

# Order of Service 4/7/21 Pentecost 6

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## Opening Verse

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. Mark 6:1

## Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship

**Saide**

Good morning, please take seat. we will begin our worship soon.

Please stand as we welcome the word and the light.

We are the people of God, called by Christ  
to be the voice of love in these troubled times.

Come let us worship our great Redeemer  
Bread of heaven, spring of living water.

Come let us gather in worship  
offering songs and praises to our God.

*Let's sing our praise affirming our need for guidance - Guide me o thou great Redeemer ...*

## Song - Guide me o thou great Redeemer, TiS 569

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- 1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.  
feed me now and evermore.*
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.  
be thou still my strength and shield.*
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.*

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SONG: [Guide me, O thou great Redeemer](#), by William Williams,  
from [Together in Song](#), Harper Collins *Religious*, Collins PUBLIC DOMAIN

## Welcome and Introduction

**Saide**

Welcome to worship this morning here in this space and at home by livestream. Today we have the very great joy of celebrating the baptisms of Mozghan and Asal and with them the confirmation also of Joel. Jess, co-chair of Church Council, will welcome and present them later

in the service. We travel with Jesus to his home town and on out among the villages with the twelve. Ian will invite us to reflect on what this looks like in response to our baptism.

I'm Saide, leading worship today with Ian, Kenna, Tim, Meredith and the musicians led by James. All are welcome here today and every day wherever we gather on the journey of discipleship.

## Acknowledgement of Country

Saide et al

*We continue to receive recorded acknowledgments of country from all around Australia from places where our members live or travel. As we gather here on Wurundjeri Country and acknowledge the original custodians of this place, let us remember all the peoples of this land now called Australia. Today we hear from Jacob and Koen and their friends Jessica, Noah and Annabelle in the High Country.*

We acknowledge and respect the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional custodians of this land since time immemorial. We are learning that the land is not ours to own, but to look after; and that if we listen, we may hear in it the calling of the eternal Spirit.

**Responding to this call, we commit ourselves to work for justice, reconciliation, and care of the earth.**

## Prayers of Adoration and Confession including Word of Grace

Saide

*We offer our prayers of adoration and confession, let us pray.*

Loving God, creator of all that is we see your work in the sunshine and the rain, the skies, the earth, the oceans.

We wake up each new day uncertain of what is to come but secure in the knowledge of your steadfast love.

You are our joy in the morning and our rest in the evening.

Christ Jesus, Bread of Heaven, we hear your voice calling us to follow you, sending us out to be at work in the world. We open our doors and step out uncertain of who we will meet but ready to be your voice and hands, feeding the world with your love. You are our deliverer, our strength and shield in all that we do.

Loving God, Bread of Heaven, Christ Jesus we confess that we are often overwhelmed by the needs of our world. There is so much suffering, so much pain, so much struggle. Sometimes it is hard to hear your call on our lives. Forgive us. Remind us of who we are, remind us that you too walked this path. Remind us that you sent out the twelve in their uncertainty. Remind us that your way is not the world's way, that love is the answer. Forgive us when our hearts are heavy and we do not turn to you. Amen.

### Word of Grace

We are the people of God, called by Jesus raised with Him to walk in newness of life. The gift of grace and mercy is freely given and so we can be confident that our sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## With the Children

Ian

*Introducing Mozhgan, Asal and Joel*

## Baptism Readings

Kenna, Mozhgan, Asal

*Read in Persian and English*

### **Mozhgan (in Persian), followed by Kenna in English:**

The apostle Paul said:

Do you not know that all of us  
who have been baptised into Christ Jesus  
were baptised into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

### **Asal (in Persian), followed by Kenna in English:**

And in the letter to the Galatians, Paul writes:

As many of you who were baptised into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek,

there is no longer slave or free,

there is no longer male and female;

for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27-28)

## Song - Thuma Mina, TiS 749

*During this song the congregation moves up to the Gathering Space  
for the baptism and confirmation ceremony.*

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1. *(Thuma mina) Thuma mina, Thuma mina, thuma mina Somandla.*
  - 1a. *(Send me, Lord) Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;  
send me Jesus; send me, Lord.*
  2. *(Lead me, Lord) Lead me, Jesus, lead me,  
Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.*
  3. *(Fill me, Lord) Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.*
  4. *(I will go, Lord) I will go, Lord; I will go, Lord: in your name, Lord I will go.*
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SONG: [Thuma mina](#) from [Together in Song](#), Harper Collins Religious; *copyright uncertain*

## Baptism and Confirmation

### Presentation

Jess: Friends, the church council of this congregation has received a request for baptism from Mozhgan and Asal. This important decision has been prayerfully and carefully considered, and I am glad to welcome them here today. We also delight to welcome Joel who has come to reaffirm his baptism by confirmation. All of them have prepared for this time by participation in a preparation group and through personal discernment and prayer.

