

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



Sixth Sunday after the Pentecost
21st July 2019

The most important hour is always the present.
The most significant person is the one sitting across from you right now.
The most necessary work is always love.

—Meister Eckhart

GATHERING

Preparing the Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship “Sabbath Peace”

Take some time to stop for awhile;
rest your body, rest your mind.

Take some time for Sabbath peace, letting go with ease.

Words and music: Trish Watts

Opening Prayer

Hymn

“In the Love of God We Gather”

In the love of God we gather,
wooing, fulsome, strong and free.
Through the veil of faith we enter
drawn and held by Mystery.
Wounded by the trials of living,
buoyed by hope that will not end;
We, your people of compassion,
lift our eyes and rise again.

T’ward the light of Christ we open,
searching for his paths of peace.
Hearts affected, grace resurgent
lived and breathed creatively:
Parent, poet, teacher, farmer—
calls to share the Gift made known:
Currents of the deepest river,
coursing outward to the sea.

(Cont.)

Through the beauty of the Spirit
 by a love that moves the stars,
 we will find our truth and bearing
 in God's love-song for this world.
 Justice, mercy, peace and daring;
 these shall be our heart's desire!
 Folded into acts of service,
 faith refined through holy fire.

Words: Sean M. Gilbert
 Tune: Abbot's Leigh

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

ENCOUNTERING

Scripture Reading Luke 10:38-42

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

Reflection on the Word

RESPONDING**Prayers of the People**

We hold in the light of God's love
 someone whom we have met or remembered recently
 and for whom we want to pray...

We hold in the light of God's love
 someone who is hurting...

We hold in the light of God's love
 a troubled situation in our world...

We hold in the light of God's love
 someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust...

We hold in the light of God's love ourselves
 that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
 clarity of mind and will,
 and warmth of affection...

(from the Iona Community Worship Book)

Song "Be our light"

1

Be the light that shrouds the twilight.
 Be the friend that holds our fears.
 Be the home that fills our yearning.
 Be the stone that takes our tears.

Refrain:

Christ be our light.
 Whom shall we fear?
 Deep in the night Spirit draw near.

(Cont.)

2

Be the cry that whispers mercy.
 Be the seeker when we hide.
 Be the offering and the giver.
 Be the pathway and the guide. (*refrain*)

3

Be the sacrifice that breaks us.
 Be the shelter in the flood.
 Be the promise that remakes us.
 Be the parent who is good. (*refrain*)

Words: Craig Mitchell
 Music: David MacGregor

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

Life-giving God:
you fill us with dreams and visions
for how our lives and the world might be
and instil in us gifts and opportunities.

***Grant us the courage
to move with your Spirit
in ways of daring love and re-creation.***

Remove from our hearts and minds barriers that are made
by the way things have always been,
by the disappointment and failure of the past,
by the challenges in our present.

***For we believe your Spirit
is always doing a new thing
within the open and willing heart.
So give us fresh imagination and hope
for what, with you, we might be.***

May we not settle for small jobs
with measurable and predictable outcomes,
but be faithful to your Kingdom
where such things as everlasting peace, justice for all,
compassion, kindness,
and inclusive hospitality reign forever and ever.

Open the gates of your kingdom in us, O God. Amen.

JOURNEYING

Song “May our lives and our prayers be one”

Refrain:

May our lives and our prayers be one
as our hopes shape the roads we walk on.
And when our work and our dreaming's done
may our lives and our prayers be one.

Within the rhythm of our days
we take the time to muse and pray.
The fears we face, the tears we taste
we view in light of holy grace.

We name our deepest hopes and dreams
for those we love and all we need.
We picture how the world could be.
We live the change we want to see.

Words and music: Paul Somerville

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 Sunday 28th July 2019
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Rostered Duties

Prayers of the People:
Paul McGrath

Scripture Reader:
Joy Dunning

Morning Tea:
Judy Clayton & Lyn Anesbury

Birthday Cake:
Kate Spyker

Welcomer:
Joy Dunning

Side Door after Worship:
Chris Croucher & 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:

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:

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
7:30 pm—10:00 pm Evening Fellowship

Friday:

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

Saturday:

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