



Kardlayirdi Karnungga
The light on the hill

Brougham Place Uniting Church

Easter 4
April 30, 2023

Preacher: Rev Robyn Caldicott

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

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Candles and Introit
I have seen the Lord – Robin Mann (ATW 437)

Call to Worship *(Based on Psalm 23)*

You are my shepherd, O God, and I want for nothing
You rest me in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters,
you restore and refresh my soul.
You lead me along right paths
so that even though I walk through the darkest valley
I fear no evil,
for you are with me,
guiding and comforting me.
You treat me as an honoured guest;
preparing a table before me
even in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil
and my cup of blessing overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in your presence for ever.

Come, one and all,
and join us in this place.
Come, one and all,
and seek the voice of God.
Come, one and all,
Christ calls us to be here.
Come, one and all,
and sing your praise to God.

We Sing: *Sing of the Lord's Goodness*

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

2. Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Refrain

3. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Refrain

4. Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp,
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

Refrain

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.

And also with you.

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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.

Scripture Reading: *John 10:1-10*

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.’

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem:

The Lord is my Shepherd - Brian Boniwell - TIS 659

Sermon

We Sing: *All Are Welcome*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face:
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

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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 from 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: *To God be the Glory*

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life in atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

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Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing:

May the Road Rise to Meet You – Katie Bart

Postlude

Come and share morning tea together, downstairs in the basement

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