

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, lead us to justice and peace;  
you are the very Source of our lives  
you created us in your own image with dignity and worth  
you gave meaning and purpose for life  
and without you we cannot achieve full justice and peace.  
As we have been blessed at this table may what we say and do  
be a blessing to others.

HYMN TIS 611

*(Tune: Regent St 142)*

#### WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, relying on the love of God.  
Guard the gifts and graces God has entrusted to you,  
hold firm to the insights we have shared today,  
treasures from the past uncovered and discovered anew today.  
Remember one another in your prayers  
and in the week ahead continue share the good news in word and deed.

And may God give you grace, mercy and peace:  
May Christ Jesus lead you into life and faith;  
and may the Holy Spirit live within you  
and rekindle good gifts within you.

**Amen.**

*Everyone is invited to stay for a light continental breakfast  
following this service.*



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**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

8.00am  
Morning Communion

Sunday, 29th September 2019

Pentecost 16  
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#### WELCOME

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The word has come for us from God:  
**who shelters us under the wings of hope and grace.**

The word has come to us from Jesus:  
**who encourages us to remember  
and live out the good news we have received.**

The word flows to us from the Spirit:  
**who reminds us to place our future and trust in God.**

HYMN TIS 179

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Today O God we discover again that we are travellers on the Pilgrim way.  
We find in this moment a resting place to catch our breath,  
here we look, listen and share together inspiration  
from the written and spoken word.

Here we pray for guidance on the road ahead,  
here we take in the gifts and graces which the Lord has provided,  
the hope, the inspiration, the joy,  
the empowering presence of the One who leads us on.  
Grant us O God the wisdom to take it  
in and know it as gift and promise for the future.

Sisters and brothers, join with me in prayer  
to the One who has mercy and will abundantly pardon.

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, sometimes we are not very good at confession. Often we don't feel particularly repentant about anything. At other times we get occupied about trivial matters and miss seeing the larger picture, our standing aside, our walking past, the blindness to the suffering of others.

Yet we know that everything we think, feel and do, is part of the foolishness, indifference and folly within and around us. Loving God, you have been very patient with humanity.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Yet now is a time of new beginnings. For our encouragement and peace we know that: "The love of God is shown to us, in that while we were broken Christ died for us." Friends, believe this remarkable Gospel and live with the liberty of Christ.

Today and in the week ahead continue with us O God with your saving patience. Look upon and within each of us as we come to you. Help us to turn again from all that divides and brings sorrow, all in our life that is second best.

Create in us a spirit of honest turning around. Free us from self-justification, and make room for forgiveness and renewal.

Living and freeing Christ, enlarge the healing work you have begun in us and others, bring us nearer that hour when our liberation shall be complete. For your love's sake. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING Luke 16: 19-31

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

WORD FOR TODAY *Lazarus at the Door*

HYMN TiS 288

*(Tune: Stuttgart 272)*

*During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.  
Please remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!  
You restore the beauty of your image  
when evil and wrong have scarred the world.  
As a loving parent you gather your children.  
You fill them with longing for a peace that will last  
and for a justice that will never fail.  
For them you raised up Jesus, the living bread,  
in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.  
Healing the sick though bound to suffer pain,  
Offering life to the world though doomed to die,  
Jesus in self-surrender showing that love is stronger than death.

Today we are thankful for friends and companions here at this table  
and for those in our Pilgrim community  
and the wider church in this land  
who call us to prayer and action,  
to listening and serving, to reflection and engagement,  
at this time, in this place and with the people you have given us.  
Here you have honoured every seed of faith,  
and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us,  
you rekindle our gifts and empower us with love.

**We praise you with all creation,  
in union with all the saints.**

**And we give you glory through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Blessing and honour and glory  
be yours here and everywhere,  
now and forever. Amen.**

THE CONSECRATION

Creator God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us  
and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

God of love, we commemorate the love of Jesus  
whom death could not bind but who rose from the grave  
and sits exalted in glory on the throne of creation.

As the splendour of this love breaks in upon us,  
May it find us ever watchful in prayer, strong to respond,  
and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### THE INVITATION

#### THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

Let us remember together the story of generous life giving love:

On the night before he met with death,  
Jesus came to table with those he loved,  
Took bread and blessed you, God of all creation;  
He broke the bread among his disciples  
And said: Take this, all of you, and eat it  
This is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, He took a cup of wine  
And gave thanks to you, God of all creation;  
He passed it among his disciples  
And said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it.  
This is the cup of my self-giving,  
the sign of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all to bring forgiveness.  
Do this in memory of me.

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us lift up our 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.**

We do indeed give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you saved us with a holy calling  
for the sake of the life that is in Christ Jesus.

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.  
From the beginning your Word has summoned light and life.  
You give us breath and speech, that all the living  
might find a voice to sing your praise.

So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,  
we celebrate the endless hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy, 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 DEDICATION

We give thanks for all we have received, O God:  
gifts of love and time, money and abilities.

**We return a portion of these gifts that they may be used  
in and through the mission and ministry of this church.**

Bless those who receive them  
just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. **Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Art of Gentle Revolution. A prayer of petition from Michael Leunig.

God help us to change.

To change ourselves and to change our world.

To know the need for it.

To deal with the pain of it.

To feel the joy of it.

To undertake the journey without understanding the destination.

The art of gentle revolution. **Amen.**

Gracious God, you invite us to see and hear those who are at our door.  
Help us to be content to know that as we brought nothing into this world,  
we can take nothing out of it.

Help us, to be content with what we have and to use wisely the treasures  
we have been given. May we be people who share the wealth you have  
provided, sharing both the bread and wine of earth and the bread and  
wine of promise, justice, equity and fullness of life.

Lord hear us, **Lord hear our prayer...**

Gracious God we pray today for those who like Lazarus are ignored or  
neglected and left to suffer;  
those who live in poverty within our city, state and nation and world,  
those who live with suffering at the gates of our nation.....

O God, bind your people together and make us in this place a creative and  
positive witness to your compassion and life giving grace:  
freedom and hope shown in the law, in the word of the prophets  
and in the servant One who travels with us on the way....

Lord hear us, **Lord hear our prayer...**

Here we pray again for those who govern and are in authority;

for those who lost their way and live in despair;

for those who need healing;

and for those who seek to serve as Jesus served.

And in the silence we especially hold before you today

those on our hearts and minds.

Lord hear us, **Lord hear our prayer....**

We ask this giving you our thanks and praise, for the minutes and our days,  
for the compassion and grace you have given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who taught us to pray as one family, saying together...Our Father...