



18 February 2024. 10.00 am
Lent 1
Preacher: Rev Linda Driver
Liturgical colour: Purple

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

Centering Words

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

*When He was Baptised in Jordan.
Together in Song 252*

Call to Worship

Creator God in you we trust:
We gather to worship.

Make known your ways,
make known your paths:
We gather to worship.

Light the way for us
as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage.
We gather to worship.

Surround us with your love,
as we come to bring you praise:
We gather to worship.

We Sing: *We are Marching*

1. We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oo
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oo
we are marching in the light of God.
2. We are loving in the light of God
3. We are living in the love of God
4. We are marching in the light of God

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Prayer of Confession

“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.”
“Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.” (*Psalms 25:1-2, 4-5*)

God of compassion,
we acknowledge that we have not always walked in your way,
we have not always lived with gracious courage,
and we have not always sought justice and flourishing for all.
Forgive us, we pray.

**We ask for your grace
and we commit to try again to follow after Jesus. Amen.**

Words of Grace

God's Spirit is at work making all things new,
even us, even here.

Thanks be to God. 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.

Choral Anthem

Lead Me Lord.
S.S. Wesley

Scripture Reading: *Mark 1:9–15*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

40 – A Wilderness Reflection

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Music: “Chronicle of an Early Failure Part 2” by Dead Texan

Sermon

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.

Chorus

2. 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.

Chorus

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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**

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

We Sing: God Who Sets Us on A Journey

1. God who sets us on a journey
To discover dream and grow
Lead us as You led Your people
In the desert long ago
Journey inward journey outward
Stir the spirit stretch the mind
Love for God and self and neighbour
Marks the way that Christ defined

2. Exploration brings new insights
Changes choices we must face
Give us wisdom in deciding
Mindful always of Your grace
Should we stumble lose our bearings
Find it hard to know what's right
We regain our true direction
Focused on the Jesus light
3. End our longing for the old days
Grant the vision that we lack
Once we've started on this journey
There can be no turning back
Let us travel light discarding
Excess baggage from our past
Cherish only what's essential
Choosing treasure that will last
4. When we set up camp and settle
To avoid love's risk and pain
You disturb complacent comfort
Pull the tent pegs up again
Keep us travelling in the knowledge
You are always at our side
Give us courage for the journey
Christ our goal and Christ our guide

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Sending Forth and Benediction

As we journey with God through Lent
may we find the road that leads to life
and pause to accompany others on the way.

May God take your hand as you go,
Christ be your constant companion,
and the Spirit guide you on the Way
this day and for evermore. Amen.

Choral Blessing:

When You Walk from Here.
Lineaa/Good

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 the work of:
Bec Lindsay in Leadership, Learning and Purposeful Life (L3)*

Roddy Hamilton on Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Ann Siddall from the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website.
<https://stillpointsa.org.au/>

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