

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,  
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

POSTLUDE Psalm Prelude Andrew Fletcher b.1950  
Psalm 137: 1  
'By the rivers of Babylon  
— there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.'

*Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.*

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The Choir of Pilgrim Church  
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after the service.***

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**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

11.00am  
Choral Worship

Sunday, 3rd October, 2021

Pentecost 19  
COCU59B

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COMMUNION SETTING C Major Service

John Ireland 1879-1962

**THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

ORGAN PRELUDE

*The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our lips O Lord:

**And we shall declare your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 533 O for a heart to praise my God

1.  
O for a heart to praise my God,  
a heart from sin set free;  
a heart that's sprinkled with the  
blood  
so freely shed for me:

2.  
A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
my great Redeemer's throne;  
where only Christ is heard to speak,  
where Jesus reigns alone:

3.  
A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
believing, true, and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part  
from him that dwells within:

4.  
A heart in every thought renewed,  
and full of love divine;  
perfect and right and pure and good:  
a copy, Lord, of thine.

5.  
Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new best name of Love.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1788,  
Psalm 51:10  
Tune: 424 Richmond;  
Melody by Thomas Haweis 1734-1820  
harmonised by S. Webbe the younger  
c. 1770-1843

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of the past who has nurtured us:

**we are here to thank you.**

God of the future who is always ahead of us:

**we are here to trust you.**

God of the present here in our midst:

**we are here to praise you.**

God of life beyond us, within us:

**we rejoice in your glorious love.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we celebrate your generosity.

Forgive us when we forget the gift in every breath,

the care that sustains our every moment,

the grace that can transform our every day.

Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires,  
resentful spirits.

Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity,

and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep scores.

**Amen.**

*A time of silence as we reflect on these words for ourselves.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the welcome we have received at this table be the welcome we  
extend to others. May the grace we have received at this table be the  
grace known by all in need. May the wholeness we find in Christ be the  
wholeness found by those diminished by the struggle. May your peace  
prevail in all things, everywhere. **Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 584

Thanks to God whose word was spoken

1.  
Thanks to God whose word was  
spoken  
in the deed that made the earth.  
His the voice that called a nation,  
his the fires that tried her worth.  
God has spoken:  
praise him for his open word.

2.  
Thanks to God whose Word  
Incarnate  
glorified the flesh of man;  
deeds and words and death and  
rising  
tell the grace in heaven's plan.  
God has spoken:  
praise him for his open word.

3.  
Thanks to God whose word was  
written  
in the Bible's sacred page,  
record of the revelation  
showing God to every age.  
God has spoken:  
praise him for his open word.

4.  
Thanks to God whose word is  
published  
in the tongues of every race.  
See its glory undiminished  
by the change of time or place.  
God has spoken:  
praise him for his open word.

5.  
Thanks to God whose word is  
answered  
by the Spirit's voice within.  
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,  
life redeemed from death and sin.  
God is speaking:  
praise him for his open word.

Words: R.T. Brooks 1918-1985  
Tune: 357 St Helen;  
G.C. Martin 1844-1916

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Happy are those who know they are forgiven! Go out with a light heart  
and fresh with hope, knowing that God's love surrounds you, covers you  
with grace and strengthens you to meet all challenges to your true  
nature. God be with you, not as judge but as light and guide. Christ be  
with you, the free gift of grace. Spirit be with you, to lead you not into  
temptation but towards the abundant life that is your inheritance,  
children of the living God. **Amen.**

In beginning, Imaginative God, you brought creation into being, subjecting chaos to your will. You breathed hope into all creation. You spoke to our ancestors, inviting them to walk in your integrity, but their hearts became hardened by the sweet words of seduction. In your steadfast love, Jesus came to be amongst us, so that we might receive your kingdom of peace and redemption as your children. So, with those who gather around tables of peace and hope in every corner of our world, and with those who are with you in glory, we offer our praises with glad songs:

#### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

#### THE CONSECRATION

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbours near and far. Bless this bread, that it may be the life of Christ within us. May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world. Bless this cup that it may be the life of Christ within us. Bread from the earth and fruit from the vine, they are gifts to us of God's presence. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people, and our world, united in the one body of Christ. **Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The one whom the universe could not contain,  
is present to us in this bread of life.

*The bread is broken*

The one who redeemed us and called us by name  
now meets us in this cup of compassion.

*The cup is lifted*

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

#### AGNUS DEI

#### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward in a single line down the centre aisle to receive the elements, and return by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please indicate to the ushers who will arrange for communion to be brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available. Please place empty glasses in the baskets.*

#### COMMUNION MOTET Ave verum corpus W.A. Mozart 1756-1791

Ave verum corpus,  
Natum de Maria virgine;  
Vere passum immolatum  
In crucis pro homine.  
Cuius latus perforatum  
Unda fluxit et sanguine.  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
In mortis examine.

