

# ORMOND UNITING CHURCH



1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

PENTECOST 10



King David rebuked by the prophet Nathan

Lambert Jacobsz (Dutch, b. before 1600–1637)

*Congregational responses are printed in bold type*

## **WELCOME**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

You desire truth in the inward being;  
**therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
**Do not cast me away from your presence,**  
**and do not take your holy spirit from me.**  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

## **HYMN: TIS 477**

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;

tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

John L. Bell 1949-  
and Graham Maule 1958-

## **PRAYERS OF GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

Holy and eternal God

we arise to the certainty of this day.  
Another day in the wonder of our existence.  
Where the certainties of all that is sustains us:  
Our very breath which enables our being;  
food and water which nourish us;  
the knowledge of the love of others to buoy us up;  
the richness of all we inherit which places us within community  
and the surety of your love found in Jesus Christ.  
In all these certainties we know that you,  
holy, wise God are for us, therefore who can be against us.

Yet sometimes the uncertainties of our lives threaten to  
overwhelm us:  
as health fails,  
as we are separated from those whom we love by death,  
as close relationships break down,  
as disaster strikes,  
or the certainties upon which we base our lives collapse  
and we find ourselves unsure of what it means plan our lives  
and we feel we have lost all control.

Gracious God, before us has gone Jesus;  
through life, through death,  
Abandoning all to love of you,  
and shedding light on the path we walk.

Sometimes we fail to see, O God;  
sometimes we struggle to hear clearly  
and we become fearful  
and we lose our way  
or want to turn back.

But we know that he has the words of life grounded in you, O God.  
So we continue on our way; knowing that it is your way,  
The way of life found in you.

### **KYRIE – sung TIS 756 – Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.

Grant us grace, O God, grace and courage  
to continue on the way,  
in the certainties of our existence  
but most especially in the uncertainties,  
so that we can come to know the height and depth and breadth of  
your love  
and know ourselves as your joy-filled vessels.

In the name of him who is the bread of life for us, Jesus, your  
Christ. **Amen.**

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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

Hebrew Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11. 26 – 12. 13a

Epistle: Ephesians 4. 1-6

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Gospel: John 6. 24-35, 40

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

**HYMN: TIS 430**

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*

**SERMON**

## **HYMN: TIS 535**

I am the Bread of life.  
Those who come to me shall not hunger;  
those who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draws them.  
*‘And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up at the last day.’*

*‘The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and those who eat this bread they shall live for ever,  
they shall live for ever.  
‘And I will raise them up, ...*

*‘Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.  
‘And I will raise them up, ...*

*‘I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
those who believe in me,  
even though they die they shall live for ever.  
‘And I will raise them up...*

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who have come into the world.  
*‘And I will raise them up, ...*

Suzanne Toolan 1927- alt  
based on John 6:25ff.

**OFFERING -**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

### **HYMN: TIS 523**

Here, Lord, we take the broken bread  
and drink the wine, believing  
that by your life our souls are fed,  
your parting gifts receiving.

As you have given, so we would give  
ourselves for others' healing;  
as you have lived, so we would live  
the Father's love revealing.

Charles Venn Pilcher - 1879-1961

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A Eucharistic Prayer inspired by John

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glory to you, God from before the beginning,  
God bearing from above your Word of grace,  
God sending on us the Dove of peace.  
Glory to you, O God!  
**Glory to you, O God!**

You are the great I AM,  
feeding your people with manna in the wilderness.

You are the Father of our beloved Jesus,  
whom you gave to the world  
to be the Lamb, the King of Israel, the Son of Man.  
Glory to you, O God!  
**Glory to you, O God!**

You anointed Jesus to be our messiah and teacher.  
He is the bread from heaven, the fruitful vine,  
the good shepherd, the gate to good pasture, our very Lord and  
God,  
our way, our truth, our resurrection and our life.  
Glory to you, O God!  
**Glory to you, O God!**

And so we join our voices with choirs of angels and the whole  
creation in the eternal hymn:

**TIS 756**

**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.**

On the night that he washed his disciples' feet,  
he took bread, and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Lazarus we lie in our tombs,  
we hear you call our name,  
and we come out from our deaths into your life.  
With Mary Magdalene we cry out,  
We have seen the Lord.  
**We have seen the Lord.**

Breathe your Spirit of power on us.  
Quench us with your living water,  
and sustain us with the body and blood of your Son.  
Claim us as your friends.  
Birth us anew and enlighten our eyes.  
Unbind us, that as your servants we may unbind one another.  
Glory to you, O God!  
**Glory to you, O God!**

Glory to you, O God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
the Source of all, the Light of the world,  
Advocate for your children.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

... as our Lord taught us we are confident to say:

**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**

## **AGNUS DEI**

... The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **TIS 756**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

## **SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE**

### **PRAYER**

#### **HYMN: TIS 545**

Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;  
Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;  
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;  
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.

