

ORMOND UNITING CHURCH



16TH MAY

EASTER 7



Congregational responses are printed in bold type

WELCOME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow
The advice of the wicked or take the path
that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers
but their delight is in the law of the Lord

They are like trees planted by streams of water
Which yield their fruit in its season
And their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do they prosper.

Psalm 1

HYMN TIS 430 Your words to me are life and health

Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal.

Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day they show
their wisdom, passing human thought,
as in their truth I grow.

Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.

Your words are perfected in One,
yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.

George Currie Martin
1865-1837 *alt*

PRAYERS OF GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

God , you offer us eternal life, the knowledge of you through our relationship with Jesus your Word.
How strange that we sometimes cannot seem to find you.
You are in all things and all are in you
This is the central conviction of our lives.

Nourish us with this eternal life that we may always be Your people.
Inspire us with new hopes, drag us from our safe hiding places.
We are Yours, safe in our lives with you however life unfolds.
**Despite all our brokenness and the fractures within the world,
You call us to be one.**

Unite us, all your people, through the depths of the compassion we afford to others.
Touch our eyes with healing that we may look without fear on your holy light which makes all things new.
Give us your grace that we may reach out to others in the world and through our love others may come to believe .
Open us to your truth that we may find our joy within it.

**May our hearts be pure, to see you
May our hearts be humble, to hear you
May our hearts be loving , to serve you
And may our hearts be faithful, to abide in you. Amen**

EARLY WORD

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Needing another witness since the betrayal by and death of Judas, the disciples elect Matthias. It was between him and another unknown, Justus, that they are to discern. Both men have been witnesses since the beginning of Jesus' ministry and so both are qualified . The disciples pray earnestly and cast lots and Matthias is chosen.

How might Matthias and Justus have felt once this decision was made?

How do we make decisions of discernment in the church?

Should we feel disappointed if we are not chosen or do we understand that God is for us but perhaps a particular vocation may not be right for us or we may not be the right choice?

We continue to have a vital ministry, whatever our role.

HYMN TIS 609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

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.

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.

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

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

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.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

EPISTLE 1 John 5: 9-13

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: John 17: 6-19

This is Jesus' High Priestly prayer, a conversation between Jesus and the Father that the writer John probably has imagined rather than overheard.

As you listen to this densely packed passage you will hear Jesus' request that the disciples might be united as one, as the Father and Son are united, that they may have joy,

that they be victorious over the evil one and that they fulfill their mission to represent Christ to the world by their unity in love.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

HYMN TIS 417 Loving spirit, loving spirit

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me

Shirley Erena Murray 1931-

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

prepared by Warwick Barry

HYMN (tune Morning Has Broken, Bunessan)

God of Creation,
Gentle life-giver
Present at birth and
All through our days
Author of sunrise
Song in the night sky,
Here in this place
We offer our praise

Jesus, Companion,
Teacher and healer,
Friend of the grieving,
Suffering, poor
Stand with your people,
Whisper among us,
Promise of mercy,
Goodness for all

Spirit of comfort
Blow through creation,
Stir up new life, breathe
Peace through our world.
Healer of hearts, and
Hope for tomorrow,
Weave all our sorrows
Into new dawn.

Here we give thanks for
Life in its fulness
Blessings received
Your gifts to us all.
Make us a people
Filled with compassion
Selflessly giving,
Serving your world

c Craig Mitchell 2010

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

May the Divine Healer mend our ragged hopes and tattered ideals
May the Divine Nurse nurture our faint faith
May the Divine Physician restore our listless lives and limping love
May we go forth, blessed and whole, strong to bear Christ's love to the world.

(adapted from Bruce Prewer)

WORD OF MISSION

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

HYMN TIS 383

***O let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out Halleluiah
He is risen and opens heav'n for all those who believe.***

Joyful the morning when Jesus Christ is risen!
Golden light is dawning, the dayspring radiant shines,
all the hosts of heaven raise on high their psalms divine.

O Let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'
He is risen, and opens heav'n for all those who believe.

Now earth awaking is raising shouts of praise,
'Jesus now is risen!' All creatures now rejoice –
they are in the care again of their triumphant Lord.

*O Let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'
He is risen, and opens heav'n for all those who believe.*

All peoples living in lands washed by the seas,
nations under all four directions of the wind,
can be joyful in the resurrection of the Lord.

*O Let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'
He is risen, and opens heav'n for all those who believe.*

Traditional Torres Strait Islands hymn
tr. David Thompson 1941-
adapted by Wesley Milgate 1916-

POSTLUDE

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NEWS AND NOTICES

MORNING TEA (COVID-SAFE STYLE) IS BACK

Morning tea looks a bit different

After the service please make your way to the morning tea room and:

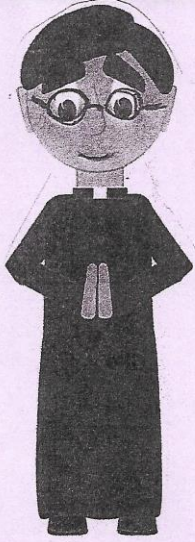
- Collect your own cuppa from the servery. It will be poured by the servers and they will add your milk and sugar.
- Take your own cup to the dishwasher tray, empty any dregs into the jug and place your cup upside down in the tray and put any rubbish in the bin.
- Food will be served to you by servers wearing gloves and using tongs.
- Please don't assist anyone else - the servers will do this.

