

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 447 God of freedom, God of justice

1. God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison, God
who knew the price of faith: touch our
world of sad oppression with your
Spirit's healing breath.
2. Rid the earth of torture's terror, God
whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest, God
who shed the tears and blood; move in
us the power of pity, restless for the
common good.
3. Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers,
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray 1931-2020
Tune: Rhuddlan; Welsh traditional
melody in *Musical Relics of Welsh Bards* 1800

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now with the words of your high priest in your ears:
"You are a forgiven people." Though Christ has welcomed you to his table, do
not lord it over others. Strive not to be served, but to serve,
and pray, with cries and tears, for the salvation of all.

And may God be present to you in times of trial;
May Christ Jesus pray for you and secure your forgiveness;
and may the Holy Spirit fill you with hope and humility. **Amen**

*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 Präludium pro Organo pleno J.L. Krebs 1713-1780

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church

Presiding Minister Rev Vikki Waller
Scripture Reader Ian Giles
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The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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*Please join us for tea and coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.*

**Please help us to comply with COVID-SAFE Regulations
by wiping areas you have touched on the pews.
Thank you for your assistance.
Please leave the church through the East Door or Lounge.**



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am
Choral Worship

Sunday 17th October, 2021

Pentecost 21
COCU61B

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop. Hearing aid wearers are advised to sit
in the front half of the church and switch their aid to T-setting.*

This Service is being live streamed. The Service will also be available for viewing
on YouTube at 'Pilgrim Uniting Church Adelaide' for two months

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in church this morning - and wherever you are in the vicinity of others.**

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are lucky people, numbered amongst those glorious fools of God
who dare to believe and celebrate it together.

**We believe in God, not by our efforts but by faith in the One
who has first believed in us.**

We believe in God through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the inward
witness of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN 546 O worship the King, all glorious above

1. O Worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his
love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of
Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded
with praise.
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder
clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.

3.
The earth with its store of wonders
untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of
old;
hath stablished it fast by a
changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle,
the sea.

4.
Thy bountiful care what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the
light;
it streams from the hills, it descends
to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the
rain.

5.
Frail children of dust, and feeble as
frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to
fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to
the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer,
and Friend.

6.
O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee
above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble
their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy
praise.

Words: Robert Grant 1779-1838, Psalm 104
Tune: Hanover;
A Supplement to the New Version 1708,
descant by Alan Gray 1855-1935

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
and also with you

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Jesus and our God, the very thought of you is awesome!
We cannot define you, but we can adore you in your holiness.
You are the Light of lights, the Beauty of all beauties, the Love surpassing
all loves! You hold our life in the palm of your hands,
You are the heart and soul of the universe, who makes the morning stars
sing together and the angels of God shout for joy.
Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful is your name!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, among the many confessions we might make to you, there is
one particularly frustrating one: we are an enigma to ourselves.
We do not know ourselves well enough to disentangle the good from the
bad.
When do our good deeds stem from love, and when from a disguised
selfishness?
When is our guilt a healthy thing, and when is it sick self-pity?
Are some of the things we call our weaknesses really our strengths, and
could some of our supposed virtues really be our weaknesses?
How do we separate what we call our high principles from a closed mind,
or humility from an inverted pride?

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The world is vast and its needs are so great but let us not be
discouraged.

We have a part to play in God's love for the world.

Our giving makes us participants in the great cycles of blessing at the
heart of creation.

May our gifts bless those who receive;

**May our giving bless us with gratitude for the opportunity to serve.
Amen.**

*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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray that our asking in this time of prayer may be the fulfilment of
our needs because in the asking we are awakened to new understanding

Loving God, we ask for relief for those who suffer illness, loss or distress.

Give us new understanding of our role in encouraging others.

Help us to honour our connections to each other.

Just God, we ask for the reordering of power so that the last may be first,
and the first may be generous and open.