Ian: Mozhgan and Asal, what do you ask of God's Church?

Mozhgan and Asal: ***I ask to be baptised into the faith and family of Jesus Christ.***

Ian: Mozhgan, Asal and Joel have been called by the Holy Spirit to claim the faith of Jesus Christ as their own and, through baptism, to die to sin and rise to newness of life through a new birth by water and the Spirit.

Ian: Mozhgan, Asal and Joel may the Lord open your ears to hear his word and your mouth to proclaim his praise.

### The Meaning of Baptism

Ian: Baptism is Christ's gift.

It is the sign by which the Spirit of God joins people to Jesus Christ and incorporates them into his body, the Church.

In his own baptism in the Jordan by John, Jesus identified himself with humanity in its brokenness and sin; that baptism was completed in his death and resurrection. By God's grace, baptism plunges us into the faith of Jesus Christ, so that whatever is his may be called ours. By water and the Spirit we are claimed as God's own and set free from the power of sin and death.

Thus, claimed by God we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may live as witnesses to Jesus Christ, share his ministry in the world and grow to maturity, awaiting with hope the day of our Lord Jesus.

### The Confession of Faith

Ian: In baptism, we are called out of darkness into God's marvellous light. In response to the gospel, I ask you: Mozhgan, Asal and Joel, do you repent of your sins?

Candidates: ***I repent of my sins.***

Ian: Do you turn to Jesus Christ who has defeated the power of sin and death and brought us new life?

Candidates: ***I turn to Christ.***

Ian: Do you commit yourself to God, trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour and in the Holy Spirit as God's power and presence along the way?

Candidates: ***I commit myself to God.***

Ian (addressing Congregation): In unity with the whole Church, let us stand and affirm the faith into which we were baptised.

Do you believe in God?

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

Ian: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: ***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.***

Ian: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Elder pours water into the font.*

Ian: God of life,  
through the breaking of waters  
and the coming of the Spirit,  
you bring us new birth;  
you give the living water,  
which becomes in us  
an eternal spring quenching our thirst,  
flowing through us  
and refreshing us for eternal life.  
Washed and cleansed,  
we are called into service with Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
bless this water, and those who are to be baptised in it,  
that they may be born anew,  
live in your light all their days,  
and come to share your likeness;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

#### The Baptism

Ian: Mozhgan, Asal and Joel,  
for you Jesus Christ has come,  
has lived, has suffered;  
for you he endured the agony of Gethsemane  
and the darkness of Calvary;  
for you he uttered the cry,  
'It is accomplished!'  
For you he triumphed over death;  
for you he prays at God's right hand;  
for you, sisters, even before you were born.  
In baptism, the word of the apostle is confirmed:  
'We love, because God first loved us'.

Ian: Mozhgan/Asal,  
I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*Ian marks the sign of the cross on the Mozhgan and Asal's forehead with olive oil.*

Ian: Mozhgan/Asal, from this day on, the sign of the cross is upon you.

*Jess hands a Towel to each*

Ian: Mozhgan and Asal  
are now received into the one holy catholic and apostolic Church  
according to Christ's command.

### Confirmation

*Ian marks the sign of the cross on the Joel's forehead with olive oil.*

Ian: Joel, always remember you are baptised, and be thankful.

*Mozhgan, Asal and Joel kneel on cushions. Elders lay hands on their heads and shoulders.*

Ian: By the Holy Spirit, gracious God,  
strengthen your servants Mozhgan, Asal and Joel,  
and set their hearts on fire with love for you.  
Increase in them your gifts of grace:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and wonder in your presence,  
the spirit of joy and delight in your service,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### Blessing Song

All sing: AOV1.177

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*May God bless and keep you,  
may God's face shine on you.  
May God be kind to you,  
and give you peace.*

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### Persian Blessing

O God, look upon your servants Mozhgan, Asal and Joel and  
give hope:

**omid bede.**

give peace within:

**aramesh va asayesh ata kon**

give joy:

**shadi ata kon**

give love:

**eshgho mohabat ata kon**

### Responses

Ian: Mozhgan, Asal and Joel,  
you have been baptised into the faith of Christ,  
and are called to the worship, witness and service of God  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Will you continue in the community of faith,  
the apostles' teaching,  
the breaking of bread  
and the prayers?

