

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and fear my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold all people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide. Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

#### **Words of Mission and Benediction:**

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### **Please join us after the service for morning tea/coffee in the Hall**

*This service was prepared by Peter and Di Russell.  
Jeff Telfer was at the piano .*

*Marelle Harisun led the singing, joined by other musicians from the Pilgrim community.*

*Thanks to Uncle Victor Wilson, Norma Madida and Daryoush Nejad for the 'Abba' prayer in language.*

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John van de Laar (<http://sacredise.com>) and the Church of Scotland (<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk>).*

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## **Pilgrim Uniting Church**

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

**9:30 COMMUNITY WORSHIP**



***Sunday 9th October 2011***

***Come to the Banquet***

#### **Entry into the Celebration:**

Hope brings us here:  
hope of inspiration,  
hope of comfort,  
hope of enlightenment,  
hope of love.

Then let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life  
in the presentness of God.

*The community candle is lit in silence*

May we be open to this light,  
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us.

#### **Prayer of awareness:**

**We are gathered here in community.  
A place has been made for each of us.  
Let what we say and do here be real for us  
in preparation for the life of the world.  
Amen.**

#### **Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Welcome:**

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Kaurana people.

**We pay respects to their tribal Elders, honour their continuing culture,  
and pray that we might all work together for reconciliation and justice  
in this nation.**

**Song Sfp 3 Body of Christ**

**Prayer of celebration:**

"The light radiates through the darkness  
and no amount of darkness can extinguish it."

As light-seekers we come, O God, and we rejoice in Your light;

**May our adoration open a window,  
that Your light may flood through.**

As hope-seekers we come, O God, and we celebrate Your gift of hope;

**Capture us as we worship,  
and make us prisoners of hope.**

As Christ-followers we come, O God,  
and we open ourselves to Christ's life;

**Change us as we accept your invitation,  
that we may carry Your light into the world.**

**Prayer of confession:**

God help us to find our confession...

...and bring harmony into our life and our world. *Leunig*

**Words of assurance:**

**We praise You for the light that shatters the darkness,  
the hope that rises from the ashes,  
the life that returns from the grave.**

**And we pray that light, hope and life may fill the earth,  
as dawn fills the sky. Amen.**

**Psalm 23**

**Song** *Come to the banquet (Fay White in All Together Whatever)*

*Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Though you maybe have no money,  
though you maybe feel unworthy,  
in your strength or in your weakness  
you are welcome, come.

*Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Woman, wise one, mother, maiden,  
see your plate with food is laden  
and your place is set and waiting.  
you are welcome, come.

*Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Worker, father, little boy,  
old man or youth without employ,  
come rest your worry, here is joy,

and you are welcome, come.

*Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Whether you've been lost or faithful,  
whether you've been wise or wasteful,  
here's a place of rest and grace,  
and you are welcome, come.

*Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

**Reading** *Matthew 22: 1-14*

**Witness**

**Song** *SfP 21 Here we are with one another*

**The 'Abba' Prayer:** Let us affirm our faith with the 'Abba' Prayer.

In *Ngarrindjeri*, in *Ndebele* and in *Farsi*

In contemporary English

**Gracious Spirit, who loves us like a mother,**

**Whose realm is blooming among us now, and within.**

**We pray that your compassion guide us in every action.**

**Give us what we need for each day,**

**and help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone.**

**Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without our  
asking, may we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility.**

**And may we cancel the crushing debts that imprison our  
neighbours so that communities of joy and health may flourish.**

**May we neither profit from nor ignore evil.**

**But ever work to thwart it with non-violence**

**As we co-create the realm of peace in this world.**

**Now and each day.**

**Offering:** Bring your order of service and your offering as we gather  
around the table at the front and join in *The kingdom of God (Taize)*  
*as you wish.*

*The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spi-rit.  
Come, the Lord, o-pen in us the gates of your\_ king-dom.*

**Offering Prayer:**

**Intercessory Prayers:**

**Song:** *TIS 658 Here I am, Lord*