

Kangaroo Flat & Chum Street Uniting Church  
Zoom Worship Service – Sunday 3rd October 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: TiS 135

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,*

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky;  
*All things bright and beautiful,*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one;  
*All things bright and beautiful,*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.  
*All things bright and beautiful,*

*Brad Printz / Cecil Alexander*

Opening Prayer and Welcome

PRAYER of Confession and Thanksgiving

SONG: TiS 474

Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones  
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*Marty Haugen*

**BIBLE READINGS:**

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of  
all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of  
God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things  
by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at  
the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to  
angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

## **Hebrews 2:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup> But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,

<sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

## **Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We are a pilgrim people –

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.**

**In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,  
the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.**

**We acknowledge that we live and work  
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection  
and the final consummation of all things  
which he will bring.**

**We are a pilgrim people,  
always on the way towards a promised goal;  
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,  
and we have the gift of the Spirit  
in order that we may not lose the way.**

**We will live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
bearing witness to that unity  
which is both Christ's gift and his will.**

**We affirm that every member of the church  
is engaged to confess that faith of Christ crucified.**

**Together with all the people of God,  
we will serve the world for which Christ died.**

**And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & OFFERING THANKS

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### HYMN: TIS 209/AHB 138

- 1. And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain —  
for me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**

2. 'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:  
who can explore this strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.
  
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night:  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
  
5. No condemnation now I dread:  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

No matter who you are, or where you are  
on life's journey, you are welcome  
at this table with its' symbols of God's Creative Presence.

**In company with all who seek nourishment at this table,  
we come to celebrate community, and to share  
these life-giving symbols.**

It is right and our joy to give thanks.  
We celebrate the changing mood of nature:  
for sunshine and showers of a spring day,  
for the nesting and cheerfulness of birds,  
and the flowers of bush and garden,  
wattle, heath, and bottle brush.  
We give thanks, O Holy God.

We who hold all such good things in trust,  
in the company of each other,  
and in company with people throughout the world  
declare as generations before us have declared:

**ALL Holy, holy, holy, hope-breathing God,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

**ALL Hosanna in the highest.**

And we celebrate our knowledge of Jesus the Companion,  
who taught all to care for the birds of the air,  
and the grass of the paddock;  
living expressions of the Spirit of Life in our midst.  
We remember that night among friends,  
reclined at table... Jesus again shared a meal with his friends.  
Through grain and grape, bread and wine,  
and in fellowship together,  
Jesus spoke of his enduring love for each of them.

**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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

So we take this bread and this wine  
mindful of the Spirit at work in our lives.  
Thus making our living a source of renewal and hope.  
**Amen.**

We break this bread in celebration of the great truth  
that on this tiny planet, hurtling through cold, empty space,  
death is made the servant of life,  
and out of death, life is forever resurrected.

This cup with its fruit of the vine,  
is a celebration that things are not always as they seem:  
that out of faithfulness and steadfastness,  
out of suffering and sorrow,  
may come unsought blessings.

To eat and drink together reminds us  
of the deeper aspects of human fellowship,  
for from time immemorial  
the sharing of bread and wine has been  
the most universal of all symbols of community.



*People partake of the bread and the cup*

**HYMN: TIS 613/AHB 546**

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

*Joyce Placzek.(Jan Struther) (c) Oxford University Press*

**BLESSING:**

**BLESSING SONG: TIS 745**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

*Karen Lafferty 1948 -*

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based on Matthew 6: 33, 7:7 and Deuteronomy 8:3*