Hail, true body,  
Born of the virgin Mary;  
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered  
On the Cross for humanity.  
Whose side was pierced,  
Pouring out water and blood.  
Be a foretaste for us  
During our ordeal of death.

#### KYRIE

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The forgiveness of God be upon you; the peace of Christ rest upon you; the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed in your life, this day and forever. **Amen.**

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear your word anew, O God. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

<sup>2</sup>One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. <sup>3</sup>The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' <sup>4</sup>The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' <sup>5</sup>Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. <sup>6</sup>But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' <sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

<sup>8</sup>So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>9</sup>Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. <sup>10</sup>Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' <sup>11</sup>But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 26 Chant: G.R. Sinclair 1863-1917

- 1 Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
- 2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try out my reins and my heart.
- 3 For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes and I will walk in thy truth.
- 4 I have not dwelt with vain persons neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked and will not sit among the ungodly.

- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord and so will I go to thine altar;  
 7 That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all thy wondrous works.  
 8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honour dwelleth.  
 9 O shut not up my soul with the sinners nor my life with the blood-thirsty;  
 10 In whose hands is wickedness and their right hand is full of gifts,  
 11 But as for me, I will walk innocently O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.  
 12 My foot standeth right I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

*Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:  
 and / to the / Holy / Spirit;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be  
 world without / end. A / - / men.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

<sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2</sup><sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?' <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, <sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

In this is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
 On earth as it is 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our brothers and sisters from above and below the equator, from every time zone around the world. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome!

THE INSTITUTION

We remember the words from our tradition:

On the night that Jesus was betrayed while sharing a meal with his friends he took bread, after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them saying: **"Take eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

After supper he took the cup and again giving thanks he gave it to his friends saying: **"This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all people for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."**

And now, every time we eat bread like this, and every time we drink wine like this, we remember Jesus – his faithfulness, his compassion, his indiscriminate love, his costly grace, and his courageous commitment to the righteousness of God.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 317 O food to Pilgrims given

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| 1.<br>O Food to pilgrims given,<br>O bread of life from heaven,<br>O manna from on high!<br>We hunger; Lord, supply us,<br>nor thy delights deny us,<br>whose hearts to thee draw nigh. | 3.<br>O Jesus, by thee bidden,<br>we here adore thee, hidden<br>in forms of bread and wine.<br>Grant, when the veil is riven,<br>we may behold, in heaven,<br>thy countenance divine. |
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2.  
O stream of love past telling,  
O purest fountain, welling  
from out the Saviour's side!  
We faint with thirst; revive us,  
of thine abundance give us,  
and all we need provide.

Words: Latin, 17<sup>th</sup> century tr.  
Athelstan Riley 1858-1945  
Tune: Innsbruck;  
Traditional song set by Heinrich Isaac  
c. 1450-1527,  
harmonised by J.S. Bach 1685-1750

### OFFERING

*Offerings can be given via the Offering Box at the East Porch Door, or electronically - BSB: 035-006 (Westpac) Account Number: 224080 (Pilgrim Church UCA), Lodgement Reference: Offering. We give thanks also for the generous provision of grocery items provided each week by the congregation in our food donations box (also by the East Door), distributed to disadvantaged people.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our gifts, O God.  
May they join with those around the world, as they spread outwards  
towards those who long and wait for love and justice. **Amen.**

### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Lord God, ever-present, ever caring, you are always with us.  
Closer than a friend in times of trouble.  
Our shelter in the midst of disasters and storms.  
Your love embraces and comforts us.  
Lord God, in this time of drought and floods, quakes, famines and fires,  
be with all whose lives and communities are threatened.  
Guide emergency workers and those who put their lives at risk to help,  
and with all who reach out to neighbours with love and compassion.  
Lord God, go before, and behind, be beside and above.  
May all find shelter in the embrace of your love.

*[Christine Sine - adapted]*

Prayers of the people:

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

*Please stand for and face the gospel.*

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 2-16

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' <sup>3</sup>He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' <sup>4</sup>They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." <sup>7</sup>"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' <sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' <sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN 327 The prophets spoke in days of old

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| 1.<br>The prophets spoke in days of old<br>to those of stubborn will.<br>Their message lives and is retold<br>where hearts are stubborn still. | 3.<br>Shall we not hear that message,<br>Lord,<br>to lead us on the way?<br>Come, Christ, make plain your<br>saving word,<br>and speak to us today. |
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2.  
And Jesus told his hearers then  
of love, of joy, of peace.  
His message lives, he speaks again,  
and sinners find release.

Words: John E. Bowers b. 1923  
Tune: Jackson;  
Thomas Jackson 1715-1781

SERMON