

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



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
17th November 2019

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth
—Isaiah 65:17

GATHERING

Preparing the Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship

By our gathering together,
 we bear witness to the God of steadfast love
 who conceived all things in goodness,
 who promised to be with us forever.
 We come to hear again
 of a more just and reconciling vision for our world.
 We come to be encouraged and transformed by it.

***Grateful for what has been
 and hopeful for the future,
 we gather to worship
 the One who is always making all things new.***

We Sing “Praise with joy the world’s Creator” (TiS 179)

Praise with joy the world’s Creator,
 God of justice, love and peace,
 source and end of human knowledge,
 force of greatness without cease.
 Celebrate the Maker’s glory,
 power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
 frees the captive, finds the lost,
 heals the sick, upsets religion,
 fearless both of fate and cost.
 Celebrate Christ’s constant presence
 Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

(Cont.)

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
 liberating truth from pride,
 forging bonds where race or gender,
 age or nation dare divide.
 Celebrate the Spirit's treasure
 foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
 one God in community,
 calling Christians to embody
 oneness and diversity.
 Thus the world shall yet believe, when
 shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Words: John L Bell and Graham Maule
 Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL

Opening Prayer

Spirit of Hope,
 be present with us now in this time of worship.
 Where our enthusiasm for your way has faded:
Fill us.

Where we have grown weary:
Renew us.

Where our imaginations have become dim:
Inspire us with fresh visions of love.

For in you, true life is found.
 In you, a new creation possible.
So, come to us.
Dwell in us.

Make us people after your own heart, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Christ has no body but ours,
no hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which Christ looks compassion on this
world,
the feet with which Christ walks to do good,
the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

*Triune God,
we give thanks for your trust in us,
for your calling us into ministry,
for the gift of your Spirit who remains with and for us.
Renew our faith.
Give us vision and courage for the world of love's making.
Amen.*

JOURNEYING**We Sing**

“Restless Weaver, ever spinning”

1

Restless Weaver, ever spinning
 threads of justice and of peace;
 dreaming patterns of creation
 where all creatures find a home;
 gathering up life's varied fibers,
 every texture, every hue;
 grant us your creative vision,
 with us weave your world anew.

2

Where earth's fragile web unravels
 help us mend each broken strand;
 bless our urgent, bold endeavours,
 cleaning water, air and land;
 through the Spirit's inspiration
 offering health
 where once was pain;
 strengthen us to be the stewards
 of your world knit whole again.

3

When our violent lust for power
 ends in lives abused and torn;
 from compassion's sturdy fabric
 fashion hope and trust reborn;
 where injustice rules as tyrant
 give us courage, God to dare;
 live our dreams of transformation
 make our lives incarnate prayer.

4

Restless Weaver, still conceiving
 new life now and yet to be;
 binding all your vast creation
 in one living tapestry;
 you have called us to be weavers
 let your love guide all we do;
 with your Reign of Peace our pattern
 we will weave your world anew.

Words: O. I. Cricket Harrison

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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Christine on Leave

Christine will be on annual and study leave from 15–30 November. We welcome again Esmond Dowdy who will lead worship with Avril today and again on the 24th November.

Glenelg Christmas pageant

Next Sunday, 24 November, is the Glenelg Christmas pageant. This may impact some streets on your way to and from church. Nevertheless, it is our joy to add our worshipping voices to the crowds gathering for the pageant.

Death of Joan Mawhinney

We are saddened to learn of the death, in Clare, of Joan Mawhinney who was a long time part of the St. Andrews community and volunteer in Friendship Cafe. We hold her family in our prayers.

Sunday Lunch Group

Next Sunday 24th November 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.

Bags of Love

It is a joy to celebrate Christmas with the Mary's Kitchen community. You may want to be part of the joy by preparing Bags of Love which will be gifted during the Christmas party on 10 December. Please take a bag or two and use the shopping list inside to purchase items for your Bag of Love. Return the bag to the office by 6 December.

Advent Prayer Resource

The seed of God is in us.

Now

*the seed of a pear tree
grows into a pear tree;
and a hazel seed
grows into a hazel tree;*

*a seed of God
grows into*

God.

—Meister Eckhart

This hopeful message leads us into the Season of Advent which begins on 1 December. Advent is a time of preparation when we seek to “find the quiet centre” so we can see “all the things that really matter,” as the hymn by Shirley Murray encourages.

A prayer resource has been prepared to use throughout the four weeks of Advent. It includes simple prayers and thoughts to ponder. You are welcome to take a copy for yourself today which you will find on the stand at the side entrance. If you know someone who would value this resource, please take on for them as well.

Readings for 24th November 2019

Reign of Christ Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Rostered Duties

Prayers of the People:

Peter Thomas

Scripture Reader:

Lisa McGrath

Morning Tea:

Elaine and Barry Mesecke

Birthday Cake: November

Joan Brummitt

Welcomer:

Lyn Anesbury

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:

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 BBQ Night

Wednesday:

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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