



Brougham Place Uniting Church

April 26, 2026

Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Easter 4A. Good Shepherd Sunday. White.

Kardlayirdi Karnungga

A Light on the Hill

Welcome to Brougham Place Uniting Church.

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)

Introit and Lighting the Candles

Father, Hear the Prayer we Offer (Willis/Steiner)

Call to Worship

Easter is over, but resurrection is here,
the tomb has been emptied
and death still cannot be contained,
the stone has rolled
and new life is on offer.

Jesus lives!

Now so do his people.

This is the place of life:
it does not depend on historical stories,
but on what God is doing now.

This is a place of life:
it does not function on past events
but on what God is bringing to life now.

This is a place of life,
and here God has chosen to say
"Yes!" to living,
"Yes!" to being,
"Yes!" to resurrection,
not once,
not a few times,
but forever.

This is a place of life.

This is home.

We sing: *Life To The Brim*

Life to the Brim, Life overflowing
Life pouring out in compassion and grace
Spirit of God, Well up within us
Bring us to life in this time and this place.

Life to the brim, Life overflowing
Life flooding in from below and above
Spirit of God, Pour out upon us
Bring us to faith and to hope and to love.

*Come Holy Spirit
Lord and giver of life
Make us your people
Make us the body of Christ*

Life to the brim, Life overflowing
Foretaste and sign of the healing to come
Spirit of God, Strengthen and guide us
Take us and use us 'til your kingdom's come.

Opening Prayer

Living God, we yearn to find your loving presence close to us.

Help us through this Easter season to understand how Christ is close to us and among us, and find ways to share the abundance of life, Amen.

Prayer of Confession

...When we think we can achieve happiness and fulfilment on our own,

help us to reconsider our attitude.

When we try to close the door to exclude others from the blessings we have received,

help us to think again.

When we find it hard to trust in your continuing presence and care for us,

help us to renew our confidence in you.

Words of Grace

Know that God is true to God's name,
and will lead us along the right paths.

Know that even in valleys as dark as death,
we do not need to fear,

for God is with us and will guide us to a place of safety.

**We trust in your kindness and love,
which will be with us each day of our lives.**

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.

And also with you.

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Psalm: *Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

Children and Young People may go downstairs for Sunday School and Youth. 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

The Lord's My Shepherd (Chilcott)

Gospel Reading: *John 10:1-10*

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.

Thanks be to God.

Message

We sing: *Psalm 23*

1. The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

Chorus

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows
me
Your goodness will lead me home*

Descant

*I will trust I will trust in You
I will trust I will trust in You
Endless mercy follows me
Goodness will lead me
home*

3. And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

Chorus

*And I will trust in You alone
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Prayers of Intercession

Including a Prayer for Anzac Day

Response:

Hear us

as we pray for this world

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

Generous God,
you provide for us and lead us in your care.
Receive the gifts we bring in trust and gratitude:
gifts to support survivors of domestic and family violence,
gifts to feed those who struggle to make ends meet
and gifts to further your ministry through this church and
beyond.
May each one be used to share your abundant life with the
world.
Amen.

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.

Sending Forth and Benediction

The Lord is our shepherd and goes with us now.
**With souls restored and lives renewed,
our cups overflow!**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us home.
We go forth with God's love for all!

Go in peace,
refreshed and renewed in the eternal love of God.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

The people may be seated as the Choir sings the Blessing

Choral Blessing

Clare Benediction (Rutter)

Extroit

Extroit: the people may depart as the music continues

*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!*

*Thank you for joining us for worship!
If you would like to get in touch or request a prayer,
please make use of the Contact Cards in the pews
and next to the Offering Bowl. Alternately, you can
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