

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
Frontier Services – Sunday 13th October 2019

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST PEOPLES:

From river to ocean, from campfire to hearth,

**May the First People who have cared
for this Land be blessed.**

From breath to song, from step to dance,

**May those who follow Your Songlines guide us
on the journey of living honourably in this place.**

From greeting to Amen, from silence to chorus,

**May our worship join with the voices of the
First Peoples of this Land.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: TIS 52/AHB 115

**Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to his house with thanksgiving
let us come before the Lord and sing!**

*Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything.*

**In his hands are the earth's deep places
and the strength of the hills is his;
all the sea is the Lord's for he made it,
by his hands the dry land was formed.**

Praise our Maker

**Let us worship the Lord our Maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,
he will guide us by his powerful hand.**

Praise our Maker

**Let today be the time when you hear him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as his people did in time of old.**

***Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything.***

Richard Thomas Bewes 1934–

ADORATION:

Through the timelessness of creation
Through the wonder of the night sky
Through the fresh blades of grass after rain
Through the mighty red gums and flowering wattles
Through the desert sands and verdant forests
Through tiny rock pools and flowing rivers
Through ancient sea beds and rejuvenating grasslands
We see your glory and honour your name
Mighty creator, hovering Spirit, abundant life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Hear again the words of grace offered by Jesus Christ “Your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

‘TINA the Tree’ –

HYMN: ate 206

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.**

**You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

You alone are my strength, my shield

**You're my friend and you are my brother
even though you are a King.**

**I love you more than any other,
so much more than any thing.**

You alone are my strength, my shield

Martin Nystrom 1956–

BIBLE READINGS:

Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

(Psalm 119:105)

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Psalms 65: 5^b–13 (NRSV)

^{5^b} O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

⁶ **By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.**

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your
signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;
**you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.**

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

¹¹ **You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³ **the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: TIS 188

**Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.**

**Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird,
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.**

**Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.**

**Now, people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.**

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'Frontier Services' –

OFFERING:

"For you – deep stillness"

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;
For you, deep blue of the desert skies;
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones;
For you, sweet water from hidden springs,
From the edges seek the heartlands,
and when you're burnt by the journey,
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you,
In the name of Christ,
In the name of Christ.

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NOTICES:

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

May the Creator Spirit

continue to hover over this land of many contrasts, cultures and peoples.

May Christ walk alongside us as we move in His presence.

**May the cool wind of the Spirit refresh, replenish and
restore our souls.**

And may the land speak to us in such a way that we may see, feel and hear God the Creator, God the Spirit and God the Son in the cool evening murmur of the breeze.

Praise be to God.

Pastor Gary Ferguson

Bush Chaplain – Ceduna Remote Area

HYMN: MHB 538 (*tune – 'What a Friend we have in Jesus'*)

**God of gumtree and of quandong,
granite rocks and rolling plain;
God of pasture, sheep and cattle,
fallow land and crops and grain:
You are always here around us
even when we do not know.
Help us realise your presence
that our Spirit life may grow.**

**Ploughing, seeding, patient waiting
for the harvest of the soil;
Shearing, branding, culling, feeding,
You are with us in our toil.
In the workshop, store and office,
classroom, kitchen, garden, too.
Help us see your gift and glory,
serve you well in all we do.**

**Scattered in our congregations
yet one body called to be;
reaching out to fellow Christians,
serving the community.
Thanks to You for love that binds us;
for the strength to do your will.
Father keep us true and faithful;
may we love and serve you still.**

Neville Threlfall

BENEDICTION:

HYMN: TIS 778

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

Elise Shoemaker Eslinger 1942–