

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



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
29th September 2019

In a world that lives like a fist,
mercy is waking with your hands open.

—Mark Nepo

GATHERING

Preparing the Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship “When I Am Among the Trees” by Mary Oliver

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, “Stay awhile.”
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,
“and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine.”

Opening Prayer

Creator God,
who lifts the sun across the eastern sky:
***Awaken your Spirit within us
that we might embrace this new day
and all that is within it.***

Kindle the sleepy embers of your love in us
and illumine our hearts and minds with the Gospel.
***Draw us out of ourselves into Christ and community.
Enable us to shine with compassion and grace.***

Come to us, Spirit of God. ***Amen.***

Hymn

“Jesus calls us here to meet him”

(TiS 477)

Jesus calls us here to meet him
 as, through word and song and prayer,
 we affirm God’s promised presence
 where his people live and care.
 Praise the God who keeps his promise;
 praise the Son who calls us friends;
 praise the Spirit who, among us,
 to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
 Word of Life and Lord of All,
 sharer of our flesh and frailness
 saving all who fail or fall.
 Tell his holy human story;
 tell his tales that all may hear;
 tell the world that Christ in glory
 came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:
 found in him are no divides.
 Race and class and sex and language
 such are barriers he derides.
 Join the hand of friend and stranger;
 join the hands of age and youth;
 join the faithful and the doubter
 in their common search for truth.

Words: John Bell
 Tune: Gaelic Air

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ENCOUNTERING

Hymn

“Send us your Spirit”

Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.

Words and music: David Haas

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

May your word live in us:

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Reflection on the Word

RESPONDING

Hymn

“Abundant life”

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,
for we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears,
and war horns sound their warning.

God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life, in oneness with their neighbour.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life’s goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour,
that all might have abundant life and peace endure forever.

Words: Ruth Duck
Tune: Abundant Life

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

Lord, open our eyes,
that we may see you
In our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears,
That we may hear the cries
of the hungry, the cold,
the frightened, the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts,
that we may love each other
as you love us.

Renew us in your Spirit.
Free us and make us one. Amen.

by Mother Teresa

JOURNEYING

Hymn “Made in God’s likeness” (TiS 671)

Refrain

Made in God’s likeness, moved by the Spirit,
 called to create a new world with the Lord,
 called to create a new world with the Lord.

Birds in the mountains sing of your praises,
 called in the morning to tell of your love;
 bell-birds and whip-birds sing of creation,
 celebrate always that Christ is the King.

(Cont.)

Summoned at noon-tide, come now and follow,
 joyfully marching wherever you lead;
 roller birds stuntmen, kingfishers' laughter,
 clowns of creation in the circus of God.

(Refrain)

Called in the night-time to act in your drama,
 to take on the Christ role, your script in our hearts;
 masked owl and bower-bird teach us to study
 the part we must play and the gifts we can share.

(Refrain)

Called now at all times to wait on the Father,
 follow his lead as he partners our dance;
 broilga bird dances, retreats, and, returning,
 bowing at last to his partner, the Lord.

(Refrain)

Words: Patricia Lewis
 Music: Alister Spence

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 6th October 2019
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6
Lamentations 3:19-26
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Rostered Duties

Prayers of the People:

Chris Croucher

Scripture Reader:

Peta Thomas

Morning Tea:

Peter and Peta Thomas

Birthday Cake:

Minetta Grose

Welcomer:

Lyn Anesbury

Side Door after Worship:

Julie Ferguson and 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:

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 pm—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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