

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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*This church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.
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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*