**Transfiguration Sunday 3rd March 2019 DRAFT 4**

**SONG:** Sing of the Lord’s goodness **Musicians**

You are holy **Musicians**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND David**

We remember the Kaurna people on whose land this church is built. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We honour the sacred stories that shaped their communities, and honour their Elders past and present, and emerging leaders, and commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation in this land.

**GATHERING David**

This morning we offer our worship to God.

We also celebrate the 50th anniversary of Robin Trebilcock’s ordination,   
and the years of faithful ministry and service he has offered in and through the church.

We come to hear the stories of our spiritual ancestors in another place long ago.

We come to hear the stories that are also about us today, in this place.

May the gift of memory become our treasure.   
May we all be inspired and refreshed to learn from the past,   
live fully in the present, and be open to new visions and opportunities for the future.

May God’s Holy Spirit lead us and guide us.

In worship, we enter expectantly into the presence of God,   
seeking new insights and revelations about our lives, our ministry, and our world.

May Christ Jesus awaken in us the call to justice and hope for peace.

For it is Jesus who calls us into a church and a world   
where pain and suffering are part of our story,   
to stand up for justice, and care for the lost and lonely;   
to share people’s sorrows and joys, encourage the faithful,   
to pray for healing and help the sick,   
to proclaim God’s word and participate in Christ’s prophetic work.

Glory to God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life, who is, who was, and is to come!

**COMMUNITY NOTICES David**

**THE PRAYERS OF WHO WE ARE (PRAYER OF CONFESSION) Sandy**

‘Prayer is an act of openness. When we pray, we participate in the ultimate practice of humanness as we yield to a Power greater than ourselves. Our best prayers engage in candour about our lives, practice vulnerability, run risks, and rest in confident trust’. (*Walter Brueggemann, Prayers for a Privileged People)*

And so let us have the courage to be in the presence of God, and know ourselves as God knows us. *A silence is kept*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE Sandy**

Despite the shadow in our souls,

There is much good in us,

For God sowed the seeds of such into our being.

There is much to find hope and joy within the human spirit.

For people being playful, whatever their age,

For the joy of holding hands,

For smiles from strangers,

For friendship and camaraderie,

For connection and enrichment,

For compassion and understanding,

For story and meaning,

For creativity and ingenuity,

For moments of kindness given and shared.

For the caring act of someone who stops to help another in need.

For great philanthropy and acts of altruism,

And for small acts of benevolence,

For for all who give of themselves to make the world a better place.

For the hope-bringers, the care-givers,

the peacemakers, the love-livers,

For all that is good and worthy.

Let us look beyond the sad and lamentable,

The dark and depressing, the negative and deflating,

And, in God’s vision of who we can be, find our better selves,

*(Source: Jon Humphries)*

May it be so. Amen!

**SONG**: Open your eyes

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Val Bennett?)**

Into this day will break moments of awareness,  
tiny shards of light that illumine the whole reality of existence.  
May this reading be such a moment.

**BIBLE READING**: Transfiguration Luke 9:28-36 **(Norm Bennett?)**

**SERMON**: **Geoff Boyce**

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS Geoff Boyce and Robin Trebilcock**

**HYMN**: When I survey the wondrous cross

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS Sandy? or 2 voices alternating?**

Let us pray for the Church and the world, giving thanks for God’s goodness.

Holy God, we give you thanks for all women and men who minister in your church and in your world. We remember those who have gone before us. Today we honour all those who have offered gifts in ministry; who have loved you, their communities and our church. Thank you for their willingness to offer radical love sometimes in the midst of immense pain, and their commitment to growing faith in Christ and offering peace and hope to our world. We spend a moment in silence giving thanks for their lives and their ministries amongst us…….

*A silence is kept*

May they continue to inspire us all in our faith and in our ministries.

We are thankful for the beauty and bounty of this land. We pray that we will generously share resources and live wisely, and that the effects of climate change will be addressed appropriately by leaders of our nations.  We pray for our global neighbours whose coastal homes are in danger, and those who live in fear of disaster.  We especially remember all in our global village who are struggling to survive in the midst of war and tragedy. May our responsibility to care for your creation and your people always be a priority.   
*A silence is kept*

We give thanks for all in our communities who work to keep us safe. We thank you God for the selfless giving of church members in volunteer work in and through the church and in the community. We pray for all who are employed in social service and advocacy ministries who seek flourishing for all people. We pray for homes, families and friends, that we may respect our commitments to one another, live peacefully together, that children may be surrounded with security and love, and that young people may find encouragement and inspiration. Help us to honour and cherish the older people in our nation. Remind us that you have woven us together.   
*A silence is kept*Today we bring to mind those in need, the sick, the lonely, those without resources for basic living needs, and the dying. Guide us to pray with hope and to be generously part of the solution.  In silent prayer we pray for all those whom we know to be in need of prayer….

*A silence is kept*

We pray for ourselves.  Strengthen us all who minister in your name.  Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel, to seek peace, to promote justice, and to live in love.

God our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgiving and our prayer; for we put our trust in you, the living God, risking disappointment, risking failure, working and waiting expectantly. Amen.

**HYMN:** O God when trust is shattered *(the offering is collected)*

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6 D (“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”) - new words to a familiar tune

O God, when trust is shattered

by wolves among your sheep,

when youth and children suffer,

when those remembering weep,

when victims tell their stories,

when leaders hide abuse,

bring healing, love and mercy!

Bring justice, God of truth!

When leaders side with evil,

when people do their worst,

may we reach out to victims

and put their healing first.

If any member suffers,

we all will suffer, too.

Bring healing, love and mercy!

Bring justice, God of truth!