Candidates: ***With God's help, I will.***

Ian: Will you proclaim, by word and example,  
the good news of God in Christ?

Candidates: ***With God's help, I will.***

Ian: Will you seek Christ in all people,  
and love your neighbour as yourself?

Candidates: ***With God's help, I will.***

Ian: Will you strive for justice and peace  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

Candidates: ***With God's help, I will.***

Ian: May the God of grace,  
who has given you new birth  
by water and the Spirit,  
keep you steadfast in the faith of Christ  
and bring you to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Ian (*addressing the congregation*):  
Friends in Christ,  
will you promise to maintain  
a life of worship and teaching,  
witness and service  
so that Mozghan, Asal and Joel  
may grow to maturity in Christ?

All: ***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.***

#### Recollection of Baptism

Ian (*with the children*) *sprinkles water from the font on the congregation saying:*  
Sisters and brothers,  
always remember you are baptised,  
and be thankful.

## Baptism Song - Behold, AOV.2.85

*Congregation returns to their seats as we sing*

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*Behold, behold I make all things new,  
beginning with you  
and starting from today.  
Behold, behold I make all things new,  
my promise is true,  
for I am Christ the way.*

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SONG: [Behold, I make all things new](#), from [As One Voice](#), vol 2, © WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland.  
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## Gospel Reading - Mark 6:1-13

**Tim**

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word

**Thanks be to God**

## Reflection - Doing What Christ Does

**Ian**

Fellow disciples of Christ, Jesus sends us out on a mission today with nothing but a staff and a pair of sandals. And our mission, should we choose to accept it, is to do what he is doing, which, in this instance, is calling on people to repent, casting out demons and healing the sick.

And speaking as a disciple of Christ myself, there are some stumbling blocks there for me – stumbling blocks that we are not going to get smoothed out in the next ten minutes, but which it would be good to come to terms with if we are to read the scriptures in a way that speaks to our calling and sending as baptised disciples of Christ. I'm thinking of those frequently misapplied pieces of religious jargon: mission, repentance, exorcism and healing, and I'll touch on them. But there is something else that Jesus asks of us here, a much bigger stumbling block on the way of discipleship, and that is poverty.

Jesus sends his disciples out with nothing except a staff, no food, no backpack, no money, no change of clothes, no phone, no tablet, no smartwatch, no laptop, no headphones, no camera, no social media, no internet, no GPS, no wheels, no bicycle, no scooter, no skateboard, no car, petrol, hybrid nor electric. Sandals, yes, I haven't got any sandals, but I'll take that to include thongs and crocks of which I have multiple pairs, thank you Jesus – but no boots, no runners, no socks? We can wear one tunic, whatever that is, but what time of year are we talking about? – no sunhat, no beanie, no thermal layers, no raincoat, no UV50+ sunsmart shirt?

As I've said before, it's lucky we're not biblical literalists here. My point is, I've got a lot of stuff. I've got a house full of possessions and a life full of responsibilities, and I am privileged to have never known what it is like to have nothing, and to be entirely dependent on the hospitality and good will of others for my survival – not since I was a baby at least. But that is what Jesus is asking of his disciples today. There are people among us, members of our congregation and people who come to our Olive Way drop-in centre, refugees and others, who do know these things, who have left everything, who have lived or are living with nothing.

Our mission is to do that, to go with nothing to do what Christ does. And I wonder, does the baggage we have to leave behind include, not just our physical possessions, but also our preconceptions, our prejudices and our prescriptions – obviously I chose the word prescriptions there for alliterative reasons, what I mean by it is those cures for the world's ills that we know about, those declarations of faith that we make, those moral precepts that we hold.

The colonial stereotype of missionaries is people who say to the world, "You are lacking what I have and I'm going to give it to you without paying any attention to what you already have." And that's part of the baggage we bear.

Still, Jesus sends us on a mission to do what he does.

So, what if we did go out with nothing? – if we took seriously that being baptised comes with a call to do what Jesus does? What if we left all our possessions, preconceptions, prejudices and prescriptions behind? What would that be like for you?

