

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



**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**24th November 2019**

[The kingdom of God] is a whole new way of looking at the world,  
a transformed awareness that literally turns this world into a different place.

—Jim Marion

## GATHERING

### Preparing the Space and Our Hearts

#### Call to Worship

Christ, whose reign is born in suffering,  
tested in travail  
and speaking through the integrity of woundedness:  
***We come to be lost in wonder, love and praise.***

Jesus, child of our humanity,  
authentic in flesh and divinity,  
treading our earth in vulnerable truth:  
***We come to be lost in wonder, love and praise.***

God who reigns in gentleness,  
Spirit who never gives us up,  
Jesus who embraces all who come:  
***We come to be lost in wonder, love and praise.***

Dorothy McRae-McMahon, adapted

#### We Sing

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

(TiS 217i)

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
 let us all thy life receive;  
 suddenly return, and never,  
 never more thy temples leave:  
 thee we would be always blessing,  
 serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
 pure and spotless let us be,  
 let us see thy great salvation,  
 perfectly restored in thee:  
 changed from glory into glory,  
 till in heaven we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before thee,  
 lost in wonder, love and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley  
 Tune: HYFRYDOL

## Opening Prayer

### Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

### ***ENCOUNTERING***

#### Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 23:1—6

Luke 23:33—43

May your word live in us:

***and bear much fruit to your glory.***

## Reflection on the Word

A spendthrift lover is the Lord  
who never counts the cost  
or asks if heaven can afford  
to woo a world that's lost.  
Our lover tosses coins of gold  
across the midnight skies,  
and stokes the sun against the cold  
to warm us when we rise.

Still more is spent in blood and tears  
to win the human heart,  
to overcome the violent fears  
that drive the world apart.  
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face  
of one who bears our scars,  
and empties out the wealth of grace  
that's hinted by the stars.

How shall we love this heart-strong God  
who gives us everything,  
whose ways to us are strange and odd:  
what can we give or bring?  
Acceptance of the matchless gift  
is gift enough to give;  
the very act will shake and shift  
the way we love and live.

## **RESPONDING**

### Prayers of the People

#### The Disciples' 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.*

#### Collection and Offering Song

(TiS 768ii)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures here below,  
praise God above you heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

#### Prayer of Dedication

O Living Love, may we be bearers of your light—  
*the Light that is Christ, the Light that changed the world.*

Fill us completely with your Spirit,  
*so we might shine brightly with your love.*

Bless us, too, with tears—  
*tears to shed with those who are suffering.*

Gift us with courage  
*that we might strive with you for what might be. Amen.*

**JOURNEYING****We Sing**

“Hidden Christ, alive for ever”

1

Hidden Christ, alive for ever,  
Saviour, Servant, Friend and Lord,  
year by year, unseen, you offer  
life undying, love outpoured.  
Day by day, you walk among us,  
known and honoured,  
yet concealed,  
freeing, chiding, leading, guiding,  
till your glory is revealed.

2

Still your life and way of living,  
God-revealing, Spirit-blown,  
teaching, healing, sins forgiving,  
measure and inspire our own;  
loving earth's despised, rejected,  
till with them you hang in pain,  
broken, buried, resurrected,  
life laid down, our life to gain.

3

Who can tell, through earthly eons,  
all your loving power has done,  
changing hearts and shaping nations,  
seeking all, rejecting none?  
Speeches fail, but songs soar higher,  
tracing how, in every place,  
twice ten thousand years  
have numbered  
countless works of boundless grace!

4

Christ our hope, alive among us,  
take our love, our work, our prayer.  
we will trust and tell your purpose,  
braving evil and despair;  
in your name befriending, mending,  
making peace and setting free,  
showing, giving and acclaiming  
signs of joy and jubilee.

Words: Brian Wren

**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 24th November 2019

### Christine on Leave

Christine will be on annual and study leave from 15–30 November. We welcome again Esmond Dowdy who will lead worship with Avril today and again on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### Sunday Lunch Group

Today Sunday 24th November 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.

### Bags of Love

It is a joy to celebrate Christmas with the Mary's Kitchen community. You may want to be part of the joy by preparing Bags of Love which will be gifted during the Christmas party on 10 December. Please take a bag or two and use the shopping list inside to purchase items for your Bag of Love. Return the bag to the office by 6 December.

### Birthday Cake

November birthdays will be celebrated today, with a birthday cake, at morning tea. If you had/have a birthday this month please join us for morning tea, in the hall, to celebrate.

### Evening Fellowship

Our last meeting for the year is on Thursday 28th November starting at 7:00 pm with the Carol Service in the church. We move to the hall for diner. Members are asked to bring a small salad. (A meat platter will be provided). A charge of \$5 per person will help cover costs.

### Community Aid Pantry

Basic food items for our Community Aid programme can be brought along next Sunday.

Some appropriate non-perishables we are urgently in need of include:-

1 litre long-life milk

Tinned Veg (i.e. corn, peas, carrots)

Tuna/Salmon

The groceries you donate are a welcome top-up to the very basic value of a food voucher the Community Aid is able to give.

Lisa McGrath, Community Aid Co-Ordinator

### Piano Recital & Demo

Adeline and 3 students will be performing a recital on Sunday 8th December from 1:00 pm. Repertoire will include Christmas carols, children's songs and music from the movies. Anyone curious about music lessons can stay for the Q&A session and demo lesson to follow after. Free admission.

### Summer Solace

On Sunday 15th December, 11:30 am—12:30 pm, Arts by the Sea is pleased to host Jack Spyker in a relaxing recital of mellow music to take the stress out of the pre-Christmas season. Buy tickets at [bit.ly/ArtsGlenelg](http://bit.ly/ArtsGlenelg) or speak to Adeline. Proceeds to benefit Community Aid.

### Synod Information

The office has a hard-copy of the Synod AGM outcomes available, if you would like a copy please talk to either Avril or Chris.

**Readings for 1st December 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

**Rostered Duties**

**Prayers of the People:**

Nicky Titchener

**Scripture Reader:**

Sean Gilbert

**Morning Tea:**

Peter and Peta Thomas

**Birthday Cake: December**

Adeline and Andrew

**Welcomer:**

Lyn Anesbury

**Side Door after Worship:**

Chris Croucher and Julia Ferguson

**This Week at St Andrews:**

The Church is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30 am to 3.00 pm.

**Sunday:**

10:30 am

Fellowship in the Hall

6:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**

10:30 am—1:30 pm Op-Shop

11:00 am—1:00 pm Friendship Cafe

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

6:00 pm—7:30 pm Marys' Kitchen

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

10:30 am—1:30 pm Op-Shop

11:00 am—1:00 pm Friendship Cafe

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

7:00 pm— 9:30 pm Evening Fellowship

**Friday:**

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

**Saturday:**

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