



everything [in] between stranger & neighbor

Brougham Place Uniting Church

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Preacher: Rev. Leanne Davis

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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.

As you wait for worship to begin, please turn your phone to silent.

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Naa marni?

(Are you all good?)

Marni Ai!

(Good I am)

We acknowledge the sovereign custodians of this place where we gather, the Kurna peoples. We offer their elders our respect, those past and those present. We commit to working for a more just settlement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in these lands.

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

"God of Freedom, God of Justice". Together in Song. 657 (Tune 497)

Call to Worship

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbour?

How can I help?

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

We sing: *Tell out my soul.*

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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Call to confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbours as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics.
We want to know: who is our neighbour?
Do we have to love the stranger?
Must we have compassion for our enemy?
Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love.
Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbour in every stranger we pass.
With hope we pray, amen.**

Words of Assurance/Grace

Family of faith, When we set limits on love,
God loves extravagantly.

When we forget that we are neighbours,
God claims us as God's own.

When we judge, hold back, or harm,
God surrounds us with grace.

There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.
**This is the good news of the gospel.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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.

Anthem

"O God we bear the imprint of your face." CH254

Scripture Reading: *Luke 10:25-37*

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

May the Spirit of God open our eyes to see, our ears to hear,
and our hearts to understand.

Message

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 you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go
alone.
God is with you in the mountains,
in the valleys, and everywhere in between.
Believe that good news and go in peace.

Choral Blessing

"May the light come into your eyes." Together in Song 780

Extroit

People may leave as the Extroit is played.

*Come and share morning tea together, in the basement.
There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between
the church and the car park. All are welcome!*

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