

May the bread that is broken make us whole so we may bring peace to a world which has been fed violence and greed.

The bread is broken.

May this cup which is shared open our hearts to the pain of those around us so we may bring healing and hope.

The cup is lifted.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, fed and renewed by your life in us, we go to share that life with others; to spread the message of your love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen

HYMN TIS 623 Lord Christ, true peace of all above

1
Lord Christ, true peace of all above,
sure hope of all below,
establish in your grace and love
your people as we go.

2
Your blessing, Lord, who bless us all,
abide with us today;
your mercy, peace, and watchful care
surround us on our way.

3
Your presence in our life remain
that all the world may know
how Christ may walk the world again,
in us himself to show.

Words: Brian Anthony Moore 1931-97
Tune: Westminster New; James Nares 1715-83

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.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Please help us to comply with COVID-SAFE Regulations
by wiping areas you have touched on the pews.
Thank you for your assistance.**



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

8.00am
Morning Eucharist

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.

Please help us to comply with the current COVID rules by wearing a mask in church this morning - and wherever you are in the vicinity of others.

WELCOME & GREETING

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

And also with you

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge that the site of this church is placed adjacent to Tarndanyangga (Victoria Square), which is the site of ceremony and ritual of the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. We are awed that they celebrated the religious significance of place, plants, trees and all living creatures; and that care for the earth was implanted in their law. We honour them and also delight in the sacred in our midst. We pray that in the power of the Holy Spirit we might work together for reconciliation and justice in this land.

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.

Let us pray:

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!

HYMN TIS 165 Praise our God, the great creator

1
Praise our God, the great creator,
world evolving through his might,
darkness shattered by explosion,
filled his world with life and light.

2
Great inventors splitting atoms
energy and power extend,
firing rockets, space exploring,
search his light which has no end.

3
King of kings beyond our vision,
none could tell what he might be;
in the image of his Father
Jesus came, and we can see.

4
Still he calls, for us to follow,
dare to travel by his side,
facing danger, find adventure,
take his light to be our guide.

5
Poet, artist and composer
capture colour all ablaze,
words of splendour tell the story,
Light of all the world we praise.

Words: William Murray Bulman 1927- and
Inga Bulman 1935-
Tune: Marching; Martin Shaw 1875-1958

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?

Saviour Friend, 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!

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

This is an open table; all are welcome here. As we share in this meal, we are brought into communion with Christ and with each other, recognising each as the beloved of Christ.

NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

We remember..... Long ago, so our tradition says, whilst sharing a meal with his friends, Jesus took bread, offered thanks for it, broke it and handed it to his friends inviting them to eat, saying this is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me.

At the end of the meal Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it and handed it to his friends, inviting them to drink, saying this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all people. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

As we take part in this meal, let us be mindful of one another and the community gathered. Let us be mindful of each one's journey of faith – seeking to uphold one another in prayer and reassuring one another of God's love.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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 you alone know the secrets of the universe and you alone know who is to be honoured in glory.

Yet you have come among us in your Son, Jesus Christ.

He came as a servant of all and laboured and prayed with us for the release of all who are held hostage to sin and death.

When tyrants rose against him, he drank the cup of suffering and was plunged into the baptism of death, but you raised him to new life and designated him a high priest forever, making him the source of eternal salvation for us and all who respond to your gracious call.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim his death and resurrection.

Send to us the Holy Spirit that this meal may be holy, and your people become one. Unite us in faith, inspire us to love, encourage us with hope that we may receive Christ as he comes to us in this holy banquet.

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. Amen

God, you are life for us:

**Holy be your name. Your new day come, your will be done,
On earth as in your vision.**

Give us this day our bread for the morrow.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Strengthen us in the time of test and deliver us from evil.

For the power and the splendour and the fulfilment are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

HYMN TIS 206 With joy we meditate the grace

1
With joy we meditate the grace
of our High Priest above;
his heart is made of tenderness,
and ever yearns with love.

2
Touched with a sympathy within,
he knows our feeble frame;
he knows what sore temptations
mean,
for he has felt the same.

3
But spotless, innocent, and pure
the great Redeemer stood,
while Satan's fiery darts he bore,
and did resist to blood.

4
He, in the days of feeble flesh,
poured out his cries and tears;
and in his measure feels afresh
what every member bears.

5
He'll never quench the smoking flax,
but raise it to a flame;
the bruised reed he never breaks,
nor scorns the meanest name.

6
Then let our humble faith address
his mercy and his power;
we shall obtain delivering grace
in each distressing hour.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748
Tune: Stracathro;
Charles Hutcheson 1792-1860

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.*

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.

PSALM 104: 1-9, 24, 35c

(The Message)

God, my God, how great you are! Beautifully, gloriously robed.

Dressed up in sunshine and all heaven stretched out for your tent.

You built your palace on the ocean deeps,

Made a chariot out of clouds and took off on wind-wings.

You commandeered winds as messengers,

Appointed fire and flame as ambassadors.

You set earth on a firm foundation

So that nothing can shake it, ever.

You blanketed earth with ocean,

Covered the mountains with deep waters.

Then you roared and the water ran away -

Your thunder crash put it to flight.

Mountains pushed up, valleys spread out in places you assigned them.

You set boundaries between earth and sea;

never again will earth be flooded.

What a wildly, wonderful world, God!

You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,

made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

BIBLE READINGS: Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45

REFLECTION

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.