

We take this cup and drink, as Jesus asked his friends to drink, mindful of a relationship of love and trust between ourselves and the Spirit of Life, believing, as Jesus believed, that to live in love is to live in God and to have God live and love in us.

#### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Loving God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, bless these gifts that they may be for us the life of Christ, and that we may become, by grace, one with him for the sake of the world. **Amen**

#### **PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP**

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for us, the people of God *Communion is shared.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you and each other.

We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen**

**HYMN** TiS 530      Now let us from this table rise

#### **WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING**

Go out, and live lives that glorify God.

Act with integrity.

Do not sell yourself out to delusions or give your word deceitfully.

Stand up for the truth and rejoice in the Lord.

And may God give you all the blessings of heaven;

May Christ Jesus gather you into his family;

and may the Holy Spirit deliver you safely

into the rich destiny prepared for God's people. **Amen**



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



**8.00am MORNING WORSHIP**

**PENTECOST 7**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
that is available throughout the whole of time and space.**

Let us pray.

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings, we come to praise you.

**We come because we want to, we sing our songs because we are glad to, we  
pray for your grace because we need to, and we ask for the love of Christ in  
our hearts because without it we are a dead loss.**

Please lift every shutter within our mind, and open every door within our soul,  
that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in.

**Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!**

**HYMN** TiS 267      Lift up your heads, you mighty gates,

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Our world is one world, what touches one affects us all:  
the seas that wash us round about, the clouds that cover us,  
the rains that fall.

Our world is one world, the thoughts we think affect us all:  
the way we build our attitudes, with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

*A time of silent reflection on our thoughts and actions this past week*

We pray:

**Forgive us our wrong doing as we forgive the wrong done to us.**

**Protect us from pride and from despair**

**And from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Jesus Christ we have redemption and the forgiveness of our sins, for in the richness of his grace Christ determined to save us even at the cost of his own life-blood. Friends, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen**

**HYMN** TiS 219 Jesus comes with all his grace

**BIBLE READINGS** 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

## REFLECTION

**HYMN** TiS 242 I danced in the morning when the world was begun

*During the singing of this hymn your offering will be received.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of money, time and labour embody our desire to share and contribute to your mission in the world. **Amen.**

## ENCIRCLING OTHERS WITH PRAYER

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of Jesus: bread for beloved children, a meal for those expecting scraps; and a banquet for last minute guests! Come your place is at the table. Here Christ meets you and calls you God's own.

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for in Christ you are gathering all things into one communion and adopting us as your own beloved children.

Every created thing is yours,  
for you founded the earth  
and gave life to all who live on it.  
Even before that, you chose us  
and planned for our inclusion into your life  
of wholeness, holiness and glorious splendour.

With all wisdom and insight  
you made known to your people the mystery of your will.  
Though tyrants have opposed your truth,  
cutting down your prophets,  
and crucifying your Son, Jesus Christ,  
you have not left us to death's powers.  
When you raised Christ from the dead,  
you opened the ancient gates to us  
and sealed us with your promised Holy Spirit,  
so that we might enter your resurrection life,  
leaping and dancing,  
and receive every blessing of heaven.

And so with the company of heaven and earth  
We rejoice before you and praise your holy name saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

### THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

We remember the night Jesus spoke of his love for his friends, when he took bread, mindful of God's constant presence in his life, he gave thanks and shared the bread with his friends, wanting them to be mindful of his own faithful love and his belief in the bond between human and divine love. We break and share this bread as Jesus broke and shared bread. We take and eat as our openness to the Spirit of Love in our midst and our remembrance of Jesus, who enlightens our hearts and minds and who was ready to die for his beliefs.