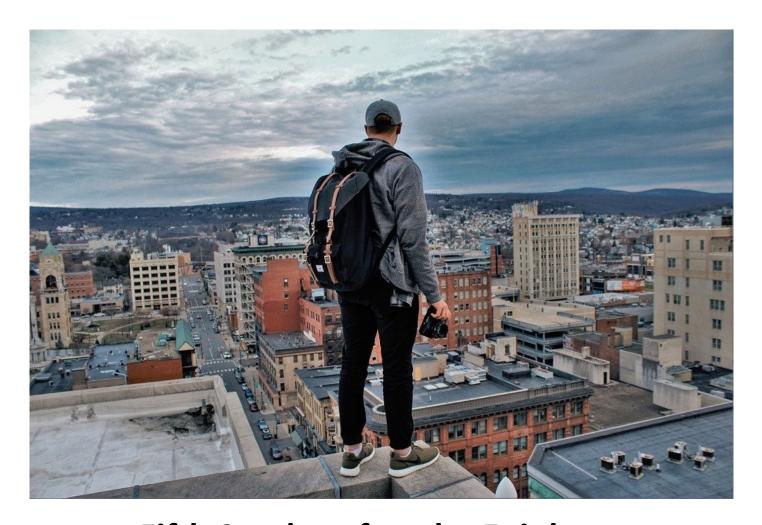
# St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church

# Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg Rev. Christine Gilbert



# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9 February 2020

God's saving of us takes place by dragging us beyond our own comfort zone into new territory and new adventures.

—from Sacred Reading by Michael Casey

#### **GATHERING**

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

Blessed are those who revere Creator God—
the Source and Author of all life.
They rise in the darkness as a light,
they are generous, merciful and righteous.
Their hearts are steady, they are not afraid.
In the end, they look at evil—
the destructive forces that threaten—
and trust God's love will prevail.

Our help comes from you, O God. So, send your Spirit to us, we pray, that we might be light and hope in this weary world. Amen.

We Sing "Come touch our hearts"

Come touch our hearts
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you, your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason, set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream; help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile, and in our weakness your great strength reveal; that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered, to break the bread and share the cup of peace; that we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

Words and music: Gordon Light

# **Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness**

Merciful God,

We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry. (prayer continues in silence)

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Strengthen us to love you and delight in your will that we might walk with you in newness of life.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. *Amen.* 

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

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

#### **ENCOUNTERING**

**Scripture Reading** 

Matthew 5:38-48

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

#### Reflection on the Word

#### RESPONDING

## **Prayers of the People**

Response: Come and fill our hearts with your peace;

you alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

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# 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.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We Sing "Feed us now, Bread of life" (TiS 538)

Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal; let us know your love anew: we hunger for you. Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within; let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, cup of wine:
Lord, this food is good:
love and mercy come to us
your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, cup of wine:
who can understand
how his mercy works in these?
Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near, nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near, in this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you on the bread that is true.

Words: Robin Mann Tune: KRAEHE

# 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 right to give our thanks and praise...

Singing: Holy! Holy! One God Almighty!

All your works shall praise your name

in earth and sky and sea!

Holy! Holy! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Christ who comes to set us free.

## **Blessing 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**

Blessed are you, O God, who calls us together. **Praise to you who makes us one.** 

Blessed are you who forgives and reconciles. *Praise to you who gives hope and freedom.* 

Blessed are you whose Word is proclaimed. *Praise to you who is revealed as love.* 

Blessed are you who alone gives life.

Therefore we offer all that we are
and all that we shall become to you, O God. Amen.

Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast; Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least; Christ's own peace is shared again on earth; God the Spirit fills us with new worth.

No more doubting, no more senseless dread: God's good self has graced our wine and bread; all the wonder heaven has kept in store. now is ours to keep for evermore.

Celebrate with saints who dine on high, witnesses that love can never die. 'Hallelujah!' thus their voices ring: nothing less in gratitude we bring.

Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son, praise the Spirit three yet ever one; praise the God whose food and friends avow heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

Words: John Bell Tune: LANSDOWNE

#### **JOURNEYING**

**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

# St. Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church 9th February 2020



# Readings for Sunday 16 February 2020 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

#### **Rostered Duties**

Welcomer:

Lyn Anesbury

**Scripture Reader:** 

Lisa McGrath

Prayers of the People:

Paul McGrath

**Morning Tea:** 

Judy Clayton and Lyn Anesbury

**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:

Tuesday:

10:30 am Open Church

10:30 am—1:30 pm Op-Shop

11:00 am—1:00 pm Friendship Cafe

12:00 pm— 2:30 pm Community Aid

6:00 pm—7:30 pm Marys' Kitchen

Wednesday:

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— 2:30 pm Community Aid

Friday:

10:30 am Open Church

12:00 pm— 2:30 pm Community Aid

**Saturday:** 

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