



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

8.00am
Morning Eucharist

Sunday, 12th August 2018

Pentecost 12
COCU51B

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you who are hungry.
Here is bread for the hungry:
bread that will not fail you; bread that gives life.
Come and eat. Eat your fill.
Eat your fill and be satisfied.
Be satisfied and live. Live and be fully alive.
Come and be fully alive and be fully awake.
We come, ready to awaken, eager to be fully alive.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We gather in this place,
with these people, in these moments, Gentle God,
because we hope our self-righteous anger
might become passionate justice for others.

We gather in this place, with these people,
in these moments, Christ our Bread,
because we hope our complacency with half-lies
might become a hunger for your truth.

We gather in this place, with these people,
in these moments, Gifting Spirit,
because we hope our fumbling, faltering words
might be transfigured into good news to others.

Loving God, Living Bread, Spirit of Life:
meet us here, we pray. Amen.



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PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 130

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we often live surface lives.
We often give so much attention to the immediate
that we have no time or energy for reflection
on the past or thinking about the future.
We often get so busy with the bits and pieces of our lives
that we have nothing left for thinking about our lives as a whole.
Sometimes, God, we fear going deep into ourselves.
We fear what we will find:
our unreflected quandaries,
our unforgiven hurts, our unrealised dreams.

**Forgive us, God, for lives not fully lived;
for living shallow lives.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God:
God knows you and loves you.
You are alive in the heart of God.
Rejoice all you people of God. Rejoice!
Know that nothing you can do or think can shake God's love for
you.

We rejoice to know God's steadfast love. Amen

HYMN TiS 217 Love divine, all loves excelling

BIBLE READINGS: Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2
 John 6: 35, 41-51

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**We come to you in prayer, Loving God,
awake and aware of your abiding love for us
and all creation.**

Let us learn from your love.

We watch how Christ loves us:
not with caution, but with extravagance.

**We would practice such lavish love,
not noticing what it costs us.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for drawing us near
to your heart of compassion
through this meal
and in this fellowship.

Thank you for refreshing us at this table
with the Bread of Life.

**May we go from here to live and work
to satisfy the hungers of the world
for justice, for peace, for compassion. Amen.**

HYMN TiS 648 Help us accept each other

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out and imitate God, living in love.
Put your hope in God's Word
and let your own words be truthful and constructive.
Go out trusting in the constant presence of Love in your life.

And may God always hear your voice.
May Christ Jesus raise you to new life;
and may the Holy Spirit nourish you for the life of 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.*

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.

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,
for you have drawn us to yourself in Christ.

You breathe life into the heavens and the earth,
and all your creatures draw breath from you.

Even when we have rebelled against you,
you have never left us hanging in fear
or crying from the depths.

In love and mercy you hear our yearning prayers.

You sent to us your Son, Jesus Christ,
the bread of life for our deepest hunger,
and you drew us to him that we might learn from him.
When the world turned against him,
he gave himself up, in the fullness of love,
a fragrant offering for the life of the whole world,
so that we and all who trust him
might have life without limit.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Here at this table of bread and cup,
graced by your Spirit of hope and peace,
we discover the extravagant love you have for us.

As we feast on the Bread of life,
may its lavish grace fill our hearts,
so we may go out to serve others,
never minding the cost.

As we drink from the cup,
may we be transformed by its peace,
that we might go out to embrace
all who have been forgotten by the world.

Communion is shared

Watch how the Spirit loves us:
moving through us, breathing love into us.

**We would live such love for others,
keeping company with God.**

**We pray for those in our lives and in our world
who are estranged from love,
apart from peace, separated from joy.**

The prayers of the people

Each prayer concludes with: This is my prayer / **this is our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN TiS 693 Come as you are

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the gift of our life,
for the gift of your love,
for the gift of the world:

we thank you, Loving God.

**May everything we give
express our gratitude and
be of service to your world in love. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

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