



Brougham Place Uniting Church

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Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Baptism of Patrick and Isabella

Easter 7. 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)*

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather together to worship.

Come, let us worship the risen Christ.

Come, let us join with the saints of all time and all places
in worship of our God.

Prayer of Invocation

Loving God,
you have called us to belong to you
and have made yourself known in Jesus Christ.

As Jesus prayed for his disciples,
so you hold us in your care today.

Draw near to us in this time of worship.
open our hearts to know your presence,
and strengthen us to live as your faithful people.
Through the risen Christ, we pray.
Amen.

We Sing: *Wa Emimimo*

The candles are lit as we sing

Wa wa wa Emimimo,
Wa wa wa Alagbara,
Wao, wao, wao.

Come, O Holy Spirit, come.
Come, Almighty Spirit, come.
Come, come, come.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

... In the risen Christ, we are forgiven,
renewed in love,
and entrusted with life in his name.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing to God, all peoples of the earth,
sing praises to God.
Open our ears to hear your voice,
our hearts to receive your love,
and our lives to follow where you lead.

**We praise you for your goodness and love,
now and always
Amen.**

We sing: *Come One, Come All*

Let all the earth come join the song
and join the dance for all belong
creation beats with willing hearts
so come on saints, let's play our part

*Come one, come all
to life that's whole
come one, come all
to love that's full*

The hills and rivers sound their praise
and we join in for our God reigns
come to the table eat your fill
come rest by living waters still

*Come one, come all
to life that's whole
come one, come all
to love that's full*

So take your place and know you're loved
and spread the word, for there's enough
to know our God and truly live
creation was made for this

*Come one, come all
to life that's whole
Come one, come all
to love that's full (x2)*

So take your place and know you're loved
and spread the word for there's enough
to know our God and truly live
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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

Baptism

WELCOME

WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

REQUEST AND RESPONSE OF THE PARENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**
(small 'c' - meaning the universal church),
**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

BAPTISMS

PROMISES

To you, family and friends gathered here today, will you maintain a life of worship and teaching, witness and service, so that Patrick and Isabella and all the children among us may grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God?

With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in service, until Christ comes.

PRAYER

WE SING: MAY THE FEET OF GOD WALK WITH YOU

May the feet of God walk with you
And His hand hold you tight
May the eye of God rest on you
And His ear hear your cry
May the smile of God be for you
And His breath give you life
May the Child of God grow in you
And His love bring you home

(repeat)

PRESENTATION OF CANDLES AND CERTIFICATES

Children and Young People may go downstairs for Sunday School and Youth. Parents, you are welcome to join your young children in Sunday School if you feel they may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the remainder of the service. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6–14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

From this shines forth the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message

We sing: O Lord, hear my prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, hear our prayer.
When we call answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, hear our prayer.
Come and listen to us.

Prayers of the People

Creator God,
you have made all things in this world to reflect your glory.
Help us to see your glory in your creation.
Help us to see your glory in one another.
Help us to see your glory in ourselves.

Creator God,
you have loved all things in this world.
Help us to love your creation.
Help us to love one another.
Help us to love ourselves.

Creator God,
You grieve with us when your creation is damaged,
When your people suffer
When drones carry lethal payloads
And beauty and peace and unity are shattered.
Help us to love your creation.
Help us to love one another.
Help us to love ourselves.

In the silence, we pray for people and situations close to our hearts.

Silence

Creator God,
you have called us into relationship with you and with one another.
Help us to work together in your name,
so that we might be a light to the world each and every day.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

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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Offering Prayer

We sing: *There's A Spirit in the Air*

1. There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.'
2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay,
Live tomorrow's life today.
3. When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

4. Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today.
5. When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.
6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today.
7. There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.'

Sending Forth and Benediction

May God bless you and keep you,
may you feel God's face as it shines upon you,
and may the peace that passes understanding
be with you today and always.

Amen.

We sing: *Thuma mina*

Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina Somandla. *(Repeat)*

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord. *(Repeat)*

Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus;
lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord. *(Repeat)*

Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus;
fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord. *(Repeat)*

I will go, Lord; I will go, Lord:
in your name, Lord, I will go. *(Repeat)*

Extrait

*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
email our Minister, Rev Linda Driver: lindad@bpuc.org*

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Together in Song, 711.

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Come One, Come All

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There's A Spirit in the Air

Together in Song 414

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Thuma Mina

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