**Give us new courage to dismantle exclusivity and build
interdependency instead.**

Help us to honour our responsibility for each other.

Creator God, we ask for reconciliation and renewal of the whole creation.

Give us new wisdom to relate well to all species of earth.

Help us to honour the place of all in the web of life.

Loving God, give us the cup of shared destiny for we are all in this
together

Help us to honour the unity of all things, Ground of our Being.

We pray for ourselves and those we love. *(a silence is held)*

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 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.**

3. Thy undistinguishing regard was cast on Adam's fallen race; for all thou hast in Christ prepared sufficient, sovereign, saving grace.

4. The world he suffered to redeem; for all he hath th' atonement made; for those that will not come to him the ransom of his life was paid.

5. Arise, O God, maintain thy cause, the fullness of the nations call; lift up the standard of thy cross and all shall own thou diedst for all.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1788
Tune: Eton; C.H.H. Parry 1848-1918

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 266 The works of the Lord are created in wisdom

1. The works of the Lord are created in wisdom; we view the earth's wonders and call him to mind: we hear what he says in the world we discover and God shows his glory in all that we find.

2. Not even the angels have ever been granted to tell the full story of nature and grace; but open to God is all human perception, the mysteries of time and the secrets of space.

3. The sun every morning lights up his creation, the moon marks the rhythm of months in their turn; the glittering stars are arrayed in his honour, adorning the years as they ceaselessly burn.

4. The wind is his breath and the clouds are his signal, the rain and the snow are the robes of his choice; the storm and the lightning, his watchmen and heralds, the crash of the thunder, the sound of his voice.

5. The song is unfinished; how shall we complete it, and where find the skill to perfect all God's praise? At work in all places, he cares for all peoples: how great is the Lord to the end of all days!

Words: Christopher M Idle 1938-
Tune: St Catherine's Court, Richard Strutt 1848-1927

Lord and Saviour, thank goodness that you search us and know us! You completely read our record, yet you willingly accept us, forgive us, and deal with us with a love and wisdom far exceeding our deserving.

We ask for that mercy again today. Gather us up into the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Break us free from evil's tentacles and heal us from the diseases of the mind and spirit. Restore and polish the image of yourself within us, and let its beauty transfigure our thoughts, feelings, words and deeds. Make us new. Make us your own. Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen!**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life in exchange for those held hostage by sin. Having been designated by God a high priest, he makes sacrifice for our sins and thus becomes the source of eternal salvation. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Verleih uns Frieden Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847
Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace
Throughout all generations;
Thou art alone our sword and shield
Lord who dost guide the nations,
Defend us, O God, we pray thee. Martin Luther 1483-1546

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light and love be with us as we read and hear the Scriptures. Reveal your presence to us as we make ourselves present to you. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Job 38: 1-7, 34-41

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? ³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? ³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? ³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, ³⁸when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? ³⁹"Can you hunt the prey

for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? ⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

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

PSALM 104: 1-9, 24, 35c Chant: 'Trent'; Sydney Bevan 1838-1901

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.
- 2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.
- 4 He maketh his angels spirits and his ministers a flaming fire.
- 5 He laid the foundations of the earth that it never should move at any time.
- 6 Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment the waters stand in the hills.
- 7 At thy rebuke they flee at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.
- 8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.
- 9 Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass neither turn again to cover the earth.
- 24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.
- 35c praise the Lord.

**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 5: 1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he

became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

ANTHEM Christus factus est Felice Anerio c.1560-1614

Christ became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him
the name that is above every name. Philippians 2: 8, 9

Please stand for and face the gospel

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

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN 107 Father, whose everlasting love

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| 1.
Father, whose everlasting love
thy only Son for sinners gave,
whose grace to all did freely move,
and sent him down the world to
save: | 2.
Help us thy mercy to extol,
immense, unfathomed, unconfined;
to praise the Lamb who died for all,
the general Saviour of mankind. |
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