

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Fulfil in this meal, Loving God, our deep longing for your presence. **Amen.**

*Communion is shared*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sing songs of hope into the waiting air  
and begin the dance of joy.

**We have been refreshed and renewed in our hope  
through this meal and this fellowship.**

Look into the distance and see the rising dawn  
with shining rays in acts of love  
and warming brightness from the heart of God.

**Thanks be to God! Amen**

**HYMN TIS 272**                      **Come thou long-expected Jesus**

## WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Let us leave this place in joyful expectation,  
carrying with us the stories of our salvation,  
that the world may know the Christ and be glad.

And may God the Creator spread joy across the universe,  
Christ, the One who is coming, stand waiting to enter  
and the Spirit hum the first notes of the celebration. **Amen**

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.*



**Pilgrim Uniting Church  
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**



**8.00am MORNING WORSHIP**

**ADVENT 1**

**30 NOVEMBER 2014**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Watch, wait, hope!

**Even now, the tender leaves of peace  
may be growing on the trees of life.**

Watch, wait, hope!

**For the wonder of new love  
may be moving towards its birthing.**

Beware, keep alert!

**For the shadows of our doubts will be lifted  
and the singing is sounding in the distance.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We come together in community thankful that we can hope in an ever present  
God who has known us since we were being knitted in the womb (Psalm 139).  
Yet we struggle, sometimes feeling hopeless as we struggle with not knowing  
the fullness of God (Exodus 33:12-23) in our heads or in our hearts.

**In community together we use this morning as an opportunity to open  
ourselves further to God's presence in and around us.**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

In the beginning

darkness covered the face of the deep.

**And God was present in that darkness.**

When the sun is shadowed

when the moon and stars are hidden from our eyes

**we trust that darkness  
to be full of newness and hope.**  
God of light and darkness  
we light this first Advent candle  
**to affirm the presence of God as hope.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We admit to the times we enjoy hope in family, holidays, loving community and safe homes. Sometimes living our lives to the fullest we forget or turn a blind eye to those whose lives are empty of hope; those seeking refuge from war, from domestic abuse, from drug addiction and from depression and anxiety.  
**Loving Spirit, through your transforming grace, help us to live our lives fully with compassionate awareness and loving responsiveness to others.**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

When we empty ourselves to God, God fills us with grace. God forgives and renews us to go into the week in the Spirit with hope for ourselves and others.

**HYMN TIS 157**                      **O Lord of every shining constellation**

**BIBLE READINGS:**        Isaiah 64: 1-9  
                                      Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19  
                                      1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
                                      Mark 13: 24-37

#### **REFLECTION**

##### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God we pray for a time when we will no longer have to hold prayer for others. However in this holiday season of hope for some, we cannot look away from the hope we see dissipating from the lives of so many in our own nation, around the globe and in the very earth itself. We hear the cries of those stripped of hope, the cries too numerous to name in full. We come to you with prayers for all who suffer throughout creation, and we bring to the community and to God those whose names are on our hearts and minds this morning....

*Prayers are offered. This is my prayer/**this is our prayer:***

##### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN TIS 688**                      **Come to be our hope, O Jesus**  
*During the singing of this hymn, we will receive our offering for the work of the church in the world.*

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless our gifts to be a sign of hope  
to a world in need. **Amen**

#### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **THE INVITATION**

#### **THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER**

#### **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*(this or one that Adam will prepare)*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open our hearts 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,  
for even when heaven and earth pass away,  
your words will never pass away.

Like a potter you created the earth,  
and we are all the work of your hands.  
At your presence even the mountains quake,  
and yet to your people who wait for you,  
you are the light, revealing our salvation.

In your child, Jesus, you have come among us,  
teaching us to live in readiness for your reign.  
Though he was killed, you raised new life in him,  
restoring to us the light of your presence,  
and enriching us in every way  
so that we are not lacking in your gifts.