We pray that the abusers

will learn sin’s awful cost,

and — making no excuses —

will know that they are lost.

Then may they find redemption —

as we all need it, too.

Bring healing, love and mercy!

Bring justice, God of truth!

May all who serve in churches

be careful, watchful, wise.

May we prevent abuses

and hear your children’s cries.

We pray that institutions

will seek your way anew.

Bring healing, love and mercy!

Bring justice, God of truth!

Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729 (“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”)

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**OFFERING PRAYER Sandy? or another voice?**We make our offerings, small and large,

with the hope and confidence

that all we do, all we offer

all we say, all we think,

and all we hope

will take root in this world

and be the source of new expressions

of God’s love, of God’s justice,

of God’s character, of God’s mission,

and of God’s reign.

May God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven

through us, alongside us,

despite us, and for us. Amen.

*(adapted from a prayer on Mustard Seed)*

**COMMUNION Sandy**

**THE INVITATION**

**THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,

At creation your word lit up the sun and stars

and dispelled the chaos to form the earth.

All that was good shone in your glory and wonder.

You created us in your image, so we might live as your children.

But our spiritual ancestors dishonoured your hopes,

committing themselves to sin’s ways.  
We find ourselves in their company.

You revealed your glory to your servant, Moses,

and, from the cloud, made a covenant with your people.

In the timeless presence of Moses and Elijah

you transfigured Jesus, allowing his terrified followers to witness his glory

and hear your voice from the awesome cloud.

He was killed by those whose minds were hardened,

but, by your mercy, his exodus through the waters of death

led to resurrection life and freedom.

In his risen life, he calls us to turn our lives towards all that brings healing,

hope and wholeness, life in abundance and love overflowing.

And so we lift our voices, filled with joy, joining them with the glad songs of every place and generation, across centuries and continents, all creation praising your name:

**SONG**: You are holy

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**From the grain of the fields, God shapes the Bread of life for us;

from the fruit of the vine, God fills the Cup of grace for us.

We pray that God’s Spirit will be poured out on the bread and the wine,   
that they may be the life of Christ for us, Amen.

*Communion is shared (local practice for distribution - intinction)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**As we have broken the bread and poured the wine,

we became part of something beyond ourselves,   
part of Christ, part of each other, part of creation.

Holy is this time, holy is this meal,

holy is this sacred space we have set apart,   
and holy is the life we are returned to

to be broken and poured out for others. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF ORDINATION SYMBOLS** - stole **(Sandy)** and ordination Bible **(David)  
  
LAYING ON OF HANDS Geoff guides Robin to centre of church, plus those laying on hands**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY Chair of Congregation? and/or ?**

Leader 1: We give thanks to you O God, for the call of the church,

the privilege to serve in ministry, the many gifts of ministry,

the honour of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

and the opportunity to love and care for people.

We give thanks for Robin’s willingness

to listen to the Spirit and respond to the call of God on his life.

Leader 2: We give thanks to you O God, for family and friends,

who have shared the journey with Robin

in times of joy, challenge and grief.

We give thanks for their encouragement, love and support,

for the times they offered words of hope, and spoke grounding truth.

Leader 3: We give thanks for the times Robin has been present

with the poor and marginalised,

and accompanied the grieving, the confused, the lost, and those far from home.

For the joy and honour of sharing meaningful moments in people’s lives.

for the cups of tea and coffee and conversations,

for tears that have been spilt

for prayers offered around bedsides and hospital visits,

and for joy and laughter that have given delight.

Leader 1: We give thanks for places of learning, studying and growing.

for the encouragement to think theologically and critically,

and the opportunities to write, share and speak.

We give thanks for all Robin has offered -   
 sermons prepared, books written,

study undertaken, and new insights gained.

We give thanks for his imaginative and thoughtful leadership.

Leader 2: We give thanks for the many baptisms, weddings and funerals

that have been conducted

for leadership of worship and presence at the Lord’s Table.

For faithfully supporting the ministry of others,

and encouraging people in discipleship and innovative ways of being church.

Leader 3: We give thanks to you O God, for your powerful presence,

renewing Spirit and sustaining love.

We give thanks for your constant loving presence,

that has shaped and formed Robin, and remains with him.

We give thanks O God, for you call, equip, and guide each one of us. Amen.

All leaders: (to Robin)

**The Lord bless you and keep you;**

**the Lord make his face to shine upon you,**

**and be gracious unto you:**

**the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,**

**and give you peace.**  Numbers 6: 24-26

**Sandy**

A celebration is not an end. As we celebrate the important and momentous occasion of Robin’s 50th ordination anniversary, may we keep our eyes and hearts on the future and the never-ending mission to love all, which is to love God. We send Robin out to continue ministry, as together we share our stories of pain and suffering, stand up for justice and care for the lost and lonely, share with people in times of joy and sorrow, encourage the faithful, pray for and help the sick; and to be God in the world, and be united in love, as God’s people. May it be so. Amen.

**HYMN**: ‘We Shall Go Out with Hope and Resurrection’

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;

we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;

we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;

tales of a love that will not let us go.

Well sing our songs of wrong that can be righted;

we’ll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;

we’ll weave a cloth of all the world united

within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We’ll give a voice to those who have not spoken;

we’ll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;

we’ll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,

expressive love alive in every heart.

We’ll share our joy with those who are still weeping,

raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,

we’ll leap and dance the resurrection story

including all in circles of our love.

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**WORDS OF MISSION Sandy**

We began our service this morning with worship.   
And now we continue our worship with service.   
May our lives be parables of God’s love, justice and freedom,   
in every gesture and word. God’s peace be with you. **And also with you!** *A sign of peace is exchanged*