

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



**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**3rd November 2019**

The creative life of God is always coming,  
always entering to refresh and enhance our lives.  
—Evelyn Underhill

## **GATHERING**

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

#### **Call to Worship**

#### **We Sing**

“Give us hearts to know you, God”

*(remain seated please)*

Give us hearts to know you, God, to know who you are.  
We will be your people, and you our God, and you our God.

Give us hearts to love you, God, to love who you are.  
We will be your people, and you our God, and you our God.

Give us hearts to praise you, God, to praise who you are.  
We will be your people, and you our God, and you our God.

Words and music: Annette Fechner

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of grace and love,  
we greet this new day with anticipation  
and pray for your Spirit to be among us.

Come:

***that the weary may experience you afresh.***

Come:

***that those enlivened are encouraged all the more.***

Come:

***that the broken of body or heart may find healing.***

Come:

***that together within your love,  
we can again find our purpose, identity and calling.***

**We Sing** “O breath of life, come sweeping through us” (TiS 409)

O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.

O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.

Words: Elizabeth Ann Porter Head  
Tune: SPIRITUS VITAE

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

## ENCOUNTERING

### We Sing

“Blest are they”

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest  
are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you, who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God;  
shine for all to see.

Words and music: David Haas

### Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

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

### Reflection on the Word

## **RESPONDING**

### **Commissioning of Church Council Members**

There are diverse gifts;

***but it is the same Spirit who gives them.***

There are different ways of serving God:

***but it is the same God who is served.***

God works through people in different ways:

***but it is the same God whose purpose is fulfilled through them.***

There is one ministry of Christ:

***and in this ministry we all share.***

Together we are the body of Christ:

***and individually members of it.***

### **Presentation**

#### **The Vows**

Will you, the members of this congregation, accept these sisters and brother as church councillors?

***We will.***

Will you encourage them in love and support them in their ministry, serving with them the one Lord Jesus Christ?

***We will.***

May God give you strength to fulfil these vows, and to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation for ever. ***Amen.***

### **Commissioning and Declaration**

## 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

*Dear God,  
 today we take another step in our journey with you.  
 Fill us with your Spirit.  
 Lead us deeper into Christ.  
 Shine your light on the path before us.  
 For this we hope and pray. Amen.*

**JOURNEYING**

**We Sing**                      “Jesus Christ is waiting”                      (TiS 665)

1  
 Jesus Christ is waiting,  
 waiting in the streets;  
 no-one is his neighbour,  
 all alone he eats.  
 Listen, Lord Jesus,  
 I am lonely too.  
 Make me, friend or stranger,  
 fit to wait on you.

3  
 Jesus Christ is healing,  
 healing in the streets;  
 curing those who suffer,  
 touching those he greets.  
 Listen, Lord Jesus,  
 I have pity too.  
 Let my care be active,  
 healing just like you.

2  
 Jesus Christ is raging,  
 raging in the streets,  
 where injustice spirals  
 and real hope retreats.  
 Listen, Lord Jesus,  
 I am angry too.  
 In the Kingdom’s causes  
 let me rage with you.

4  
 Jesus Christ is calling,  
 calling in the streets,  
 ‘Who will join my journey?  
 I will guide their feet.’  
 Listen, Lord Jesus,  
 let my fears be few.  
 Walk one step before me;  
 I will follow you.

Words: John Bell  
 Tune: NOEL NOUVELET

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

Haggai 1:15b-2:9  
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

**Rostered Duties**

**Prayers of the People:**

Avril Noy

**Scripture Reader:**

Chris Croucher

**Morning Tea:**

Judy Clayton and Lyn Anesbury

**Birthday Cake: November**

Joan Brummitt

**Welcomer:**

Joy Dunning

**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:**

6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Monday:**

UnitingCare Glenelg Board Meeting  
Date to be advised

**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:**

7:00pm—9:00pm Church Council Meeting

**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  
7:00 pm— 9:30pm Evening Fellowship

**Friday:**

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

**Sunday 10th — Gratitude Workshop**

A three-hour creative workshop will help you reflect on thanksgiving in your daily life, in the church hall, 1:00-4:00 pm. Afternoon tea and all materials supplied. Workshop led by SALA visual artist Emiko Artemis, PhD. For more information, pick up a flyer in the church foyer or speak with Adeline.

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