

St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church

Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg

Rev. Christine Gilbert



Image by Albert Namatjira

Third Sunday after the Epiphany 26 January 2020

...because the Spirit's in the land.
—Archie Roach, "The Native Born"

GATHERING

Acknowledgement of Country

Preparing Our Space and Our Hearts

Opening Prayer

We Sing

“Glory Be”

1

Glory be to ocean,
swells that will not cease.
Glory to a lone gull,
hov’ring over beach.
Glory in the miracle:
life that is the earth.
Glory to the Author,
musing all things to birth.

2

Glory be to radiance,
in my neighbour’s eye.
Glory in the shudder
when those we love will die.
Glory through the atom,
Glory in the sun.
Glory to the Poet,
calling out, reading on. (*refrain*)

Refrain:

‘Glory!’ sings the magpie.
‘Glory!’ howls the wind.
‘Glory!’ sounds the mountain.
Kneel and rise, and live!

3

Glory be to humans,
in flesh, blood and bone.
Glory to our yearning;
a new world must come!
Glory for the Presence,
when all seems dead and lost.
Glory to the Spirit:
Wonder, vision – love! (*refrain*)

Words: Sean Gilbert

Music: Rosemary Dewerse

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ENCOUNTERING

Song

“The Native Born”

by Archie Roach

Prayer of Confession

Great Spirit and Creator of All:

We yearn for your healing to come to our nation
that we might find a destiny together
as First and Second Peoples.

***Give us the courage to accept the realities of our past,
to hold tenderly stories of harm and hurt,
to forge a new and better way.***

Open our hearts and ears to the land we share.
Enable us to hear your Spirit’s voice
in the beauty and the terror, especially of recent weeks.

***Help us to listen deeply to the cries of your creation
urging us to walk paths of harmony and peace.***

May your realm of justice, love and peace
be the vision we seek as First and Second Peoples,
and the foundation on which we build
our families, our communities, and our nation.

***Strengthen our covenant
with the Uniting Aboriginal Christian Congress
and may our unity be a sign of hope in our land.
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.***

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1–4

Matthew 4:12–23

May your word live in us:

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Reflection on the Word

RESPONDING**We Sing****“Touch the earth gently”****(TiS 668)**

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God’s garden,
hope in God’s children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray
Tune: TENDERNESS

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

We give thanks for your Spirit that abides with us
and for your Word spoken to us this day.
Receive these gifts and the investment of our lives
which we offer to your work of healing and justice in our land.

Bless us as we depart from this time of worship.

Give us generous spirits and kind hearts.

Grace us with the desire

*to walk together as First and Second Peoples—
sisters and brothers in Christ. Amen.*

JOURNEYING

We Sing

“Faith, hope and love”

Faith, hope and love—this is what we long for.
 Faith, hope and love—this is what we need.
 Faith, hope and love—this is what we cry for.
 Oh, teach us how to live.

Trust in the truth...

Patience within

Freedom for all...

Words and music: Trish Watts

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

The Day of Mourning is an observance that was endorsed
 at the 15th Assembly in 2018 at the request
 of our sisters and brothers in the Uniting Aboriginal
 and Islander Christian Congress.
 ...Importantly it is an invitation to us to follow in Christ’s way
 of justice, healing and reconciliation,
 building relationships of truth and healing
 in our own communities and in our nation.
 —From UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer

Please gather for morning tea, in the hall after worship

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Sunday Lunch Group

Today 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

Birthday Cake Day

January 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.

Community Aid Food Offering

Basic food items for our Community Aid programme can be brought along next Sunday as part of your offering. Some appropriate non-perishable items we are in need of include:

- Toilet Paper
- Cup of Soup
- Tinned Sardines
- Long-life Milk 1 litre

Thank you to all who generously donate groceries each month.

Lisa McGrath
Community Aid Co-Ordinator

Used Postage Stamps

Remember to save your used postage stamps, leaving about 1cm of paper around the stamp. The money from the sale of these pays for the shipping of school supplies to Pacific Island countries.

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 2 February 2020

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Rostered Duties:

Welcomer:

Phil Wass

Scripture Reader:

Joy Dunning

Prayers of the People:

Lisa McGrath

Morning Tea:

Avril Noy and Gary Archer

Birthday Cake—January

Fay Reid

This Week at St Andrews:

Sunday:

9:30 am

10:30 am

6:30 pm

Australia Day

Worship

Morning tea

Narcotics Anonymous

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:30 am

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

12:00 pm- 2:30 pm

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Open Church

Friendship Café

Community Aid

Mary's Kitchen

Wednesday:

Thursday:

10:30 am

11:00 am-1:00 pm

12:00 pm

Open Church

Friendship Cafe

Community Aid

Friday:

10:30 am

12:00 pm— 2:30pm

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