



*November 12th, 2023. 10.00am
Pentecost 24. Stewardship 2.
Preacher: Mr Mark Waters
Liturgical colour: Green*

*Kardlayirdi Karnungga
A light on the hill*

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

Prelude

Welcome

Niina marni!
Marni'ai!

Welcome to this time of worship!

Acknowledgment of Country

Lighting of the Candles and Introit

Rejoice the Lord is King

Charles Wesley (Together in Song 216)

Call to Worship

With the psalmist of Psalm 105

Let us call out praise for all that God has done.

Let us sing out the stories of God's wondrous deeds throughout generations.

Let us remember and never forget the marvellous wisdom of God.

Come, let us praise.

Come, let us worship.

Prayer

We Sing: *Take This Moment*

1. Take this moment, sign, and space,
take my friends around.
Here among us make the place
where your love is found.
2. Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.
3. Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.
4. Take the little child in me,
Scared of growing old.
Help me to find my worth here,
Made in Christ's own mould

5. Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be.
Let my life be yours, and yet,
let it still be me.

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Stewardship – *All Are Welcome*

God's love ever reaches out
welcoming each one
to be part of God's kingdom
of love and grace.

We are connected by grace.

Life in community is a gift.
Here we are known and loved
welcoming one another
as we grow in faith.

We are connected by grace.

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.*

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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.

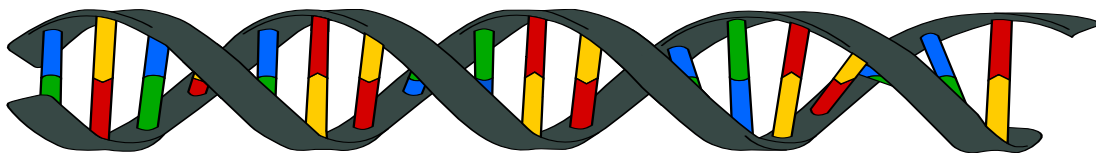
Choral Anthem

Keep Your Lamps
Andre Thomas

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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



Address

We Sing: *In a Church That's Moving Forward*

1. In a church that's moving forward,
this is where we long to be.
in a church with gifts abounding
and the grace to set them free.
in a church of many cultures,
in a church both old and young,
in a church of many accents
when the song of Christ is sung.

2. With a Lord who leads the mission
for a people on the way,
with a Lord who's healing blindness,
lets the voiceless have their say.
with a Lord of every nation,
with a Lord of every place,
with a Lord who shines compassion
on to every tribe and race.

3. On a road that leads to wholeness
when we're broken or unsure,
on a road to understanding
where division finds a cure;
on a road where all may travel,
on a road where many roam,
on a road we walk together,
as we make our journey home.

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Offering

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Alternatively, there is an offering bowl near the lectern on the left-
hand side as you exit the church.

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

**... We hear the Spirit's groan.
We acknowledge the trauma.
God of all, call us forward to bring just peace with willing hands.**

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: *For Everyone Born*

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread;
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*yes God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.*

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share;
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain

3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain

4. For just and unjust a place at the table,
for prisoner and free, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

Refrain

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain

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Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing

When You Walk from Here
Linear Goode

Postlude

*Come and share morning tea together, downstairs in the basement.
There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church
and the car park leading to the basement.*

*Some of the liturgy in this service is adapted from
Unfolding Light – Rev Anne Hewitt*



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