

In Jesus, you give us the one we long for.
Though he was crucified by the corrupt,
you raised new life in him
and he comes to us again,
striding over chaos and death,
dispelling our fears with a love beyond comprehension,
strengthening us in our inner beings,
and bringing us to the land of our destiny.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Be present to us in this meal
with a love that surpasses knowledge, gracious God.
**We come with our broken selves,
to find here an abundance beyond our imagining.**

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you for refreshing us at this table, Loving God.
Here in these simple elements,
we have received all grace and all glory.
**We have been met by love,
renewed with wisdom,
and restored to hope.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

HYMN TIS 611 God of grace and God of glory

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out into the world.
Seek God, and the wisdom of God.
Entrust whatever you have to Christ
by grace, there will always be more than enough.

And may God strengthen you in your inner beings.
May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith.
And may the Holy Spirit plant your roots deeply
in the abundant richness of God's love.

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

PENTECOST 9

26 July 2015

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The foolish and fearful say,
"We are alone, on our own."

**We gather to remember
the Presence of the Holy in our lives.**

The foolish and arrogant say,
"It is my life; I am accountable to no one."

**We gather to remember
the love of Christ in our hearts.**

The foolish and greedy say,
"Everything I have is mine;
I owe nothing to anyone."

**We gather to remember
the call to serve others in love.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, your grace is
through and through, and stretches beyond the farthest star;
your peace is
deeper than our greatest emptiness;
your love spans
any abyss of alienation and death;
your hope reaches out
to touch all things, everywhere.
And so we come to you this day.

When our lives seem to empty out,
your grace is still our bedrock;
when our spirits run dry,
you fill us with your joy;
when we falter in our faith,
you strengthen us
to serve with hope and peace.
**God of grace and God of glory,
we come to you this day.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come, let us set aside our foolish pride.
Let us be wise enough to offer confession,
to receive forgiveness,
and to seek to know the healing love of Christ.

**Wisdom's Heart, deep within,
we know we have failed to be your people.
Our hardened hearts
have been closed to the love of Christ;
our hunger for more
blocks the fullness of your grace
from transforming our lives;
our trust in the powers of the world
reveals a foolish streak.**

**Have mercy, God of every generation.
Shape us as your people,
and restore us to faithful living.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The wideness of God's mercy,
the range of God's forgiveness,
the infinite love of God,
the Heart of hope which is never empty:
all these gifts are ours,
as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.
Thanks be to God. Amen

HYMN TIS 133 O worship the King

BIBLE READINGS: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy and healing,
you who hear the cries of those in need,
receive these petitions of your people
that all who are troubled
may know peace, comfort, and courage.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Life-giving God,
heal our lives,
that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds
and offer you thanks from generation to generation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN TIS 123 Be still, my soul

During the singing of this hymn, we will receive our offering for the work of the church in the world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let these gifts be a plentitude of grace
to those who are hungry for hope.
Bless us and our gifts
and multiply our hopes and our efforts,
that wonder and joy might come into the world around us
and through us. **Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 we are overwhelmed
by the length and breadth, height and depth
of your mysteries, your grace, and your love for us in Christ.

You brought forth life in all the earth,
and from tiny fragments you create a rich abundance
to nurture and strengthen all who look to your hand.
You have given yourself generously to your people,
despite their eagerness to crown every new hero
and corrupt themselves before idols
such as wealth and power.