

Ormond Uniting Church



The Risen Lord, He Qi

Pentecost 17
October 5, 2025

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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to worship

Acknowledgement of Country

1 Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Lamentations 耶利米哀歌 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

2nd Scripture Reading: Psalm 诗篇 137

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,
and there we wept when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there we hung up our harps.

For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!
*Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.*

Remember, O LORD,
against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said, "Tear it
down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!"
O daughter Babylon, you devastator!

Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us!
*Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against
the rock!*

3rd Scripture Reading: John 约翰福音 17:20-26

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may

be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: May they be one...so that the world may believe

2 Hymn: I cannot tell why he whom angels worship
(Londonderry Air tune)

Offering

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the People

Dear Lord - today being World Communion Day we ask you to grace us with your presence as we bring our prayers for others to you this morning

May we see in each other your light, your love and You.

We come with many differences – names, looks, our way of doing things, but what really matters is that we are one in You.

We pray for tolerance, understanding and non-violence and our prayers go out to those who live in places that are unsafe, and frightening, and certainly not what the word 'home' should represent.

This morning, we pray for all whose lives are affected by climate change

and devastating climatic events, such as the recent typhoons in Asia and the earthquake that struck the central Philippines earlier this week.

As we pray, we think of those who are unable to be with us- whether in body, mind or spirit.

May you bring comfort to the lonely, the heartbroken, the grieving and to those who are broken in spirit.

We ask that you strengthen those whose lives feel shattered, don't make sense or feel they are in a crisis

Help us all to make more of an effort to feed the hungry, to provide clothing and warmth to those in need and to reach out with a smile, and friendly words, to those who are lonely, marginalised and vulnerable

May you shine your light on those whose world is covered in darkness

God of constant presence we pray for our families, our Ormond Church Community, our friends, strangers and ourselves.

God of glory, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace:

3 Hymn: 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Benediction

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

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