Uniting Church in Australia
Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest
Sunday 15 March 2020

LENT 3

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude JS Bach: Passacaglia in C minor BWV 582

Welcome and news

Leaning in (Rom 5:6-11)
a bird falls, wings
resting, to be caught by clouds:
life in the Spirit

Sarah Agnew

Greeting

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

Choir: Introit

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

(TIS: Hymn No 454, v1)

Call to worship

Children of God, it's time to take off your shoes,
Let go of the anxieties and worries, and
Wade with trust into the stream of God's compassionate grace.
We come to be still for a moment,
to gather in holy time and space.
Let the healing waters wash your heart.
Take a deep breath as Love soaks into your soul.
We come to know again that we belong,
We are treasured by God,
Listen to the whispering of God
Let the conversations with God begin
We come with our questions
And with our deep desires
To re-orientate our lives in God.
(*St Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, NZ*)

Hymn 143 Immortal, invisible

Prayers: Adoration, Confession, Assurance of Grace

Psalm 95 *and* Gift of Faith *(Romans 5:1–5)* Sarah Agnew

TiS 409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us

Lighting the candle

Beside Jacob's well

By the well of Jacob,
Jesus met a woman;
by the well of Jacob,
on foreign, enemy land.

By the well of Jacob,
Jesus asked the woman:
from the well of Jacob
to draw him, please, a drink.

By the well of Jacob
the woman asked him, Why,
by the well of Jacob
he came, he stopped, he spoke?

By the well of Jacob
Jesus told her of water
that neither the well of Jacob,
nor any other well could supply.

By the well of Jacob,
her thirst fast awakened
by the well of Jesus,
holy mystery of life.

To the well of Jacob
she summoned her neighbours – friends;
where, at the well of Jacob,
once she had been alone.

By the well of Jacob,
Jesus' friends now returned;
by the well of Jacob, you're
doing what? They were
bemused.

By the well of Jacob,
they offered him food to eat;
at the well of Life I eat,
by living the Way of Love.

By the well of Jacob,
Jesus met a woman;
by the well of Jacob,
on foreign, enemy land.

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Entering the Story

Bible readings

Old Testament	Exodus 17:1-7	page: 56
Gospel	John 4:5-24	page: 864

Response

Your word, oh Lord, is a lamp to my feet.
And a light to my path. Reader: Dewi Leach

Choir: Anthem

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word,
that you shall grow thereby.

Grow in peace and may the blessing
of the Lord be upon you.
The Lord shall with his holy oil anoint you,
and you shall know his grace.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
I will give you a new heart,
I will put my spirit within you
and you shall live by my statutes.
Amen.

Words: from 2 Peter 3:18, 1 Peter 2:2 and Ezekiel 36: 25 – 26
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Preaching

Hymn 652 Come to us, creative Spirit

Sent into the World

Prayers of the people: 'Around the Well' John van de Laar

Offering and Dedication

Interlude Felix Mendelssohn: Sonata No. 1 in F minor, 2nd Movement (Adagio)

Hymn 28 God is our strength and refuge

Commissioning and Blessing

Postlude JS Bach: Fugue in G Minor BWV 542

Liturgist: Rev Dr Sarah Agnew | Preacher: Rev Gregor Henderson
Director of Music: Catherine Lukin
Organist: Mary Anne Neilson
Wesley Music Scholar: Dominic Lukin (voice)

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