

Opening verse on screen:

Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times. Luke 22:61b

Gathering, Greeting

Saide

Good morning, please move into the worship space if you haven't found a seat yet. Thank you for wearing your masks as we continue to protect the more vulnerable members of our congregation.

As we prepare to worship God, please stand to welcome the Word, singing 'Heaven and earth'

Song of praise: Heaven and earth, AoV.2.53

*Heaven and Earth join to worship your Creator!
Sing to the Lord, praise the One from whom you came.
Heaven and Earth join to worship your Creator!
Sing to the Lord, praise the One from whom you came.
Sing a new song to the God who goes before us.
Making it all new, leaving nobody the same.
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Making it all new, leaving nobody the same.*

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Call to Worship

Saide

Where are you this week, where have you been?
What have you seen, noticed, been saddened or amazed by?
Holding all this carefully and gently let us worship God now
in this gathered space, this sacred time.

Acknowledgement of Country

Saide

Please be seated as we acknowledge the peoples of the land on which we meet here and in all the places we are gathered for worship today ...

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.**

Welcome and Introduction

Saide

Welcome to worship, here in this space and online with us now or watching later. Take a moment to breathe deeply into this time of worship. Where are you this week, where have you

been? Hold this knowing in your heart as we continue our journey through the Stations of the Cross, looking through the eyes of Jesus for the season of Lent. We are focusing on stories that don't come up in the lectionary.

Today we encounter Peter making his well-known denial of Jesus, his time of trial and we remember our whole world in this time of trial - war, pandemic, climate change, loss and sorrow. You were invited to take a rock as you entered, a symbol of hard places but also of refuge. Hold this through the service or for as long as you are comfortable. Later in the service you will be invited to place it with one paintings.

I'm Saide, the liturgist this morning, joined by Ian, Dave, Kirsty, Bridie, Meg and the musicians led by Matthew. Stay on after worship to enjoy conversation and a cup of tea or coffee in the hall.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession including Word of Grace

Saide

So now let us pray.

Loving God, you hold us, you hold the world
with compassion beyond our understanding.

We cannot know the depth of your pain
as you watch the death and destruction
caused by greed, self-interest, anger, ignorance.
We seek you beyond the darkness and you are there.

Jesus Christ, you lead us, you show us the way
calling us to follow you on the path to peace and mercy.

We cannot know the depth of your pain
as you watch us stumble, denying you,
closing our eyes to the sufferings of the world.
We seek you beyond our failings and you are there.

Holy Spirit, you breathe in and through us
setting our hearts on fire with a passion for justice.

We cannot know the depth of your pain
as we push you away, quelling the fire
with our busyness, our sadness and despair.
We seek you beyond the ashes and you are there.

Prayer of Confession: Broken, BUC Songs

We continuing praying singing 'Broken', join in as you wish - listening, singing the whole song or only the refrain

*Broken we come to meet you face to face
Into us breathe wholeness life giving grace.
Broken we come in worship you to find.
Loving rest forgiveness, bread and wine.*

*1. Weary and dry from our journey
Your pilgrim people we are
you meet us at every corner
open arms.*

*2. In every hard place Your presence
acts as our comfort and guide.
Shown through the actions of others
Your love shines.*

3. We look for You to sustain us,

*Strengthening Spirit You are.
Infinite love our companion
as we share.*

*And when we stumble or falter
You come to sit by our side.
Never alone will You leave us –
reconciled*

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Word of Grace

Jesus shapes the world with love calling us
to follow him beyond denial and despair.
Broken, we meet Jesus face to face.
He breathes wholeness, life giving grace
into each and everyone of us.
We can be confident then that
in His name our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

With the Children part 1

Dave, Ian

Invite kids down the front, then head to Painting 3. Get the kids to have a close look at it, see what they can see, through Jesus' eyes.

Hopefully they'll notice the armed guards coming to arrest Jesus. This is the next part in the story we heard from Luke's Gospel last week, where Jesus was praying in the garden, the disciples were falling asleep, and one of them chopped off the ear of a guard!!

(Move back to the cushions area). Ok, under the rug are a couple more props, so as Bridie is about to read, let's listen out for when they are mentioned.

And one more thing to listen out for: what does Jesus say in this story?

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:54-62

Bridie

Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' But Peter denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Children's time part 2

Dave, Ian

Ok, so, the props: handcuffs (if we have them), matches, rooster.

And did you hear what Jesus said in this story...? Nothing... he just gave Peter a look. Because... what had Peter just done? (Ghosted him!)

