

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the refreshment of this time and place
be like water in the desert,
a drink of restoration along our dusty path,
so that we may press on,
always looking for the new things God is doing
within and around and through us.

**We arise from the table of Christ
made ready to go out from here
to love and to serve. Amen**

HYMN TIS 780 **May light come into your eyes**

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, and press on in the path to which God has called you.
Do not get caught up in the things of the past,
or in the things that the world prizes,
but welcome the new things God is doing,
and take the new paths that open to you.

And may God pour life-giving waters into your wilderness;
May Christ Jesus make you his own;
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you
for the journey, ever onward. **Amen**

And may the peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The sign of the peace is exchanged.



**Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**



8.00am MORNING WORSHIP

LENT 5

13 March 2016

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from all walks of life

Our God is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

We have different pasts, and we have walked different paths

Love is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

We have gathered in this place, seeking forgiveness and new hope

Hope is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

We journey forward knowing we are not alone.

Spirit is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

We journey together, brothers and sisters, with Christ. Amen.

HYMN TIS 696 **A prophet-woman broke a jar**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God,

you prepare a new way in the wilderness

and your grace waters the desert.

Help us to recognize your presence

in the everyday wonders of living.

Open our hearts to be transformed

by the new thing you are doing,

so that our lives may proclaim

the extravagance of your love for all, **Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wilderness and water,

your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.

Guide us through this season,

that we may not avoid struggle,

but open ourselves to blessing.

**Help us to set aside the former things
and forget the things of old,
for you wait to do a new thing
in and through us.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Rejoice and be glad,
new life is ours.

Thanks be to God. Amen

BIBLE READINGS: Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b-14
John 12: 1-8

REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Sisters and brothers,
as Jesus, in the days before his passion,
offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears,
let us pray for those who suffer, those who are in need,
and those who seek reconciliation.

a time of silence for prayer

God of compassion,
keep us aware of your presence and give us your wisdom
to attend to the needs of this hour
with the extravagance of those
who pour out their hearts in love. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN TIS 259 **Among us and before us**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May our gifts be our pledge
to forget what lies behind
and to press on toward the goal
of the renewal and reconciliation
of the whole creation. **Amen**

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,
for there is nothing else in life that can compare
with the surpassing value of knowing you.

The newborn earth sprang forth at your touch
and life burst free as you lavished your love upon it.
You formed a people to declare your glory
and led them to freedom on a road through the sea.

Your child, Jesus Christ, honoured our outpoured devotion,
but was betrayed and killed by those
who profit from corruption.

You raised new life in him,
and called us leave the past

and look to the new wonders you are doing:
opening pathways through inhospitable places
and pouring forth springs where all was dry and lifeless,
so that we, and all who have laboured in sorrow,
may yet rejoice and be of good courage.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Let this food and drink be transformative,
renewing and refreshing us lest we lose heart
as we engage in the ministry of Christ's love to the world. **Amen**

Communion is shared