

Canberra Wesley Uniting Church
Sunday 16th August, 2020 @ 1000 hrs
Pentecost Eleven

SERVICE FROM CHURCH AND ON ZOOM

Preparation for worship:

The readings for today are from:

Genesis 45:1-15;

Matthew 15: 21-28

Prepare your heart, mind and body as we approach the start of our service at 10.00 a.m.

The liturgical colour for the season of Pentecost is green. You may wish to have some green, like a pot plant, near you.

Prelude – Meditation on "Brother, sister, let me serve you" TIS 650 -
Brendon Lukin

Welcome and Notices – Graeme Brown

Call to Worship –

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

(Ps 133:1-3)

Amen.

Prayer

God our Father, saturate us with your presence this hour,
as we offer you our sacrifice of praise.

Amen.

Hymn: TiS 454 - *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

*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.*

*Low at His feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on His heart He will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way best for you.*

*Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to bring to His throne.*

*These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.*

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bring, and adore Him: the Lord is His name.*

John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811-75 *alt*
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Prayers

Adoration

Father, we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we love you.
Jesus, we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we love you.
Spirit, we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we love you.
(TiS 716)

Thanksgiving

God, Father of Christ, mothering creation, we thank you for Jesus,
crucified, risen and reigning.

*We walk in the dignity of Christ, we leap in the compassion of
Christ,
we praise Christ's holy name.*

Christ, Saviour of humanity, restorer of life and health, we thank you for dying and rising for us, for travelling our human journey.

We walk in the dignity of Christ, we leap in the compassion of Christ, we praise

Christ's holy name.

Spirit, Bringer of Christ into community today, we thank you for making present among us the dying and risen Christ.

We walk in the dignity of Christ, we leap in the compassion of Christ, we praise

Christ's holy name.

Eternal God, Three yet One, we praise your holy name.

Amen. (UCA *Uniting in Worship 2*)

Confession

Almighty and loving God, we have failed to love you with all our heart and to acknowledge you as our Creator: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to take part as disciples of Christ in the new creation he has brought: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have failed to open our lives to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. (David Beswick -
<http://www.beswick.info/rcresources/20A9099OS.htm>)

Word of assurance

Friends, The Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.
Here, then, Christ's word of blessing, 'Your sins are forgiven.'
(Mark 2:5)

Thanks be to God.

Children's time – Jules Wright

Hymn: TiS 229 - *Jesus loves me this I know*

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
and the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.*

Yes, Jesus loves me,

*yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.'
Yes, Jesus loves me ...*

*Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me ...*

Anna Bartlett Warner 1820-1915

Rewritten by David Rutherford McGuire 1929-71 alt.

Words c Mrs Cherie McGuire

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Bible Readings – Sonia Di Mezza

Genesis 45:1-15

Matthew 15: 21-28

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you

who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Response

Your word, oh Lord, is a lamp to my feet,
and a light to my path.

Anthem

Salut d'Amour (Liebesgruss) Opus. 12 (1888) - Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

Bernive Chau, piano; Sam Jenkin, violin; Sarah Zhu, viola

Preaching of the Word

Hymn: TiS – 607 - *Make me a channel of your peace*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;

where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;

where there is darkness, let me bring your light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Based on an anonymous prayer (?French) c.1900

This version by Johann Sebastian Templehoff ('Sebastian Temple')

1928

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Prayer of Intercession

“The Kingdom of God is justice and peace

And joy in the Holy Spirit

Come, Lord and open in us the gates of your Kingdom”

God of Love, how wonderful it is for us all to know that You love us, no matter our ethnicity, our poverty, our gender, our age and our sexuality.

We thank You that in your Kingdom we find radical welcome and inclusion for all, including ourselves.

We delight in your parental love.

In Your Kingdom there is justice and peace,
but we know that this is not the experience of everyone today.

Bring Your Kingdom Lord.

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace...

God of Justice, we pray for people who find themselves caught up in conflict.

For those navigating difficult relationship and making hard decisions.

For those who have experienced discrimination and unfairness.

For those caught up in dangerous situations around the world.

We pray for people who find themselves on the margins.

For those who feel they don't quite fit in or are being left out.

For those who don't want others to know they are struggling.

For those who can't access the things we take for granted because of poverty or disability.

Break down the barriers, oh Lord, and

Bring Your Kingdom Lord.

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace...

God of Peace, we pray for Your church.

For our parish and the groups who gather here each week.

We pray for those who are mourning, who are sick and lonely.

We pray for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Strengthen and encourage us Lord.

As we settle into new rhythms of life,

we remember those who have suffered

and are struggling with the effects of the pandemic.

We pray for those who are trying to trying to adjust to changing environments,

and for those who are losing hope.

Bring Your Kingdom Lord.

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace...

Amen.

Offering

Hymn: TiS – 640 - *Yesu, Yesu*

*Kneels at the feet of His friends,
silently washes their feet:
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from You.*

*Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away. Refrain*

*These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and You. Refrain*

*Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with You. Refrain*

Thomas Stevenson Colvin 1925– & people of Ghana alt.
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Blessing

Father God, the gathering of your people is ending.
Send us out into your world with the sensitivity required
to live life as if we are in your kingdom at all the times.

And, may the blessings of God Almighty
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you all, now and forever.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Fugue in G major - J.S. Bach (1685-175)