



*Kardlayirdi Karnungga
The light on the hill*

Brougham Place Uniting Church

May 7, 2023

Preacher: Rev Dr Ian Price

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

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting of Candles and Introit:
*How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place
Harrington (TiS 44)*

Call to Worship

All of life is sacred.
All time and space resound with the presence of the Divine.
**We come to this place and time
seeking communion with the Spirit of God.**

Here is the sacrament of grace,
centred in the teachings of Jesus,
made known through Word and worship.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give God thanks and praise.

We Sing: *Come O God of all the Earth*

1. Come, O God of all the earth:
come to us, O Righteous One;
come, and bring our love to birth:
in the glory of your Son.

*Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you;
raise your joyful cries;
dance to the life around you.*

2. Come, O God of wind and flame:
fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name:
may our lives your love confess.

Refrain

3. Come, O God of flashing light:
twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
in your light we all are one.

Refrain

4. Come, O God of snow and rain:
shower down upon the earth;
come, O God, of joy and pain:
God of sorrow, God of mirth.

Refrain

5. Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
come and shape our hearts anew;
come and make oppression cease:
bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

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Prayer

Holy and eternal one,
wisdom of the ages and eternally present,
we have come to worship and adore you.
Throughout the ages you have beckoned people to join
in community and communion with you.
You come in grace to set the troubled one free.
You come in mercy to overcome guilt, fear and anxiety.
You come in love to affirm that all is held in your providential care.

We praise you. We worship you. We seek you.
Help us to glimpse something of your mystery and majesty
as we attend to your Word and as we attend to your still small voice
whispering your truths that sustain of days.

As we reflect on our lives and consider the truth of who we are,
may we be shaped anew into the likeness of Jesus, renewed in our
commitment to his way and be restored in our calling to serve.

Let us offer our confession in silence:

(Silent Prayer)

In all we are and all we do, may we be faithful and true.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

God sees the motivation of our hearts.
In drawing near to Christ
we are set free to live creative and whole lives.
Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.

And also with you.

Community News and Notices

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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.

We Sing: *You Are Holy, You Are Whole*

You are holy,
you are whole.
You are always evermore
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near;
blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and
bread
raised from soil
raised from dead.

You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present,
let the cosmos praise you,
Lord!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah, our
Lord!

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Scripture Reading: *John 21:1-19*

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred metres off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?"

And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where

you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem:

I am the Vine

Ambler/Nairn

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Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

Setting of the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, for you alone are the true and living God.

In the beginning your Spirit swept across the face of the waters, bringing order and beauty out of chaos.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

Through the waters of the Red Sea you delivered us from suffering and oppression;

at the foot of your sacred mountain you called us to truth and holiness;

in the words of your holy prophets you called us to justice and compassion;
through the lives of your blessed saints and martyrs you taught us wisdom and faithfulness.
Though we turned away from you, your love remained steadfast.

In the fullness of time you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Saviour of the world.

By water and the Spirit you open the kingdom to all who believe, and welcome us to your table: for by grace we are saved, through faith.

And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place,
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation
in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy God of all creation and life,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest!**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

(Distribution of the elements)

Prayer After Communion

We Sing: *Sent forth by God's Blessing*

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this table take leave.
The supper is ended: may now be extended
the fruits of Christ's service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in service for all humankind.
Christ's grace shall incite us, in love to unite us
to work for the kingdom, God's purpose to find.

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Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing:

*Like a Mighty River Flowing –
Noel Tredinnick*

Postlude

*Come and share morning tea together, downstairs in the
basement.*