



WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, FORREST ACT

Epiphany 4

Sunday 2nd February 2025 9am

Greeting: May the peace of the Holy One,
Holy Three be with you all.
And also with you.

Image from Daily Reflection: "Jesus about to be thrown off the cliff in Nazareth"

Acknowledgement of Country:

*Let us acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples, The first inhabitants of this place,
Part of God's good creation.*

We honour them for their custodianship of the land On which we gather today.

You set humanity at the heart of your creation, O God,

Charging us with your stewardship of all you have made.

We give thanks for those who have heeded your call.

Safe Place Statement

*The Uniting Church in Australia believes that all people are made in the image of God,
and so we accept every individual regardless of race, age, creed, sexuality and gender.*

Let's light the Community Candle from the Christ Candle

Remembering all those live-streaming with us today, and our extended communities!

Call to Worship

Lord, in Your mercy, open our hearts.

Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We pray for those who are spiritually empty -

who are troubled, but don't know where to turn;

who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look;

who need You, but do not yet know You.

Lord, in Your mercy, open our hearts.

Welcoming Song The Colossian Hymn Music: Malcolm Gordon, Arr: Fiona Chua

1. We look to Jesus, seeing God who can't be seen
We look to Jesus, seeing life as it should be.
We look to Jesus, in whom everything began.
For in this Jesus, we all find a place to stand.

Chorus:

Life began in you, Lord of all you hold us true

All the world is home in your hands.

Life is found in you, all that's broken will be new

Heaven's heart lies open to us now.

2. We look to Jesus, seeing God in purest grace.
We look to Jesus, where we find our truest place.
We look to Jesus, leading us beyond the grave.
For in this Jesus, all creation can be saved.

Chorus

You are reconciling, making peace through your blood
You're the new beginning for this world.

Heaven and earth are brimming with the life that you
bring

You're the morning star that lights the way.

Chorus (x2)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession ...

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

All-Age Story: (Bruce)

Children's Song **The Body Song** Anonymous

1. Oh a body can't walk on its nose
and a body can't eat with its toes.
'Cause each little member has a special work to do
to make the body grow.

Chorus

*Oh I can't do without you
and you can't do without me
'Cause each little member has a special work to do
to make the body grow.*

2. Oh what if the body were all hair?
And how can an eye sit in a chair?
'Cause each little member has a special work to do
to make the body grow.

Chorus

OT Reading: Psalm 71: 1-6 (Page 463 in the pew Bible)

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 21-30 (Page 835 in the pew Bible)

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Preaching: Rev. Bruce: "New Creation Sermon 4 - What is it to be Human?"

Offering Song **TiS 324 Nunc Dimittis**

Trad. American melody, Arr: Annabel Buchanan, Words: James Quinn, based on Luke 2:29-35)

Offering Prayer ...

Prayers of the People

This week, the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle directs us to Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara and Tunisia. And of course, we are still acutely focussed on Israel, Palestine and Ukraine ...

Let's join in offering the Lord'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 in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING OUT

Announcements

Sending Song **TiS 749 Thuma Mina**

Music and Words: Trad. South African, Arr: Anders Nyberg

Blessing

... and morning tea/coffee – our fellowship is also part of our worship!



Worship Team:

Preacher: Rev Bruce Stevens, **Liturgist:** Robert James

Music Coordinator: Jade McFaul

Musicians: Rob Woolston (piano), Lorraine Clode and Phil Knight (vocals)

Readers: Chris & Harold Small

Duty Elder: Lorraine Billingham, **Stewards:** Kerri & Rob Henderson

Video: Phillip Bruen, **Sound:** Sam Launt

Morning Tea: Jeanne James, Gillian and Stuart Phillpot

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