

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

25th August 2019

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation, past and present, and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Worth Pondering

“Let there be spaces in your togetherness,
and let the winds of the heavens dance between you”

(Kahlil Gibran)

**Our Church is a safe place for all people to worship
regardless of race, creed, cultural background or sexual identity**

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**Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while we wait on thee
Hushed our hearts to listen in expectancy.**

**Speak, O Blessed Master, in this quiet hour;
Let us see thy face Lord, feel thy touch of power.**

Emily May Grimes 1868-1927

Welcome.

Your presence here enriches all of us and our time of celebration together.

Opening Sentences

We are moved to awe and wonder at the grandeur,
the poetry, the richness of natural beauty.

It fills us with joy and thanksgiving.

And then all that has divided us will merge
and compassion will be wedded to power,

**Softness and wonder will come to a world that is harsh
and unkind.**

And then both men and women will be gentle;

both women and men will be strong.

And then no person will be subject to another's will

All will be rich and free and varied

And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many.

All will share equally in Earth's abundance

And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old.

All will nourish the young

And then all will cherish life's creatures

All will live in harmony with each other and the Earth.

HYMN: TIS 106

1. **Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

2. **May this bounteous God
through all our life be near
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

3. **All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now.
and shall be evermore.**

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649

tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt.

Sharing 'The peace'

The peace of our Lord be with you

And also with you

(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours)

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating;

who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new;

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence;

to love and serve others;

to seek justice and resist evil;

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: TIS 129

- 1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
was blind, but now I see.**
- 2. As grace first taught my heart to fear
so grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

4. **The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

John Newton 1725-1807 alt.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD:

Let us hear what God the LORD will speak.

**God will speak peace to the people, the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?"

¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

In the testimony of God's people

We hear the Word of the Lord

HYMN: TIS 447

1. **Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

2. **Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.**

3. **Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

4. **Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.**

John Marriott 1780-1825 alt.

HYMN: TIS 609

1. **May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.**

2. **May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.**

3. **May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

4. **May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.**

5. **May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

Katie Barclay Wilkinson 1859-1928 alt.

NOTICES:

OFFERING:

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

Joys and Celebrations; Grievs and Concerns shared

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN: TIS 626

1. **Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.**
2. **Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil,
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.**
3. **Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind:
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.**
4. **Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.**
5. **Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if ever I leave you I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.**

Jack Copley Winslow 1882-1974 alt.

BENEDICTION:

Go into this week embraced by the steadfast love of God,
overflowing with fullness of life in Jesus Christ
strengthened by the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN: TIS 779

**May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight,
May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.**

**May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.**

Aubrey Podlich 1946–

HYMN: TIS 778

**Shalom to you now,
shalom my friends.
May God's full mercy
bless you my friends.
In all your living
and through your loving;
Christ be your shalom.
Christ be your shalom.**

Elise Shoemaker Eslinger 1942–