We would be dependent on what we received from others rather than empowered by what we had to give them. Power balances would shift – are we open to that? We would need to be listeners rather than tellers. And if the world out there was willing to show us hospitality, could we offer anything from our emptiness in return? We can't give them what we think they need, because we've left all that behind. We can't seduce them into being Christian like us, because when Jesus sent us, 2000 years ago in this gospel story, there was no such thing as Xnty – Jesus is not sending his disciples to make converts but to do what he does. And what is that again? Here are a few examples of his recent antics from Mark's Gospel.

First, he calms a storm, which means he reorders the elements of chaos, creating peace in those places where deep disorder is stirred up in life. Could our open listening presence in the world help him bring that peace into disturbance?

Secondly, Jesus drives out a legion of demons, or in other words, he confronts and defeats the powers of evil and injustice bringing liberation. Could our empty hands contribute to that struggle?

Thirdly, Jesus allows himself to be touched by an unclean woman who draws healing love from him, or in other words, he realigns the boundaries of inclusiveness, bringing healing and reconciliation to excluded bodies and broken relationships. Could we? – with nothing but open hearts and empty hands?

What if the world out there doesn't want these things from us, doesn't want to show us hospitality? What if those colonising missionaries have so poisoned our world against us that it cannot welcome and receive us? Jesus prepares us to expect rejection. In fact, he is all about being rejected, even his hometown, even his own family reject him, and in the end his mission is rejected all the way to the cross. Rejection is part of our calling, but not the end of it. "You won't be welcome everywhere." says Jesus, "Just rise up and move on. Go to be my listening loving heart in other places."

That's all very well, Jesus. Thanks for the reassurance. But when is it that we actually get to teach people about you in this scenario?!

Earlier we witnessed three of our friends making their baptism vows. They promised, among other things, to share the good news of God in Christ by word and example, to strive for justice

and peace, to respect the dignity of every human being, to love their neighbours as themselves, and to seek Christ in all people – to seek Christ in all people.

What if rather than teaching people out there about Jesus, we go to them to learn about Jesus ourselves? What if rather than calling for repentance from them, we repent ourselves? – by which I mean we lay down the Christ we think we know and turn to them to meet Christ anew? What if, in going to seek hospitality from the world for Christ, we meet Christ in those who need our hospitality? – but who need it in a way that might challenge and change the way we live, the way we accumulate possessions, the way we form community with one another? What if in seeking a welcome for Christ we find ourselves being made new by Christ?

## Reflective music – reprise of Thuma Mina

### Prayers of the People

Meredith

Now is the time for prayers for the people. *At the end of the prayer I will take the Christ candle to the back of the church where you can light a taper at the end of the service.*

Loving God as we come to you in Prayer, awaken us to the mystery of being here and entering the quiet immensity of your presence and spirit. Thank you for the gift of love so evident today with the beautiful baptisms and confirmation. And thank you for the freedom we have to express our faith so freely here today.

We pray for a world that is crying out for good leadership. Leadership that is driven by love, for a desire to serve, to seek justice and equality for all. Loving God, we pray for leaders who can speak out, drive change and counter the voices of fear and greed.

We pray for leaders who can build trust, offer healing and love.

As, year by year, we see the disastrous effects of war, especially for its innocent victims, with 82 million people now displaced from their homelands – show us how to reach out and offer welcome.

And as we learn more from our Aboriginal leaders, especially through NAIDOC Week, about the importance of place and connection with our land, we understand even more the hardship that is caused through being forcefully and violently displaced.

We know too, that we are all connected and that our actions impact on us all. Loving God, we seek your courage and persistence, to be the voices of love, truth, welcome and reconnection. To never give in to fear.

We pray for leaders that recognise the fragility of this earth, our home, and who genuinely champion ways that we can protect and heal our earth.

We pray for leaders everywhere, in every office, every parliament, in every place of faith, every neighbourhood, every street corner and in every home – people who choose to take leadership with integrity, to give voice to love, to welcome, to healing and to openness.

Show us how to be leaders in your love. Help us to follow your example of loving humility. To take your love out into the world to be beacons of hope.

**Amen**

### Holy Communion

Ian

Servers: Ian, Saide, Max, Amelia, Jess, Kenna; Glasses: Anya, Charlotte, Harriet

#### Introduction and Invitation

- Standing in a circle around the space
- Hands crossed on chest if not receiving
- Remain in your seats if you wish or are not able to stand

- All servers will hand sanitize
- Gluten free bread
- If you have an offering place it in the bowls by the font as you move into or out of the circle.

