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



**9.30 COMMUNITY WORSHIP**

**Pentecost 8**

**19 July 2015**

**Music for Reflection**

**Gathering**

Come into this place:

**together we make it a holy place.**

Come, let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life,  
in this place and everywhere.

**We come to celebrate the sacred in all things.**

May it be so.

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

**Song HaND 2**

**A Prayer for Sacredness**

words by Helen Wiltshire Tune: Ombersley Based on Philipians 4: 8

1

May we love goodness and give praise  
and offer reverence all our days.  
May joy infuse our day and night,  
as hope fills life with inner light.

2

May words of justice fill our ears  
and faithful trust dispel our fears.  
May insight make us truly wise,  
as beauty's gifts our hearts surprise.

3

May spirit, soul and thought combine  
with feelings, body, heart and mind.  
May sacredness our lives infuse,  
as love and truth we daily choose.

4

As we give thanks and offer praise,  
God's peace will fill our nights and days.  
As we give care and gently bless,  
we walk the path of sacredness.

**Prayers of Who We Are** *(Adapt. from Marianne Williamson)*

We are born to make manifest  
the glory of the Sacred  
that is within us.

It is not just in some of us;  
it is in everyone.

*silence for reflection*

And as we let our own light shine,  
we unconsciously give other people  
permission to do the same.  
As we are liberated from our own fear,  
our presence automatically liberates others.  
**May it be so.**

*silence for reflection*

**Song TiS 692      Sometimes a Healing Word is Comfort**

**Reading from the Tradition**

**Reflections on the experience of the UCA Assembly**

- *Sandy and Jana*

**Service of Holy Communion**

(adapted from resources prepared by Neryl McCullum for Synod/Presbytery meeting  
June 2015)

**Invitation**

This table is not set for an illustrious banquet,  
it is sparsely set – one cup, one plate –  
but it is a glorious setting.

This food is not fine dining,  
it is food at its simplest – bread and wine –  
but it is an extravagant feast.

This meal is not the exclusive domain of a knowing few,  
this table is open to all.

The nourishment provided here is rich,  
and those who gather around participate  
in one of the great dining experiences:

**Song TiS 691      Faith will not grow from words alone**

*Please place any offering you are able to make for the work of Pilgrim in our practices of  
cooperation, encounter, generosity, nurture and solidarity in the bowls on the communion  
table. Thank you – together we are blessed...to be a blessing.*

**Blessing**

**Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

We share together the peace of Christ.  
*a sign and greeting of peace is exchanged*

All are invited to share a cuppa and good conversation in the Hall immediately  
following this service.

Special Note: Next week's service will take place in the Hall, followed by further  
conversation with Vicki Salkin from Middle East Concerns who will be our  
speaker during the service. Please bring extra special morning tea to share!

The service this morning was put together by our ministers Rev. Sandy Boyce  
and Rev. Jana Norman who have just returned from a week at the national  
meeting of the Uniting Church in Australia, the Triennial Assembly. They would  
be happy to share more of their impressions and experiences with you if  
something from the service piqued your interest.

## Sharing the Jesus Prayer in unison

**Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by all peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### *The bread is broken*

We eat this bread and acknowledge our place in a broken world.

### *The cup is lifted*

We drink this cup as an act of faith,  
believing that brokenness is not the end of the story  
and that the healing power of life reconciles and re-creates all things anew.

So the table is set and the meal is ready, come take your place.  
Come with your questions and with your answers.  
Come with your flaws and imperfections.  
Come because you love a little and are open to loving more.  
Come because you long for the good, and the good longs for you.

All is now ready, receive the gifts of God.

*Communion is shared by coming forward to receive and staying at the front in a circle for the closing song and prayer (please bring your song sheets)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

With these gifts of bread and wine  
you sustain and strengthen us on our journey of faith.  
We remember that your promise of abundant life  
is not a promise that we will live sheltered lives,  
free from all harm, but the promise that we will live intricate, rich and full lives.  
**And so we are thankful. Amen**

For here at this table,  
the hungry are fed,  
strangers become friends,  
sadnesses are turned around  
and love proves stronger than death.

Come, for all are welcome.

### **Prayer and Institution**

May God/Good be with you.

#### **And also with you.**

With joyful hearts we give thanks to God/Good.

**It is the fitting thing to do,  
for we have felt loved us in our weakness,  
accompanied in our foolishness,  
and believed in,  
even when we have turned away from God/Good.**

So together with all of creation we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy God/Good,  
source of life in all that is, all that was and all that will be,  
Heaven on earth is full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We recall the story of the last supper,  
when Jesus and his friends were gathered around a table like this.  
After they had finished eating,  
Jesus took some bread, prayed a prayer of thanks to God, broke the bread, then  
gave it to his friends saying, 'This is my body broken for you, do this to  
remember me.'

And then he took a cup, and after once again giving thanks to God, he gave it to  
his friends saying, 'Drink from this cup all of you, this is the sign of a renewed  
covenant between you and God, full of promise. Do this and remember me.'

### **Consecration**

Come Holy Spirit,  
in this act of eating bread and drinking wine:  
**flow in and around us,  
open our eyes to the brokenness of the world,  
fill our hearts with love for our neighbours,  
motivate us to become the hands and feet of God,  
and ready us to take our role as agents of change and reconciliation.**

*a time of silent prayer*

**Song TiS 690 Beauty for Brokenness**