

St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church

Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg

Rev. Christine Gilbert



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 2 February 2020

As we grow in love we gain a richer understanding
of the object of our affection.

—from *Sacred Reading* by Michael Casey

GATHERING

Preparing Our Space and Our Hearts

We Sing

“Christ before me”

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Christ before me

Christ behind me

Christ above me and below

Christ beside me

Christ within me

Christ around me wher'er I go

2

Christ before us

Christ behind us

Christ above us and below

Christ beside us

Christ within us

Christ around us wher'er we go

Refrain:

Everything is sacred

Everything is blessed

Every heart that's yearning

Can find their holy rest

Everyone belongs here

Everyone is loved

Every life that's failing

Grace will lift above.

Words and Music: Malcolm Gordon and Kristin Cant

Opening Prayer

We Sing**“God of creation”**

God of creation, gentle life-giver
Present at birth and, all through our days
Author of sunrise, song in the night sky
Here in this place, we offer our praise

Jesus, companion, teacher and healer
Friend of the grieving, suffering, the poor
Stand with your people, whisper among us
Promise of mercy, goodness for all

Spirit of comfort, blow through creation
Stir up new life breathe peace through our world
Healer of hearts, and hope for tomorrow
Weave all our sorrows, into new dawn

Here we give thanks for life in its fullness
Blessings received, your gifts to us all
Make us a people filled with compassion
Selflessly giving, serving your world

Words: Craig Mitchell
Tune: Morning Has Broken

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ENCOUNTERING**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 5:1-16

May your word live in us:

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Reflection on the Word**RESPONDING****We Sing**

“Blest are they”

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Blest are you, who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

Words and music: David Haas

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

Dear God, thank you for the gift of this new day,
and for bringing us safely to its beginning.
Grant us the grace we need
to walk in your love and your truth.

*Above all, give me the gift of a joyful heart
that in all things I may see your hand at work
and give myself over to what you want of me this day.*

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

by Justin DuVall, O.S.B., adapted

JOURNEYING

We Sing “May our lives and our prayers be one”

Refrain:

May our lives and our prayers be one
as our hopes shape the roads we walk on.
And when our work and our dreaming's done
may our lives and our prayers be one.

Within the rhythm of our days
we take the time to muse and pray.
The fears we face, the tears we taste
we view in light of holy grace.

We name our deepest hopes and dreams
for those we love and all we need.
We picture how the world could be.
We live the change we want to see.

Words and music: Paul Somerville

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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Memorial Service

We received word this week that Rev. Kelvin Benn died on 7 January in Launceston. A funeral service was held for him there. St. Andrews will host a memorial service for Kel on Wednesday 12 February at 2:30 pm to celebrate his life with family and friends in South Australia who were unable to attend the funeral in Tasmania. All who are able are encouraged to bring a plate of food for afternoon tea.

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.

UC Adult Fellowship and Mission Support

Our friends Brian and Jill Polkinghorne have been called to serve as co-presidents of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship. They will be commissioned next Sunday, 9 February at 2:00 pm at Burnside City Uniting Church followed by afternoon tea.

If you would like to attend please see Joy Dunning. Transport can be arranged.

Rosefield Uniting Church Employment Positions

Rosefield Uniting Church, in Highgate, are seeking expressions of interest for the positions of office manager and treasurer, both are permanent-part time basis.

Applications or enquiries by email to:
admin@rosefield.org.au by 21 February 2020.

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.

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.

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

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Readings for Sunday 9 February 2020

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
 Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
 Matthew 5:13-20

Rostered Duties:

Welcomer:

Jennifer Portway

Scripture Reader:

Sean Gilbert

Prayers of the People:

Avril Noy

Morning Tea:

Peta and Peter Thomas

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:

10:00 am	UCG Board Meeting
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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

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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