

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



**Second Sunday in the Season of Advent**  
**8th December 2019**

Jesus doesn't just inform our intellect but forms our loves.  
He isn't content to simply deposit new ideas into your mind;  
he is after nothing less than your wants, your loves, your longings.

—J K.A. Smith

## **GATHERING**

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

### **Call to Worship**

### **Opening Prayer**

**We Sing**            “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”            (TiS 270)

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a gracious guest may come.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and help us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine,  
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won;  
and praise to God whom we adore,  
with Holy Spirit evermore.

Words: Charles Coffin  
Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

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

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

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.* (Romans 15:5–7)

Let us pray:  
Loving God,  
may there be peace on earth  
and may it begin *in us*.

***Amidst all that would have a hold on us,  
our hearts return now to you—  
the Author of lasting peace and love.  
Reveal to us that which stands in the way  
of your Spirit’s welcome and harmony among us...***

*(prayer continues in silence)*

In your mercy, help us to let go and let be  
and open in us your realm of love for which we long. **Amen.**  
*(an Advent candle is lit)*

**We Sing**                    “God of all people”  
God of all places: present unseen;  
Voice in our silence, song in our midst.  
We are your people, knowing, unsure.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!

God of all people, dust and the clay.  
Breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts.  
Light born of heaven, peace on the earth.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!

**ENCOUNTERING****Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

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

**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.*

**Christmas Bowl Presentation****Collection and Offering Song**

(TiS 271)

Praise to the incarnate Son  
 who comes to set us free,  
 with Father, Spirit, ever one  
 to all eternity.

## Prayer of Dedication

Faithfully following the love of Jesus,  
we seek to live as people of compassion.

***Through this offering, and the offering of our lives,  
may we be those who bear peace in large and small ways,  
so your reign will be known among us. Amen.***

From the Christmas Bowl resource

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation

**We Sing**                    "O little town of Bethlehem"                    (TiS 316)

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
their great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel.

Words: Phillips Brooks  
Tune: ST LOUIS

## The Story of the Last Supper

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts!

***We lift them up to God.***

Let us give thanks to the God of Mercy and Love.

***It is good to give our thanks and praise.***

...And so, we praise you with the faithful  
of every time and place  
and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

**Singing: Holy! Holy! Holy! One God Almighty!**

**All your works shall praise your name  
in earth and sky and sea!**

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is Christ who comes to set us free.**

## Blessing of the Bread and Cup

### Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*(You are invited to come forward using the centre aisle  
to receive the bread and cup of communion  
and return to your seat using the side aisle.*

*Please indicate if you wish to be served in your seat.)*

### Prayer after Communion

Source of Life:

We give thanks for all that lies within this holy meal.

***May we now carry in our bodies***

***the compassion that loves and cares,***

***the grace that heals and forgives***

***seeking to live from these deep and spirited places. Amen.***

**We Sing**

“Within our hearts be born”

O ancient love, processing through the ages:  
O hidden love, revealed in human form:  
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:

Refrain: O living Love, within our hearts be born,  
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger:  
O lowly love, that knows the mighty’s scorn:  
O hungry love, that lay within a manger:

O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow:  
O tender love, that comforts those forlorn:  
O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:

O suffering love, that bears our human weakness:  
O boundless love, that rises with the morn:  
O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:

Words: Michael Joncas  
Tune: Kate Spyker

**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**

**Readings for Sunday 15th December 2019****Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

**Rostered Duties:****Prayers of the People:**

Chris Croucher

**Scripture Reader:**

TBA

**Morning Tea:**

Lisa McGrath and Joy Dunning

**Birthday Cake—December**

Adeline &amp; Andrew

**Welcomer:**

Jennifer Portway

**Side Door after Worship**

Chris Croucher

**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

1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Arts By The Sea—Piano

Workshop

6:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Monday:****Tuesday:**

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Community Aid

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Mary's Kitchen Christmas

Party

**Wednesday****Thursday:**

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Community Aid

6:45pm—8:00m

Glenelg Brass Band—Carols

On The Steps

**Friday:**

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Community Aid

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