No more doubting, no more senseless dread:  
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;  
all the wonder heaven has kept in store.  
now is ours to keep for evermore.

Celebrate with saints who dine on high,  
witnesses that love can never die.  
'Hallelujah!' - thus their voices ring:  
nothing less in gratitude we bring.

Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,  
praise the Spirit - three yet ever one;  
praise the God whose food and friends avow  
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

John L. Bell  
1949-

## **BLESSING AND SENDING OUT**

Christ, the living bread,  
Nourish and sustain you  
That you may sustain others with his life  
And shine as brothers and sisters  
of the one who Light of the World.

And the blessing ...

## **WORD OF MISSION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*You can find a copy of today's sermon along with other congregational information on the church website.*

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# NEWS AND NOTICES

## MORNING TEA

The COVID team have discussed the difficulties of providing morning tea during the current restrictions. To serve morning tea we need a large enough space for people to sit, not move around, mask, be served and physically distance. Masks can only be removed to eat and drink.

As a result we have decided not to serve morning tea while the current restrictions are in place but encourage people to stay in the warm church and enjoy each others company while masking and remaining COVID safe. The requirements are changing so fast the COVID team will continue to monitor and when they change and we can safely serve morning tea we will recommence.

## WORSHIP – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – HIROSHIMA DAY

Next Sunday we will mark Hiroshima Day. In this service Andrew will reflect on the legacy of war in his own family, the place of suffering that war causes in our lives and our communities, the path of reconciliation and coming to wholeness.

## **BREAKING NEWS!**

This week, we received the exciting news that **the tennis court/ townhouse site has been sold!!!**

Contracts have been signed and the deposit paid, with settlement to follow the completion of the subdivision later this year.

We're now moving on to finalising the design of our new missional space, so exciting times ahead!

## PATHFINDER

The August edition of Pathfinder is now available at the Ormond Uniting Church website <https://www.ormondunitingchurch.org>. There will be some paper copies available from the Church foyer on Sunday.

## ADELPHI PLAYERS THEATRE COMPANY

### SAVE THE DATE!

The revised performance dates for the play – “The Christian Brothers” are 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. More information regarding performance times to follow.

In the meantime, Michael Mace, Director of the Adelphi Players Theatre Company, has very generously offered to put on an extra performance on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> at 4.30PM** with all proceeds going to support the ASRC. The performance runs for about 1 ½ hours and will be followed by afternoon tea. It would be great to see some of our OUC members, family and friends supporting this event. We may be able to provide some transport.

Venue: Booran Road Hall

Tickets: \$10 each.

Enquiries – Brenda Grootendorst 0433494600 (please leave a message and I will get back to you!)

### **Important Change to Church Office contact details**

*Effective immediately, in order to ensure effective communication going forward, we have a new Church contact phone number. It would be helpful if you could please note this change and update in your records and contacts. If the phone number is not answered, there will be the option to leave a voice message.*

*There is also now a new contact email address for our Minister, Rev. Andrew Boyle– see details below.*

Church Office Phone: [0411 958 127](tel:0411958127)

Minister – new work email contact (Rev. Andrew Boyle): [ajmboyle@outlook.com](mailto:ajmboyle@outlook.com)

*Note: Any general queries can still be directed to the office email which remains the same: [office@ormond.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:office@ormond.unitingchurch.org.au)*

## ROSTER for Sunday 8 August 2021

READING	Lisa Saffin	
PRAYERS	Marg Davis	
DOOR DUTY	Warwick Barry	Lorraine Denniston
SOUND	Gary Richter	
COUNTING	Dot Rose	Jan Rose
MUSIC	Peter Hurley	
RESOURCES DELIVERY (Fri 6 August)	Ron Townsend	

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	7.45 p.m. Formation Group meeting
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 a.m. Marking Hiroshima Day
	11.00 a.m. Monthly After-Worship Chat
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	7.45 p.m. Church Council
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	6.00 p.m. Material for <i>Pathfinder</i> due
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30 p.m. Adelphi Players -ASRC Fundraiser
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00 a.m. Monthly After-Worship Chat
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	1.30 p.m. Friendship Circle
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	7.45 p.m. Church Council

