

# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional carers of the land on which our church is built.

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Candles and Introit

Sing all Creation — James Quinn

### Call to Worship

God calls us to worship.

God calls us to life.

God invites us to sing.

God calls us to life.

God invites us to pray.

God calls us to life.

God invites us to think and talk together. God calls us to life. God calls us to life today.

Prayer

We Sing: Sing Praise and Thanksgiving

- 1. Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living now worship their maker with gladness and song; all glory and honour we come to him bringing:

  O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!
- 2. Our lives of his making he brings to their waiting; in darkness he held us in his gracious care, now into the light we are called from our sleeping:

  O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!
- 3. Lord, flame our desiring to do your requiring, that unto your glory be all that we do; and where we have faltered, give strength and give healing: O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119: 97-104

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

From this shines forth the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.

And also with you.

Community News and Notices

Current or previous BP E-news and to sign up to receive BP E-news

#### Children's Time

Children may go downstairs for Sunday School. Parents, you are welcome to join your child in Sunday School if you feel your child may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

#### Choral Anthem

Help Us Accept Each Other — Hoare / Kaan

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

## We Sing: Beauty for Brokenness

- Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.
- 2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills; land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak; voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray;
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love
from a spark to a flame.

- 3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear, cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share, peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green; Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.
- 4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams, plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams. Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed; make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray;
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love
from a spark to a flame.

4. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.

Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

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## Prayers of the People

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying...

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 in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## We Sing: We Will Love

#### Chorus:

We will walk with you at the edges, we will die with you on the crossroads, we will live in your dangerous places, we will love.

We will risk with you taking chances, we will stand with you facing evil, we will live in your dangerous places, we will love.

1. Come Lord Jesus Christ hear our prayer, come now living friend please draw near. Alone, we feel unsure and so afraid. Calling us to live by your grace, calling us to leave all that's safe. Our lives we choose to lose so you may save.

We will walk with you at the edges, we will die with you on the crossroads, we will live in your dangerous places, we will love.

We will risk with you taking chances, we will stand with you facing evil, we will live in your dangerous places, we will love.

 Stepping out we call on your name, knowing you have healed all our shame.
 Our God, your precious love has made us whole.
 Gifting us with power to set free, Holy Spirit, use even me.
 Renew all that I am so I may see.

We will walk with you at the edges, we will die with you on the crossroads, we will live in your dangerous places, we will love.

We will risk with you taking chances, we will stand with you facing evil, we will live in your dangerous places, we will love.

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## Sending Forth and Benediction

## **Choral Blessing**

Like a Mighty River — Noel Tredinnick / Michael Perry

#### Postlude

Lee Parker

Please come and share morning tea in the basement.

There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church and the car park leading to the basement.