

Second Sunday in the Season of Lent

8 March 2020



My life has become an uninterrupted dialogue
with you, O God, one great dialogue.

Sometimes when I stand in some corner of the camp,
my feet planted on Your earth,
my eyes raised toward Your Heaven,
tears sometimes run down my face,
tears of deep emotion and gratitude.

At night, too, when I lie in bed and rest in You, O God,
tears of gratitude run down my face, and that is my prayer.

Amen.

—Etty Hillesum

*written while a prisoner in Auschwitz
where she died in 1943, age 29*

GATHERING

Preparing Our Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship

Friends of God, believe this—
God loved the world,
God loves the world,
we are the beloved!

***May the truth of this great love story,
shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling.***

So come, with your tiredness,
your frustrations and your discouragements.
Come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings.
Come, to discover again
how Jesus reveals God's love for the world.

***We come in friendship to God and each other,
and in friendship to the world,
to listen for God's Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
to taste God's mercy in bread and wine.***

(by Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre)

Prayer of Invocation

We Sing

“Here in this place”

(TiS 474)

Here in this place new light is streaming,
 now is the darkness vanished away,
 see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
 brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
 gather us in, the blind and the lame;
 call to us now, and we shall awaken,
 we shall arise at the sound of your name.

Here we will take of the wine and the water,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 call us anew to be salt of the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 not in some heaven light years away,
 but here in this space, the new light is shining,
 now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us for ever;
 gather us in, and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Words: Marty Haugen

Music: GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession**Words of Forgiveness****Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ENCOUNTERING

*“The face that we need to show to our world is the face
of a humanity in endless growth towards love,
a humanity so delighted and engaged by the glory
of what we look towards that we are prepared to embark
on a journey without end to find our way more deeply into it,
into the heart of Trinitarian life.”*

—Rowan Williams

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1–4a

Sung Psalm “God is holding your life: Psalm 121”

We lift our eyes, behold the hills.
From where will help and rescue come?
We call the One who made the earth,
who bless’d the stars, the moon and sun.

Refrain:

God is holding our life, God is holding our life,
God is holding our life we believe. *(repeat)*

Turn now our gaze upon the earth
where is the One who never sleeps?
We call the One who guards us now,
our spirit safe in holy keep.

Venturing out or coming home,
‘neath heat of day or cool of night,
we call the One who hears our voice
and comes to heal and keep our life.

Words and music: Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan
Verses: O WALY, WALY

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-17

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

Reflection on the Word

RESPONDING**Prayers of the People**

with "Jesus le Christ"

Response:

Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
 Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
 Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.
 Let my heart always welcome your love.

Taize Community

Offering and Song of Praise

(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

Words: Thomas Ken

Communion Song

"At the table of the world"

1

At the table of the world,
 some have plenty, some have none.
 at the table of our God,
 all are plentifully fed.

2

At the table of the world,
 some have honour, some have scorn.
 At the table of our God,
 all are welcomed and acclaimed.

Refrain:

Blow among us, Spirit of God,
 Fill us with your courage and care!
 Hurricane and Breath,
 take us on a journey of love!

3

Set the table of our God
 in the Church and in the world,
 till the children, fed and loved,
 taste and see that life is good.

Words: Brian Wren
 Music: Carl Johengen

JOURNEYING**We Sing**

“Faith has set us on a journey”

1

Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us “go!”
Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways
of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.

2

Some are swags of easy conscience
who with others hitch a ride,
some are tourist package Christians,
dollar safe, with Book and guide.
There are others on this journey—
those who long and pray and search,
heave the stones to free
the structures,
love the Christ and leave the Church.

3

We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples—
some are wise and some can run.
Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.

Words: Shirely Erena Murray
Tune: BEACH SPRING

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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Lent Event Offering

Today we meet Attika (Muslim) and Mary (Christian), young mothers from Ambon who lost everything in violence that killed 5,000 and left 70,000 homeless. Against the odds, they've become like sisters, helping build strong relationships in a community healing from the trauma of violence.

Not long after filming Attika's story in her kitchen, we learnt that her entire home was tragically destroyed by last year's earthquakes in Ambon. She had built the home herself, saving \$5 a week from a small business UnitingWorld's partners helped her to establish. Attika is determined to rebuild, and with the help of our partners we're right there beside her.

Envelopes are available in the foyer for your special offering or you can donate at the Uniting-World's webpage. All offerings gathered as part of our Holy Week worship will go to Lent Event.

Mary's Experience

Introduce yourself to the Mary's community on the fifth Tuesday of the month, 31 March. The Team has set aside this Tuesday night for members of St. Andrew's to have a "Mary's Experience." If you have questions or would like to express your interest, please speak with Lisa or Avril

Exploring Friendship in Lent

This **Wednesday, 7:15 for 7:30 start**, we'll look again at the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4). What more will be revealed about Jesus as we look deeply into the well of love? Our gatherings begin with a brief check-in and conclude with the introduction and practice of a prayer form. Each week is a stand alone session so you are welcome to come along anytime.

Name Badge

Marguerite will be placing an order for new UCA name badges for anyone who would like one. Maybe you are newer to the community or you lost your old one—whatever the reason, please let Marguerite in the office know of your desire for a name badge. You can ring Marguerite during office hours or email her anytime.

Movie Fund Raiser

Come and join in for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment with the feel-good movie, *Military Wives*. Sunday, 29 March, 4:00 pm at Piccadilly Cinemas, North Adelaide. Cost is \$20 and proceeds will support the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts.

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Readings for Sunday 15 March 2020
Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Rostered Duties:

Welcomer:

Joy Dunning

Scripture Reader:

Peter Thomas

Prayers of the People:

Peta Thomas

Morning Tea:

Peta and Peter Thomas

Birthday Cake—March

Kate Spyker

This Week at St Andrews:

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:30 am	Open Church
10:30 am—1:30 pm	Op Shop
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:

2:00 pm—3:30 pm	Pastoral Partners
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Thursday:

10:30 am	Open Church
10:30 am—1:30 pm	Op Shop
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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