This is the place.
as are all places;
this is the time,
as are all times.

**O God of this place,
and every place,
God of this time,
and all time,
here and now,
we praise you.**

HYMN 563 Rejoice! The Lord is King

(Charles Wesley 1707-1788)

(Alan Gaunt)

1. REJOICE! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took His seat above:
Refrain

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

Refrain

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Refrain

5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

WELCOME AND GREETING

*Those who wish to do so may share a sign of peace with those
immediately around them using words such as 'God's Peace be with you'
and also with you'. Please respect those who wish to use the time for
quiet contemplation.*

**Clear away the cobwebs of complex histories
Tangled thoughts, and messy motives,
And help us all to flourish, living your love in our daily lives.**

Loving God, you challenge us to be a place of welcome,
a Church without walls,
offering your love, care and compassion
to those who need it most:
**Lord, help us to be people of courage,
That our Church may be a witness to your vision of how we should live
together. Amen.**

(Source: World Mission Council)

THE 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.**

HYMN 398 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

(Michael Seward b. 1932)

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

Refrain:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross

defeated,
sinners justified:
Refrain

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Refrain

4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Refrain

Refrain

5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Refrain

We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the Church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died. And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

(Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia from Uniting in Worship 2 Creeds & Statements of Faith No.5)

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all places and climes,
we are glad to thank you for our friends
and partners in faith and vision throughout the world,
for people with the strength of character
to survive in difficult circumstances,
and to live out their faith
in joy and thanksgiving for all your gifts.

God of all people and nations,
Hear our prayers for the people and churches of the world
**who stand firm in the face of injustice and,
with imagination and determination,
share a spirit of adventure which can lead to miracles.**

time for silent prayer and reflection

Generous God, we give thanks for the life of faith,
and being able to share it freely.

**We pray for your people,
who face persecution,
and help them to offer love freely
to one and to all, no matter their faith or religion.**

Loving Christ, born in simplicity,
may your Living Stones be salt to all,
that both hope and justice may be real;
that prejudice and bigotry be banished.
**Awaken all people from complacency
and give us courage to invest in peace.**

time for silent prayer and reflection

God who is always close,
we remember our neighbours,
And pray for all you churches and peoples.
You promise us your Holy Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit,**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND
We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Kaurua people and that the Spirit was in the land revealing God to them through law, custom and ceremony. The same love and grace that was finally and fully revealed in Jesus Christ sustained the Kaurua people and gave them particular insights into God's ways. Therefore, we honour the wisdom of the Kaurua Elders and their continuing culture, and pray that we might all work together for reconciliation and justice in this nation.

(adapted from the Preamble to the Constitution of the Uniting Church in Australia)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all blessings,
source of all life,

giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life,

for the food of this earth that nurtures life,

for the love of family and friends

without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty that the eye can see,

for the joy that the ear may hear,

for the unknown that we cannot behold

filling the universe with wonder,

for the expanse of space that draws us

beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:

for families who nurture our becoming,

for friends who love us by choice,

for companions at work who share our burdens and daily tasks,

for strangers who welcome us into their midst,

for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,

for children who lighten our moments with delight,

for the unborn who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:

for life and one more day to love,

for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,

for neighbours and one more person to love and by whom to be loved,

for your grace and one more experience of your presence,

for your promise:

to be with us, to be our God,

and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,

we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,

through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

[Source: Adapted from "Prayers of Our Hearts" © 1991 Vienna Cobb Anderson, Reprinted with the permission of the author.]

