

Though Jesus was killed
this was not the end,
and through his grace,
you have freed us from slavery to sin
and bound us to Christ,
so that we might follow Jesus in pathways of life.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the life and love of Christ. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love.

Amen.

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we have been welcomed
to the sharing of this meal,
so may we go forth from here:
ready, willing, able and eager
to welcome the prophet, the righteous, the little one –
all in the name of Christ who has made us welcome
in the very heart of God. **Amen**

HYMN TIS 473 Community of Christ

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now as those who have been brought from death to life,
and welcome the Christ in all whom you meet.

Present yourselves to God
to be put to work in the service of righteousness.

And may God provide for you in mercy;
May Christ Jesus greet you as you welcome the stranger;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you in the ways
.....of sanctification and eternal life.⁵

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The sign of the peace is exchanged.

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

¹ *Iona Abbey Worship Book*, p. 57.

² *Ibid.*, p. 59.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 80

⁴ McRae-McMahon, Dorothy. *Liturgies for High Days*. p. 131.

⁵ Nettleton, Nathan. *Laughing Bird Liturgical Resources*.



Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide



8.00am MORNING WORSHIP

PENTECOST 3

29 JUNE 2014

GREETING AND WELCOME

Grace and peace to you, in the name of Love.

And also with you.

We acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. We pray that in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit we may work together for reconciliation and justice in this land.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Source of life, eternal God,
**we have come from many places
for a little while.**

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,
**we have come with all our differences,
seeking common ground.**

Spirit of unity, go-between God,
**we have come on journeys of our own
to the place where journeys meet.**¹

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The blessing of the Trinity...

**The blessing of God
who is in this place and every place;
the blessing of Jesus
who is amongst us, often unrecognised;
the blessing of the Holy Spirit
encouraging us to welcome, and to feel at home;
be with us all. Amen**²

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are always true to us in love
and so we confess:
our faithlessness to you and to one another,
our forgetting of the poor and the broken,
our failure to cherish creation.

**Give us life, O God, to change
and enable us to change, that we may live.³**

A time of silence as we reflect on these words for ourselves

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God in the torn apart,
God in the wholeness,
God in the emptiness,
God in the fullness,
you are God with us
in everlasting faithfulness.⁴
Here this word of assurance:
our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN TIS 179 Praise with joy the world's creator

BIBLE READINGS: Genesis 22: 1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6: 12-23
Matthew 10: 40-42

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Redeeming Sustainer,
visit your people
and pour out your strength and courage upon us,
that we may hurry to make you welcome
not only in our concern for others,
but by serving them
generously and faithfully in your name.

We are concerned for the stateless and the homeless;
those not welcome in any place.
We are concerned for the bereaved and the mourning;
those who have lost,
or are lost to, loved ones and friends.
We are concerned for the disenfranchised;
those who are powerless
to change, to grow, to hope.

**God of mercy and healing,
you who hear the cries of those in need,
receive these petitions of your people
that all who are troubled
may know peace, comfort, and courage. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN TIS 751 What does the Lord require of you?

During the singing of this hymn, we will receive our offering for the work of the church in the world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts,
**we welcome friend and stranger alike,
blessing others with hospitality and hope.
May it be so. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Upsetting polite company,
befriending isolated people,
welcoming the stranger,
Jesus was always the guest.
But here, at this table,
Jesus is the host.
So come, you who hunger and thirst
for a deeper faith,
for a better life, for a fairer world.
Jesus, who has sat at our tables,
now invites us to be guests at his. All are welcome here.

THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us open our hearts.
We open them to God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God
— trusting and rejoicing in your love
which welcomes and embraces us all.

You are the source of life,
and everything we have belongs to you.

From the family of Abraham you called a people to follow your ways.
In Jesus the Christ, you have offered us your own beloved Son.
Whoever welcomes him welcomes you,
and whoever welcomes the teaching he entrusted to us
finds the way that leads to life.