### Communion Song - Invitation, Tune In

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1. *God has laid a feasting table  
All her guests are gathered 'round  
From the highways and the byways  
All the lost have now been found.  
When we hear the invitation  
Will we lay our burdens down?  
When we hear the invitation  
Will we lay our burdens down?*
2. *At this table all are welcome  
No-one need be left behind  
God is greater than our difference  
Christ can see where we are blind.  
When we hear the invitation  
Will we love all humankind? (repeat)*
3. *God is crying out for justice  
Christ is weeping in the street  
When will be the time for laughter?  
When will all have food to eat?  
When we hear the invitation  
Will we make God's will complete? (repeat)*

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### Thanksgiving

We are the body of Christ: ***His Spirit is with us.***

Lift up your hearts: ***We lift our hearts to God.***

Let us give thanks to God who is Wisdom and Love:  
***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Holy and life-giving God,  
you are Creator of all things,  
and Lover of each one.  
In Christ you share with us  
the joy and pain of our humanity.  
We give thanks that you make us one  
with him through baptism  
and call us to your ministry  
of healing love in the world.

Therefore,  
with the whole creation  
we sing in thanks and praise:

*Holy, holy, holy (TIS764)*

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*Holy (Holy), holy, (holy)  
holy Lord of power and might.  
Heaven (Heaven), earth (earth)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
All glory to your name.  
(All glory to your name.)  
All glory to your name.  
(All glory to your name.)*

*Blessed (Blessed), blessed (blessed)  
is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed (Blessed), blessed (blessed)  
is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
(Hosanna in the highest.)  
Hosanna in the highest.  
(Hosanna in the highest.)*

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Blessed is our brother Jesus,  
who on the night of his betrayal took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and said:  
***This is my body given for you.  
Whenever you eat it, remember me.***

In the same way also he took the cup.  
Again he gave thanks,  
shared it with his disciples and said:  
***This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood.  
whenever you drink it, remember me.***

Come now, Holy Spirit of the living God,  
love us into the unity of peace  
through this bread and wine. For:  
***Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!***

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ  
all glory be to you,  
Source of all Being,  
Eternal Wisdom and Holy Spirit,  
one God and Mother of all creation.  
***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer  
***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 for ever. Amen.**

#### Breaking of the bread

Christ is the bread of resurrection:  
**new life for all.**

Christ is the cup of life:  
**who revives the faint-hearted.**

We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

Let us receive what we are.  
Let us become what we receive:  
**The body of Christ.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### Distribution

*Communion served in one circle  
Music: musicians' choice*

### **The Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all:  
**And also with you**

*Share the peace, return to your seats*

### **Notices**

**Saide**

*It's time to share the news of our community. The Olive Branch was emailed yesterday and is available in printed form today - lots of news, stories and events to read about. If you have a notice to share please come and line up to my right. Take off your mask, say your name and share your news in a sentence or two. Morning Tea will be served in the hall after worship.*

### **Baptismal Candle**

**Ian**

*Ian lights Mozghan, Asasl and Joel's baptism candles from the Christ Candle and presents them with their Baptism or Confirmation Certificate, saying:*

Ian: Mozghan, Asasl and Joel, you belong to Christ, the light of the world.  
Let your light so shine before the world  
that all may see your good works  
and give glory to our God.

### **Sending Song - Sent out in Jesus' name, ATO 412**

**Ian**

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*Sent out in Jesus' name.  
Our hands are ready now,  
to make the world the place  
in which the kingdom comes repeat*

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*The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love  
of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do  
to set it really free  
O help us to obey  
and carry out your will. repeat*

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## Blessing and Sending

Ian

Christ sends us out to continue his work.

Go to reorder the elements of chaos.  
For Christ gives life!

Go to confront the powers of evil.  
For Christ brings freedom!

Go to realign the boundaries of inclusiveness.  
For Christ welcomes all!

Go to bring healing and new life.  
For Christ is our hope!

May you seek Christ in all people,  
with the blessing of God  
the Source of all life  
the Son of all love  
and the Spirit of all peace.

***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

*After Ian gives the blessing, Mozhgan, Asal and Joel move to the gathering space and the congregation is invited to greet them.*

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... for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28b