

St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church

Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg

Rev. Christine Gilbert



Second Sunday after the Epiphany 19th January 2020

Jesus does not impose or force anything on anyone.
He says "come," come and see, come and live...
—Jean Vanier

GATHERING

Preparing Our Space and Our Hearts

We Sing “Give us hearts to know you, God”

Give us hearts to know you, God, to know who you are.
We will be your people, and you our God, and you our God.

Give us hearts to love you, God, to love who you are.
We will be your people, and you our God, and you our God.

Give us hearts to praise you, God, to praise who you are.
We will be your people, and you our God, and you our God.

Words and music: Annette Fechner

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

We Sing “In the Love of God We Gather”

In the love of God we gather,
wooing, fulsome, strong and free.
Through the veil of faith we enter
drawn and held by Mystery.
Wounded by the trials of living,
buoyed by hope that will not end;
We, your people of compassion,
lift our eyes and rise again.

T’ward the light of Christ we open,
searching for his paths of peace.
Hearts affected, grace resurgent
lived and breathed creatively:
Parent, poet, teacher, farmer—
calls to share the Gift made known:
Currents of the deepest river,
coursing outward to the sea.

Through the beauty of the Spirit
 by a love that moves the stars,
 we will find our truth and bearing
 in God's love-song for this world.
 Justice, mercy, peace and daring;
 these shall be our heart's desire!
 Folded into acts of service,
 faith refined through holy fire.

Words: Sean M. Gilbert
 Tune: Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Confession

Christ, we give thanks for your coming among us,
 for abiding with us
 in our joy and happiness, our confusion and pain.
 Your love's constancy uplifts us.
 Your presence is the ennobling grace in our lives.

So, when we shy away from your drawing love:
Lord have mercy.

When our hearts remain unmoved and restrained:
Christ have mercy.

When we dwell in places that are deadly and unloving:
Lord have mercy.

(prayer continues)

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

ENCOUNTERING

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-42

May your word live in us:

And bear much fruit to your glory.

We Sing

“I am the light of the world”

Refrain:

“I am the light of the world,” says the Lord.

“They who follow me will have the light of life.”

“Arise,” says the Lord, “Have no fear within you;
for in my presence there will be no darkness.
I am the light of the world.”

“Walk in the light; there is no cause to stumble;
I have come to light the path before you.
I am the light of the world.”

“Listen to my words; they are from the one who sent me:
for you, my friends, are called to share God’s glory.
You are the light of the world.”

Words and music: Greg Hayakawa

Reflection on the Word

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People

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

JOURNEYING

We Sing

“I heard the voice of Jesus say” (TiS 585)

<p>1</p> <p>I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.’ I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.’ I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.</p>
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I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 ‘I am this dark world’s light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright.’
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I’ll walk
 till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar Tune: Kingsfold

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

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Pastoral Partners

Many of you are familiar with the Pastoral Partner's Team. Hopefully you even know who your Pastoral Partner is and have connected with them from time to time. It's possible they have befriended and cared for you in such humble and unassuming ways, you haven't even noticed!

In our wish to honour where you are on the journey of faith and community, Pastoral Partners are not assigned without permission. You must request a Pastoral Partner by completing the information form. As we look to begin another year of service and care together, please consider requesting a Pastoral Partner if you do not already have one.

Worship in These Days

I would like to begin a conversation with others who are interested in exploring what worship in these days might look like. It is my desire to continue moving from worship that is "performance" based and passive, to seeking a genuine encounter with God and sharing from our hearts.

If you are willing to be part of this learning and conversation, with an eye toward considering possible implications and alternatives, please let me (Christine) know so we can find a suitable time meet. Most likely it will be Sunday's after morning tea.

Sunday Lunch Group

Next Sunday 26th January 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

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 4th 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.

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.

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Readings for Sunday 26 January 2020
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

Rostered Duties:

Welcomer:
 Joy Dunning

Scripture Reader:
 Chris Croucher

Prayers of the People:
 Kate Spyker

Morning Tea:
 Elaine and Barry Mesecke

Birthday Cake—January
 Fay Reid

This Week at St Andrews:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:
 11:30 am Open Church
 12:00 pm Community Aid

Wednesday:

Thursday:
 11:30 am Open Church
 12:00 pm Community Aid

Friday:
 11:30 am Open Church
 12:00 pm Community Aid

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