

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Send your Holy Spirit, O God, that these gifts in creation may also be for us the gift of re-creation in Christ. Shape us into one body; press us into one wine; bake us into one bread – the Bread of Life, and Cup of Compassion – for the feeding of all your children and the nurture of creation. **Amen.**

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of amazing grace, in the cold of the winter months we are grateful for your presence, warming us. We pray this presence will strengthen us to follow in the way of Jesus, in this city, that in and through this church we may be a church for the city. **Amen.**

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

The candles are extinguished.

We are gathered and we are sent. We join our love with God's love, our creative energy with God's creative energy, for the sake of the world.

We who are one in this place, go forth as a community of care into the many places in which we live and serve.

We who are one in this place, go forth in our diverse ways expressing the one love of Jesus Christ.

We who are one in this place, go forth into the many paths down which Christ beckons us, with the confidence that Christ our companion will lead us safely to the promised goal.

For we are one body in Christ, in faith carrying out our part of God's mission and offering praise to the one God who embraces us all. **Amen.**

God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

The sign of the peace is exchanged



Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide



8.00am MORNING WORSHIP

Pentecost 13

18th August 2013

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all living, we have seen your presence in the rhythm and surprises of our years.

You have journeyed with us in the past. We offer our thanks.

We recognise your closeness in this day.

You challenge and encourage us in each act and decision.

We offer our praise.

Now we look for you in the promises that stretch before us.

You meet us with hope. In this we trust!

HYMN

(tune: To God be the glory) Words: David Manton, 8th Assembly of the UCA

1.

Alive to the presence and purpose
of God;

in Christ's name we're gathered,
the people of God.

Alive to God's presence and open
to hear

God's word in our lives and God's
call to come near.

Chorus:

*Come and sing! Praises bring!
In Jesus we live!*

*Come and sing, laugh and sing!
New hope God will give!*

*Alive to the presence and purpose of
God,*

*God's word in our lives and God's
call to come near.*

2.

Alive to the presence of God in the
world,

who meets us as strangers, the
young and the old.

Alive to the closeness of Jesus set
free,

To live out the good news through
you and through me.

Chorus:

*Come and sing! Praises bring!
In Jesus we live!*

*Come and sing, laugh and sing!
New hope God will give!*

*Alive to the presence and purpose of
God,*

*Who lives out the Good News
through you and through me.*

3. Alive to God's purpose of justice and care,
To build a new future, defeating despair.
Alive to God's newness, new days will unfold.
God's Spirit gives new ways in place of the old.

*Chorus:
Come and sing! Praises bring!
In Jesus we live!
Come and sing, laugh and sing!
New hope God will give!
Alive to the presence and purpose of God,
God's Spirit gives new ways in place of the old.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God, mothering creation, you invite us to rise to the limits of time and behold your eternity; to glimpse the edges of space and gaze into the immensity; to penetrate the barriers of sound and pass into your silence.

We offer our thanks and praise.

Jesus, restorer and transformer of life, you invite us to widen our circle of love and care, to glimpse your presence in the stranger, to catch your compassion in the kindness of others, to gain hope when we are troubled.

We offer our thanks and praise.

Spirit, bringer of Christ into community today, you invite us to journey towards the far horizon, to glimpse a possibility of what might be and to walk with courage and confidence towards an unfolding future, emboldened by your presence. **We offer our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, you know us better than we know ourselves. We are believers and doubters, disciples and dissenters, compassionate and complacent. In your company, we have confidence to know ourselves as you know us. We all have times when we live in ways that reveal your goodness and compassion, and other times when we may fail to reflect your love and mercy. Search us, O God, and know our hearts and our troubled thoughts. Forgive us any wrongs, and transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day. We breathe in deeply of your grace and mercy and healing. *A time of silence as we reflect on these words for ourselves*

WORD OF ASSURANCE

This is the best of all: when we are empty, God fills us; when we are disheartened, God is compassionate; when we are wounded, God brings healing; when we confess our sin, God forgives. In Christ, through Christ and because of Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In our struggle to hear your word, O God, bless even our doubts, our wonderings, our wanderings, our soul-struggles, life's deep questions and deeper mysteries. Teach us to love our questions as well as our answers. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS: Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11: 29—12: 2
Luke 12: 49-56

REFLECTION

HYMN TiS 387 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

This is my prayer/**this is our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN TiS 470 Rejoice in God's saints

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God's way may be realized anew in this world.

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

We come in anticipation, perhaps out of habit, perhaps scarred by the pain of life, perhaps with a deep sense of unworthiness. Christ meets us at this table in the name of God who embraces us and names us as beloved. All are welcome here and Christ is our host!

THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you/ **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts/ **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

.....And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we rejoice before you and praise your holy name saying: