

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



Image by Anne Wilson Schaefer

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
18th August 2019

“Mysteriously hidden within each of us are the seeds that can germinate into a new society, a new planet.”

—Anne Wilson Schaefer

GATHERING

Preparing the Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship

We who are baptised into the life and death of Christ,
gather as one in his Spirit
and are made newly aware of God's call upon us—
a call that numbers us with peace makers,
justice seekers, daring questioners of the status quo.
Friends and followers of Christ,
we receive and bear a costly love.
Truly, we are in need of prayer and grace.
So, let us worship the One whose love sustains us,
whose incarnated life inspires us
whose Spirit is ever at play in our world.
Let us open ourselves to this life-giving Spirit
in and with us now.

Opening Prayer

Living One, open our lips
and we shall sing of your wonders.

Open our eyes
and we shall behold your glory.

Open our hearts
and we shall receive your embrace.

Open our minds
and we shall discover your wisdom.

Open our hands
and we shall show your generosity.

Open our flesh
and we shall embody your presence.

Hymn**“Spirit of Grace”**

Come fire of the Spirit, God’s presence revealing.
 Come love of the Trinity, live among us.
 Inspiring, uniting and giving us your healing—
 Strong Spirit bringing justice, good Spirit of grace.

You move in the cosmos, creating, redeeming.
 The bush and the desert, the rivers, the seas,
 You call us to cherish as stewards of your dreaming—
 We praise you living Spirit, good Spirit of grace.

You drive out suspicion, resentment, division.
 You foster inclusive community care.
 Empower us with passion and lead us into mission.
 We praise you Holy Spirit, good Spirit of grace.

The love of the Spirit, the love of Christ Jesus,
 The love of the Father, poured out in our midst.
 Creation’s new future will grow fresh among us;
 The gift of God’s good Spirit, the Spirit of grace.

Words: Robert Bos
 Tune: Kremser

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

ENCOUNTERING**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 5:1—7
 Luke 12:49—56

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

Hymn “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.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Words: Elizabeth Ann Porter Head
Tune: Spiritus Vitae

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People

The Disciple's 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 "Gift to the world"

We bring the gifts that you have brought us,
we sing the songs that you are teaching to us.
Take our lives, take our time, take our possessions;
make us your gift to the world,
make us your gift to the world.

Words and music: Robin Mann

Prayer of Dedication

God who formed the universe, all time and space,
we thank you for your love and care
expressed to us in so many ways
and through so many people.

*We delight in the gifts of this day
even as our hearts are set
on a more complete joy that is to come.*

*May your dreams be fulfilled
in and through us we pray, Amen.*

JOURNEYING

Hymn

“God gives us a future”

(TiS 687)

1

God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit’s power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

2

We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God’s new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

3

Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God’s life, and
find our future there.

Words: Elizabeth Smith
Tune: Camberwell

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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Guest Preacher

We welcome Rev. Esmond Dowdy today who will offer a Reflection on the Word while our Minister Christine is on annual leave.

Meeting of the Congregation

The Church Council has called for a Meeting of the Congregation on 27 October after morning tea. At this meeting, financials for 2019 will be presented along with the 2020 budget. We will also hold elections for new Church Council members, and Presbytery and Synod Representatives for 2020.

October Book Group

Tim Winton's memoir, *The Boy Behind the Curtain*, offers an intimate glimpse into Australian life and culture through the experience of one of our national treasurers. The group meets Mondays at 7:00 pm at the Manse. Please let Christine know if you want to be part of this enriching group so she can keep you in the loop.

Conversations by the Sea

Gather with friends to explore what incarnational, missional, inward-outward gazing worship might look like in our context. The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts (CMLA) is holding a creative worship event at St. Andrews on 7, 8, 9 October. The event will include daily worship, input from four extraordinary voices, creative art spaces, and a "big sing" in the evening. Consider attending the whole event or drop in to catch the vibe. See the CMLA webpage for more information.

Robin Mann: 50 Years of Song

On 24 August, 7:00 pm at Concordia College Chapel, Robin will lead 25 of his songs with his wife Dorothy, Kindekrist and a band of angels. It's a night to sing together, celebrate the faith we share, learn songs not yet known and get to know stories behind the songs. All money raised will support the education of refugee children in Africa via Australian Lutheran World Service Grace Project. Adults \$20, children \$10, family \$50. Tickets at the door or contact Robin on 0438 869 559.

Readings for Sunday 18th August 2019

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Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Rostered Duties

Prayers of the People:

Peta Thomas

Scripture Reader:

Chris Croucher

Morning Tea:

Janet Smith & Joy Dunning

Birthday Cake:

Kate Spyker

Welcomer:

David Brummitt

Side Door after Worship:

Chris Croucher

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:

10:00 am—11:30 am Ladies Sharing Group

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:

2:00—3:30 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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