

**St Stephens Williamstown  
Uniting Church in Australia**



**Service of the Word + Holy Communion**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Year A**  
**Proper 28A/OT 33A**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 9:30AM**

*Offering – place in Offertory Bowl prior to Call to  
Worship*

*Congregational responses are printed in bold type*  
**MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT AS PEOPLE GATHER**

**God's People Gather**

**Call to Worship**

Sing this new day we can now gather

**Blesséd God we have waited, we come in your  
presence.**

Sing a new song in different ways.

**Awaken new pilgrims, we come young and elderly.**

Sing to the light God is calling us in changing times.

**So, with hearts of faith we come to worship our  
God. Amen.**

**Song: TIS 474 Here is this place**

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 the 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 of the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughter,  
Call us anew to be salt of 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 some building confining,  
Not in some heaven light years away,  
But here in this space, 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 bone.

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## **Opening Prayer**

### **Acknowledgement to Country**

### **Greetings / Welcome**

The grace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of Confession *Psalm 123***

*Let us pray:*

**To you we lift up our eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud. **Amen.**

## **Assurance**

We have not always trusted God...

...This richness forgives and gives even more.

In Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Song: 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  
Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to consoled  
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.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to consoled  
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 pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving of ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

### **Listen for God's Word**

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet. **A light to our path**

**Judges 4:1-7** *Deborah – Prophetess, Judge, Leader, Partner*  
4The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup>So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. <sup>3</sup>Then the

Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

<sup>4</sup>At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. <sup>5</sup>She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup>She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. <sup>7</sup>I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

**Lord, may we meditate on these words of scripture and come to a deeper understanding of their meaning for our time.**

**Reflection:** *Rev S. Juliette Maua’i*

**Song: TIS 599**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, nothing, Lord, would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love, my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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### **Response to God’s Word**

**Offertory Prayer** *Offering brought forward*

**Notices – Life’s joys and community concerns**

**Prayers of the People** - *No Lord’s Prayer / Heather Russell*

### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Song: Let us break bread together with the Lord!**

Let us break bread together with the Lord!  
Let us break bread together with the Lord!  
*As we travel through this land, all God’s children  
hand in hand,  
Lord, fill all our living with your life.*

Let us drink wine together with the Lord.....

Let us sing songs together with the Lord.....

Let us all work together for the Lord.....

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## **Invitation**

We come to this table of the Lord...

... We are called to love God, our neighbours, and ourselves.

*People stand*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

May God be with you.

## **And, also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

## **We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to our good God.

## **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

We praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Please be seated*

## **Institution of the Lord's Supper**

*Le Atua e Paia*, Holy God

*Le Atua e oi le lagi ma le lalolagi*, God of heaven and earth,

*Le Atua e: Tina/Tamā, le Alo, ma le Agaga Paia*,

God: Mother/Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

We thank you for our brother, Jesus, who showed us how to love our neighbour by speaking openly with a despised woman at noontime.

for healing a blind outcast who had almost given up hope.

for feeding 5,000 travellers with a miracle of generosity.

by working through a Samaritan who helped a stranger who had been beaten, robbed.

for reminding us that the greatest law is to love you, and our neighbour as ourselves.

So, gathered in this community we pray the prayer

Jesus taught us:

## **The Lord's Prayer...**

*(prayerfully pray the Lord's Prayer in the language/version of your choice)*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**     *remain seated*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of grace,  
You renew us at your table with the bread of life and  
cup of salvation  
Gathered in the heat of the morning,  
thankful we are worshiping you in community.  
Strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each  
other, for others.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **Sending Out**

**Song: TIS 720**

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le – lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, hal-le – lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, hal-le – lu-jah!  
Hal -le– lu-jah, hal -le– lu-jah!

### **Blessing/Dismissal**

Go out as people of the light:  
Ready to serve, eager to give, delighted to love.  
May you know deeply the presence of God: Creator,  
Christ, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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