Thanks to everyone for helping keep us safe.

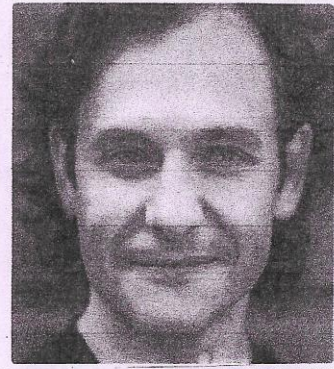
Robyn & Dianne

ROSTER for Sunday 23 May 2021

READING	Gary Richter	
PRAYERS	David Baxter	
EARLY WORD	Heather Baxter	
DOOR DUTY	Frank Ortolin	Neville Parker
SOUND	Graeme Davenport	
COUNTING	Brian Moore	Gary Richter
MORNING TEA	Jan Davenport	Dot & Jan Rose
MUSIC	Peter Hurley	
RESOURCES DELIVERY -21 May '21	Mardie Townsend	

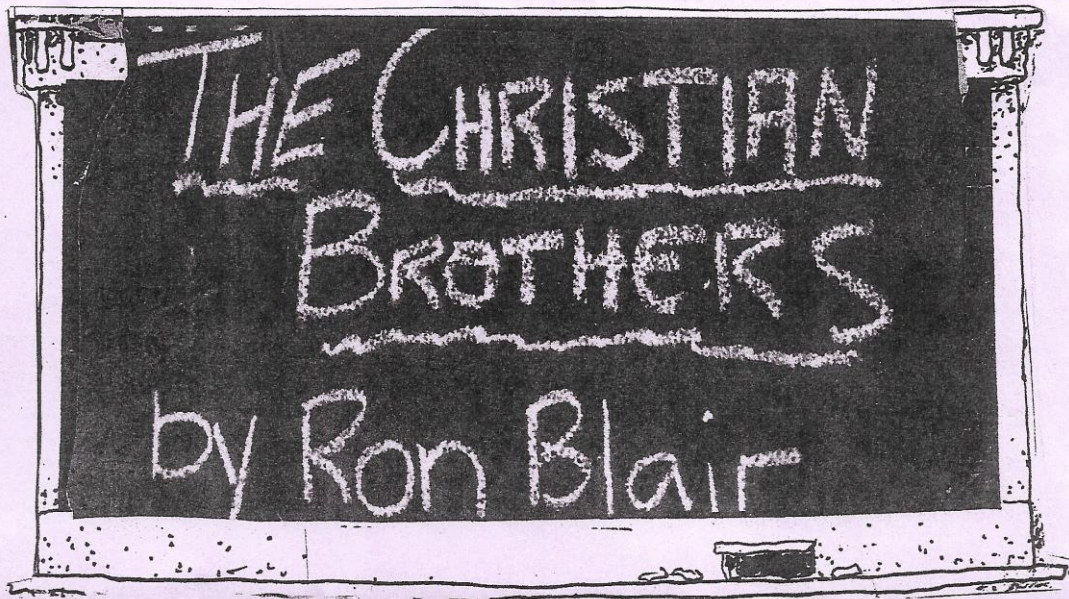


ADELPHI Players Theatre Company



MATTHIAS KOOTZ as BROTHER JOHN

Join the classroom of Brother John in this entertaining and often hilarious award-winning play



Thursday June 24th at 8 p.m.

Friday June 25th at 8 p.m.

Saturday June 26th at 2 p.m.

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Sunday June 27th at 2 p.m.

ALL TICKETS \$10 (cash only)

Book your seat on 9690-1593

or 9578-0952

*** Bookings essential**

PERFORMANCES At :

**BOORAN ROAD HALL
264 BOORAN ROAD, ORMOND**

Near Cnr. Booran & North Rds.

***Next to the Ormond Uniting Church**

***Ample parking in Booran Rd.**

ORMOND UNITING CHURCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held after worship on

SUNDAY 30TH MAY, 2021 at 11.00am

Documents for discussion in the meeting will be distributed from **Friday 21st May**. They will be sent by email and distributed in hard copy. If you do not receive them, please contact the church office on 9578 1553.

Please put this date in your diary. It is important that as many people participate as possible.

Brenda Grootendorst
Congregational Secretary

Saturday Bike Ride – 5th June 2021



Details:

- **Meet at Ormond Station about 10:30 AM**
- **Train to Mordialloc, arrive about 11 AM**
- **Ride from Mordialloc Station along Mordialloc Creek to Waterways Café**

- **Coffee at Waterways Café beside the lake.**
- **Ride to the north side of Braeside Park for lunch**
- **Return to Mordialloc Station by a slightly different route.**

It's completely flat, distance 8 km one way, about 40 minutes at a leisurely pace plus coffee and lunch breaks. Toilets on the route. Total trip including bike and train travel and breaks will be about 3 to 4 hours.

If you don't have a bike we can lend you one.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

If interested in joining in this event, please contact the Church office on 95781553 or by email office@ormond.unitingchurch.org.au by Tuesday 1 June, just so we have an idea of numbers. Cheers, David and Liz Northwood

