

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



**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10th November 2019**

We have only begun to image the fullness of life.  
How could we tire of hope? So much is in the bud.  
—Denise Levertov

## **GATHERING**

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

**Call to Worship**            with verses from Psalm 145

We worship you, O God,  
each and every day our lives sing praise to you.

***Your greatness is unsearchable—  
no words can contain, no song can express  
the splendour of your love poured out on the world.***

One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and together we will meditate on your wondrous works.

***You are just in every way and kind in all you do.  
You are near to those who call.  
You watch over us in love.***

O God, open our lips  
***and our mouths will sing your praise.***

**We Sing**                            “Praise to the living God”                            (TiS 102)

Praise to the living God,  
all praise be to his name,  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
and still the same:  
the one eternal God  
before what now appears,  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought  
his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms  
declare his loveliness;  
holy, no holiness of earth  
can his express.

Behold the Lord of all:  
creation speaks his praise,  
and everywhere, above, below,  
his will obeys.

God's Spirit freely flows,  
high surging where it will:  
in prophet's word he spoke of old,  
is speaking still.

Established is God's law  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep written on the human heart,  
on sea, on land.

God has eternal life  
implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay  
while ages roll.

Praise to the living God,  
all praise be to his name,  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
and still the same!

## Opening Prayer

Living Spirit of God, formless yet ever present and with us now,  
 the cool nights and warming days of spring  
 with fluctuating temperatures and churning seas  
 bear witness to your work in the world.  
 In creation we come to see and profess  
 that nothing stays the same,  
 new life is continually in bud,  
 and this, too, shall pass.

So, when we cling to passing things,  
***Lord, have mercy.***

When we place our confidence in the allures of our culture,  
***Christ, have mercy.***

When our faith in you shifts and changes like the wind,  
***Lord, have mercy.***                   *(prayer continues in silence)*

O God, amidst the stirring seasons of life:  
***keep our hearts anchored in Christ Jesus—  
 our undying hope and reason for being. Amen.***

## Passing the Peace of Christ

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

## ***ENCOUNTERING***

### Scripture Readings

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17  
 Luke 20:27–38

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

## Reflection on the Word

## **RESPONDING**

### **Prayers of the People**

It is in the mystery of communion with Christ that we pray for the Church throughout the world, praying in particular for...

We pray for those experiencing sickness, bereavement, oppression, poverty, and homelessness, praying in particular for...

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing, praying in particular for...

And because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray in the words you taught us saying...

### **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 Invitation

**We Sing**                    "Make us a Eucharistic people"

Make us a Eucharistic people in everything we are.

Make us a Gospel living people in everything we are.

Make us a kingdom seeking people in everything we are.

Make us a resurrection people in everything we are.

Make us a justice loving people in everything we are.

Refrain:

Make us an everlasting gift, with grateful hearts we lift  
a song of our thanksgiving, Amen.

Words: Julie and Tim Smoth

## 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! 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 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

#### **JOURNEYING**

**We Sing**                      “Eternal light, shine in my heart”                      (TiS 548)

<p>1 Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.</p>	<p>2 Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Saviour, come to me;</p>
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until by your most costly grace,  
invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face  
to know you, my eternal God.

Words: Christopher Martin Idle from a prayer by Alcuin 735–804  
Tune: GONFALON ROYAL

**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

**Readings for 17th November 2019**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

**Rostered Duties**

**Prayers of the People:**

Peta Thomas

**Scripture Reader:**

Joy Dunning

**Morning Tea:**

Chris Croucher and Joy Dunning

**Birthday Cake: November**

Joan Brummitt

**Welcomer:**

David Brummitt

**Side Door after Worship:**

Lisa McGrath and Sharon France

**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:**

**Remembrance Day**

**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:**

3:00 pm—4:30 pm

Pastoral Partners

**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

**Friday:**

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm

Community Aid

**Saturday:**

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