

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



Image by Daniel Nevins

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
25th August 2019

Our faithfulness will depend on our willingness to go where there is brokenness, loneliness, and human need. If the church has a future it is with the poor in whatever form.
—Henri Nouwen

GATHERING

Preparing the Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship

All who are bent over with worry,
this is a place of peace.

All who have something to celebrate,
this is a community of care.

All who feel lost and out of sorts,
this is a time to find ourselves in God.

All who are yearning and reaching,
this is a sacred space of prayer.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn

“God of creation”

God of creation, gentle life-giver
Present at birth and, all through our days
Author of sunrise, song in the night sky
Here in this place, we offer our praise

Jesus, companion, teacher and healer
Friend of the grieving, suffering, the poor
Stand with your people, whisper among us
Promise of mercy, goodness for all

Spirit of comfort, blow through creation
Stir up new life breathe peace through our world
Healer of hearts, and hope for tomorrow
Weave all our sorrows, into new dawn

Here we give thanks for life in its fulness
Blessings received, your gifts to us all
Make us a people filled with compassion
Selflessly giving, serving your world

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ENCOUNTERING

Responsive Psalm Reading verses from Psalm 71

Sung Response: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

Taize Community

In you, O my Beloved, do I take refuge;
let me never feel separated from You!
In your compassion come and refresh me;
listen to my cry, answer my plea! *(Response)*

Be to me a rock, a tower of strength,
a strong arm to uphold me,
as I abandon myself into your hands.
Be a very Presence to me as fear grips me,
as I grow old and my friends leave me. *(Response)*

For You, O Friend, are my hope,
my strength, since I was but a child.
Upon You have I trusted from my birth,
You whom I knew before my mother's womb.
I continually sing praises to You! *(Response)*

I am filled with gratitude
and sing your praises all the day.
Do not abandon me in my old age;
desert me not when my strength is spent,
or when my mind plays tricks with me.
O Friend, be not far from me;
O Beloved, come and enfold me in your Presence. *(Response)*

(from Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill)

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10—17

May your word live in us:

and bear much fruit to your glory.**Reflection on the Word*****RESPONDING*****Hymn**

“Beauty for brokenness”

(TiS 690)

1

Beauty for brokenness,
 hope for despair,
 Lord, in the suffering,
 this is our prayer.
 Bread for the children,
 justice, joy, peace,
 sunrise to sunset
 your kingdom increase.

2

Shelter for fragile lives,
 cures for their ills,
 work for the craftsmen,
 trade for their skills;
 land for the dispossessed,
 rights for the weak;
 voices to plead the cause
 of those who can't speak.

Refrain:

God of the poor,
 friend of the weak,
 give us compassion we pray;
 melt our cold hearts,
 let tears fall like rain.
 Come change our love
 from a spark to a flame.

3

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share,
peace to the killing-fields,
scorched earth to green;
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

4

Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need. (*Refrain*)

5

Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise. (*Refrain*)

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

On this new day, as darkness has given way to light,
may such natural movements of spirit
take place within each of us, Creator God.

Open us to new possibilities of loving service.

Raise in us a deeper purpose for being.

Inspire us to reach outward with compassion and care.

Make us your Body we pray, Amen.

Hymn

“The love we share”

The love we share is born of grace;
its beauty shines on every face.
The love we feel and daily give,
melts hurt and offers hope to live.

The love we share is touched with pain,
as grieving hearts weep once again.
The love we trust and seek to show,
links peace and hope as blessings flow.

The love we share will shed its light;
its brightness gilds the darkest night;
the love we name and vow to hold
awakens faith and dreams untold.

The love we share will always sing;
its music soars with joyous ring.
The love we cast and scatter free,
endures for all eternity.

Words: Helen Wiltshire
Tune: O Waly, Waly

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 18th August 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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