

# Brougham Place Uniting Church



*Artwork by Karan Hudson*

*Epiphany 4 January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 10.00 am*

*Preacher: Rev Leanne Davis*

*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!**

Acknowledgment of Country

## Lighting of the Candles

### Call to Worship

Listen.

Listen to the Stories.

All are speaking to us. The psalms, the Gospel, The Hebrew Scriptures. This country. All are speaking to us.

**Are we listening?**

They speak with authority.

**We will listen.**

Do we have ears to hear? Space in our mind to quieten the business of life? A desire for the Holy Spirit to dwell within, afresh today.

**Living God: Open our ears to hear, our eyes to see and our hearts to understand.**

**Amen.**

### Prayer

### We Sing: *Glory*

*Chorus:*

*Glory to the King of kings:*

*majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords. (repeat)*

1. Holy one, all creation crowns  
you King of kings,  
holy one, King of kings, Lord of lords, holy one!

*Chorus*

2. Jesus, Lord, with eyes unveiled  
we will see your throne,  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Son of God, Immanuel!

*Chorus  
Glory to the King of kings,  
Majesty, power and strength to the Lord of lords.  
Power and strength to the Lord of lords,  
power and strength to the Lord of lords.*

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## Prayer of Confession

## Our Response

**Lord our God.  
You never take a break from noticing and caring. All your works  
are faithful and just. Your ways are trustworthy. To you belongs  
eternal praise. We turn to you.  
Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

May the peace of 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.*

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 111*

Praise for God's Wonderful Works

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

We Sing: *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Saviour Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth  
let us sing, power and majesty,  
praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you!

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Scripture Reading: *Mark 1: 21-28*

### *The Man with an Unclean Spirit*

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!"<sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

## We Sing: *Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be thou my vision, O lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,  
thou my inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Together in Song 547. Gaelic c.8<sup>th</sup> cent. Tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931.  
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## Offering



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## Offering Prayer

### 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: *Christ Be Our Light*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Refrain*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Refrain*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others  
walls made of living stone.

*Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Refrain*

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Sending Forth and Benediction



## We Sing: *For You, Deep Stillness*

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;  
for you, deep blue of the desert skies;  
for you, flame red of the rocks and stones;  
for you, sweet water from hidden springs.  
From the edges, seek the heartlands,  
and when you're burnt by the journey,  
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit  
soothe and replenish you.  
In the name of Christ,  
In the name of Christ.

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## 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.*

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