

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



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**27th October 2019**

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must!

—Pope Francis

## **GATHERING**

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

#### **Call to Worship**

“Come as you are”

(TiS 693)

1

“Come as you are:  
that’s how I want you.  
Come as you are;  
feel quite at home,  
close to my heart,  
loved and forgiven.  
Come as you are:  
why stand alone?”

2

“I came to call sinners,  
not just the righteous;  
I came to bring peace,  
not to condemn.  
Each time you fail  
to live by my promise,  
why do you think  
I’d love you the less?”

3

“Come as you are:  
that’s how I love you;  
come as you are,  
trust me again.  
Nothing can change  
the love that I bear you;  
all will be well,  
just come as you are.”

Words: Deidre Browne

#### **Opening Prayer**

We give thanks for your wide, embracing love  
that reaches beyond our wildest imagination,  
gathering into your heart each of us and all that we are.  
Here and now, we still our bodies  
and quiet our minds  
ready to receive what you wish to give...

(Cont.)

We pray:

***Pour out your Spirit of humility upon us  
that we might know our need for mercy  
and rise ennobled by your love. Amen.***

**We Sing**                    “Father of mercy, God of consolation”                    (TiS 472)

Father of mercy, God of consolation,  
look on your people, gathered here to praise you:  
pity our weakness, come in power to aid us,  
source of all blessing.

Son of the Father, Lord of all creation,  
come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners:  
grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit,  
heal us and save us.

Joy-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness,  
come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens:  
give us true courage, breathe your peace around us,  
stay with us always.

God in three persons, Father, Son and Spirit,  
come to renew us, fill your church with glory:  
grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection,  
foretaste of heaven.

Words: ICEL  
Tune: Christe Sanctorum

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

## ENCOUNTERING

**Prayer of Confession** with “Jesus Christ, Son of God” (TiS 729)

One: Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.

All: Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.

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**Words of Forgiveness**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 18:9-14

May your word live in us:

***and bear much fruit to your glory.***

**Reflection on the Word**

## RESPONDING

**Prayers of the People**

Response: In your mercy, hear our prayer,  
***and may your love flow through us.***

**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.

## Blessing of the New Hall Doors and Storage Spaces

Spirit of Christ,  
 who knocks on the door of every heart,  
 and is able to enter gently wherever  
 fear and indifference have taken hold:  
 We give thanks for the new doors to our church hall—  
 a space where bodies and souls are fed,  
 creativity and community are nourished.  
***May their presence renew and enable  
 our commitment to be welcoming and hospitable to all.***

By design they are transparent,  
 allowing us to see freely in and out.  
***Make us transparent like them—  
 simple and honest in our relating,  
 willing to share openly with others.***

We give thanks, too, for the new storage areas  
 that make it easier for us to receive and give,  
 strengthening your ministry of compassion and care.  
***Increase in us our concern for others.  
 Inspire us to extend ourselves in self-giving love.***

The gift of this new door and storage spaces  
 is a symbol of your call on us as a church—  
 a calling to be your instrument of love in Glenelg.  
***Open wide the door of our church, O God  
 and lead us out to be the spirit-filled Body of Christ. Amen.***

## ***JOURNEYING***

**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**



## St. Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church 27th October 2019

### Blessing and Meeting Today

As part of our worship this morning, we will bless the new hall door and storage spaces. The storage includes new refrigerators and renovated Room 2 which were made possible by a gift from Holdfast Council. These spaces will enable us to store fresh food and non-perishable items, making it easier to receive donations and distribute them throughout the year.

The new door is a gift from the bequest of Jean Farmer. The glass door will enable people to look in and out in all kinds of weather, increasing our hospitality during the week.

Following the blessing, you are invited to make a cuppa' in the courtyard and gather back in the church for a Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will include the election of new leaders and the presentation of the 2020 budget. All are welcome to attend.

### Sunday Lunch Group

Today, 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.

### Birthday Cake Day

October birthdays will be celebrated today, with a birthday cake, at morning tea.

If you had/have a birthday this month please join us for morning tea in the courtyard, to celebrate.

### Community Aid Pantry

Basic food items for our Community Aid programme can be brought along next Sunday. The pantry is urgently in need of long life milk.

Lisa McGrath  
Coordinator Community Aid

### Praying with the Moderator

The Synod of South Australia will meet in three weeks. In preparation, we pray for the Moderator-Elect Mr Bronte Wilson, the General Secretary Rev Felicity Amery, the Associate General Secretary Rev Sue Page and the Business Committee.

Mr Bronte Wilson is preparing himself to be the 20th Moderator of the South Australian Synod. Pray for him to experience a deep awareness of the Spirit of the living Christ with him, in all his deliberations. Ask for him to be equipped with every gift needed to chair the Synod meeting and for a peace to be with him.

Pray for the General Secretary to be equipped with all she will need to resource and guide the meeting.

Pray for Rev Sue Page and the Business Committee as the logistics of the whole meeting are arranged and the agenda for each day shaped.

Yours in Christ,  
Sue Ellis, Moderator

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

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

**Rostered Duties**

**Prayers of the People:**

Paul McGrath

**Scripture Reader:**

Judy Clayton

**Morning Tea:**

Peta and Peter Thomas

**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 - 12:00 pm Congregation Meeting  
1:00 Zoe Foundation bowling fundraiser  
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

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

**Friday:**

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

**Saturday:**

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