

**St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church**  
**Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg**  
**Rev. Christine Gilbert**



**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**16 February 2020**

Reading the Scriptures is the opposite of self-programming...  
It is allowing God to speak to our hearts, minds and consciences.

—from *Sacred Reading* by Michael Casey

## **GATHERING**

### **Preparing Our Space and Our Hearts**

#### **Call to Worship**      Inspired by Psalm 131

Like a weaned infant with its mother,  
or a child holding the hand of a beloved grandparent,  
***we are calm and quiet in Love's presence.***

Like a labourer at the end of a fruitful day,  
or old friends sitting quietly with cups of tea,  
***we are calm and quiet in Love's presence.***

Like the cool of dusk after a summer's day,  
or a deep breath after a cleansing cry,  
***we are calm and quiet in Love's presence.***

Like a community of faith gathered for prayer,  
or the flame of the Christ candle burning in our midst,  
***we are calm and quiet in Love's presence.***

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **We Sing**      "Where wide sky rolls down"      (TiS 188)

Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,  
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,  
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell  
their joy in the One who made everything well.

Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,  
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,  
let every sea-creature and tropical bird  
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.

Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,  
 where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,  
 let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days  
 delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.

Now, people of faith, come gather around  
 with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!  
 Australians, whatever your culture or race,  
 come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

Words: E J Smith  
 Tune: HANOVER

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you!***

## ***ENCOUNTERING***

**We Sing**                      “God, let my heart be good soil”

God, let my heart be good soil,  
 open to the seed of your Word.  
 God, let my heart be good soil,  
 where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
 When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
 When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
 God, let my heart, God let my heart,  
 God, let my heart be good soil.

Words and music: Handt Hanson

**Scripture Reading**                      Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34

May your word live in us:  
***and bear much fruit to your glory.***

**Reflection on the Word**

**RESPONDING****Prayers of the People**

Response:

The kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

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**The Disciple'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.*

**Offering and Song of Praise**

(TiS 768 ii)

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,  
to Christ revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Spirit now we raise  
our joyful songs of thankful praise.

Words: Charles Coffin, 1736

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, our Father in Christ, it is good to be alive,  
to share life with each other  
in your beautiful creation.

***We thank you, most generous friend.***

It is good to rest with you in the evening  
and rise with you in the morning,  
to walk gently upon this good earth,  
to hear your whisper in many places  
and to sing your praise.

***We thank you, most generous friend.***

Like a generous friend  
you share the whole world with us,  
and you fill our cup to overflowing  
with the wine of gladness.

For your presence with us, around us, beneath us,  
within us, behind us and in front of us,

***We thank you, most generous friend.***

Receive these gifts and our lives, dear Creator God—  
symbols of our gratitude and willing participation  
in your acts of love in our world. ***Amen.***

(by Bruce Prewer from *Australian Prayers*, adapted)

## **JOURNEYING**

### **We Sing**

“Be thou my vision”

(TiS 547)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I scorn and the world’s empty praise,  
thou my inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Words: from *The Poem Book of the Gael*  
Tune: SLANE

### **Sung Benediction**

“May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus”

May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus  
And the love of our God  
And the friendship, and the unity  
of the Spirit be with you.  
Be with you.

Words and music: Andrew Dutney

**Please gather for morning tea, in the hall after worship**

# St. Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church

## 16 February 2020



### Evening Fellowship

St Andrew's Evening Fellowship is commencing this year with an informal meal on Thursday 27th February 2020. New members are always welcome.

Members A to D please bring salads, E to Y fruit plates, cost \$5 pp.

### Sunday Lunch Group

Next Sunday 23 February a group from the Church will be going to the Jetty Hotel for lunch. All are welcome to join in this time of Fellowship. Please see Joy for bookings.

### World Day of Prayer

Gather with other Christians to pray for peace and healing in our world. This year's World Day of Prayer service will focus on Zimbabwe and will be held on Thursday 6 March at 10:00 am at St Peter's Anglican Church, Torrens Square Glenelg.

### Egg cartons required

We are grateful to SecondBite who continues to provide fresh food to St Andrews for us to distribute through Community Aid and Mary's. We are in need of egg cartons so we can divide up the eggs we receive. Please leave your donated cartons in the kitchen or drop them into the office.

### Community Garden

If anyone would like to donate seeds for the Community Garden, please leave them at the office.

Thank you

### Quiet Day

Begin your Lent with intention and reflection. In lieu of an Ash Wednesday worship, we are invited to set aside time for intentional reflection on Saturday 29 February, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

The Quiet Day will begin with brief input from Christine to frame the Lenten season. Prayers and reflective activities will be available for those who wish, but the morning will be essentially self-guided. You are welcome to bring your own reading, a journal or sketch book, or simply spend the time in prayer and meditation. The day will conclude at 12:15 with final input and blessing from Christine. Morning tea is included.

Please let Christine know of your intention to participate for catering and set up purposes.

### Friendship in Lent

Nurture your friendship with God this Lenten Season with a take-home resource and mid-week study and prayer gathering. Drawing on Jesus' statement, "I do not call you servants any longer... I have called you friends," we will explore what friendship with God might look and feel like.

Go deeper with the weekly Gospel reading each Wednesday in Lent from 7:30–9:00 pm beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March. Sandra Schneider's soulful commentary will mingle with Jean Vanier's pastoral voice to provide a rich background to John's narrative. Each gathering will include a brief check-in, exploration of Sunday's reading, and introduction and practice of a prayer form such as meditation, Ignatian examen, colouring prayer.

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**Readings for Sunday 23 February 2020**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

**Rostered Duties:**

**Welcomer:**

Lisa McGrath

**Scripture Reader:**

Paul McGrath

**Prayers of the People:**

Sean Gilbert

**Morning Tea:**

Joy Dunning and Kate Spyker

**Birthday Cake—February**

Elaine Mesecke

**This Week at St Andrews:**

**Sunday:**

9:30 am	Worship
10:30 am	Morning tea
6:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**

10:30 am	Open Church
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Friendship Café
12:00 pm- 2:30 pm	Community Aid
6:00 pm—7:30 pm	Mary's Kitchen BBQ Night

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

10:30 am	Open Church
11:00 am-1:00 pm	Friendship Cafe
12:00 pm	Community Aid

**Friday:**

10:30 am	Open Church
12:00 pm— 2:30pm	Community Aid

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