Ok, so, what sort of look do you reckon Jesus gave Peter? Let's have a go. Couple of students to join in, too...

Student House Blessing

Dave, James

Ok, now that we've got a couple of the students here, let's invite all of them down the front, and the Student House Committee, too: James, Courtney, Kenna, Joanne and Dave M – we're going to pray God's blessing upon these fine students. They all live in our Student House which has been a wonderful ministry of BUC's for about 20 years! So, I'll invite the chair of the Committee, James Balsillie to the microphone.

James: As chair of the Student House Committee, it gives me great joy to welcome the 'class of 2022' this morning – our student house community. You've met some of them already, but I invite each of you (students) to come and say hello, introduce yourselves. First up we've got a little video recording from Ralph and Robert (hopefully) who are both interstate at the moment. Play video – Dave to load in to Dropbox by Saturday.

(your name, where you're from, the course you are studying, a Bible passage that's resonating/inspiring at the moment).

Acknowledging Darcy's departure.

Responses

Dave: And now to the commissioning and blessing,

To the students:

Will you faithfully live in Christian community with your fellow residents of the Brunswick Uniting Church Student House, exploring faith with them, and alongside the other members of this congregation?

Response: with God's help I will

To the congregation:

Will you support and walk with these students on our shared journey of discipleship?

Response: with God's help I will

To the students:

Will you take part in the ministry of this Church, joining in our community as part of God's mission of love, justice and peace in this time and place?

Response: with God's help I will

To the congregation:

Will you welcome these young people as part Brunswick Uniting Church, encouraging them in living the Christian life together?

Response: with God's help I will

Prayer

Let's pray

Loving God, we ask that you uphold and embrace these humble promises, commitments, we have made today. That your own desire for community, triune God, may inspire our living, here in this congregation, and the communal living in our Student House. We pray your blessing, God, on Jacob, Sohini, Bridie, Ralph, Ben, Oliver, Robert, Owen, Matilda and Darcy and on our lives together.

In Christ, we pray, Amen.

Students invited to kneel, children and SH C'tee to gather around and place a hand on their shoulders.

Blessing Song: For you Deep Stillness, NCYC 99.22

*For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;
for you, deep blue of the desert skies;
for you, flame red of the rocks and stones;
for you, sweet water from hidden springs.*

*From the edges seek the heartlands,
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you.
In the name of Christ. (repeat)
(Last time, last line 3 times)*

SONG: For you, deep stillness, by Julie Perrin, from It all depends, NCYC '99 Songbook, Uniting Church in Australia, , Reproduced with permission under ONE LICENCE # 604502

Children out to SMP with Dave, Clare K and Matilda. Mural artwork on the shed, combined group.

Psalm 71:1-14

Meg

In you O Lord TIS19 refrain only (sung first by soloist then repeated by congregation)

In you, O Lord, I found refuge; let me never more be put to shame.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

In you, O Lord, I found refuge; let me never more be put to shame.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

In you, O Lord, I found refuge; let me never more be put to shame.

I have been like a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.
My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all day long.
Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
do not forsake me when my strength is spent.
For my enemies speak concerning me,
and those who watch for my life consult together.
They say, 'Pursue and seize that person
whom God has forsaken,
for there is no one to deliver.'

In you, O Lord, I found refuge; let me never more be put to shame.

O God, do not be far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed;
let those who seek to hurt me
be covered with scorn and disgrace.
But I will hope continually,
and will praise you yet more and more.

In you, O Lord, I found refuge; let me never more be put to shame.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:63-71

Bridie

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, 'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?' They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.' He replied, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.' All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I am.' Then they said, 'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word
Thanks be to God

Reflection

Ian

Offering with Song: Save us in the time of trial, Tune In

Saide

Let's respond to the gospel through the offerings of our loving, living and giving.

There are many ways that we can do this including loving your neighbours and your enemies, dedicating time and money to support the work of the church, volunteering in our programs, participating in our committees, placing cash in the bowls by the font and through electronic transfer. You could even get your phone out right now and make an offering into the account on the screen.

As disciples of Jesus, we commit to offering all that we are to following him in faith. Let's make our offerings now as we sing 'Save us in the time of trial' ...

*1. You are the source of creation,
yet you were born as a child.
And in your flesh felt the longings we feel.*

*Save us in the time of trial.
Save us in the time of trial, in the time of trial.*

*2. For forty days in the desert,
no food or water the while,
you met the tempter and showed us the way.
Chorus*

3. *When we are caught in our cravings,
when we are trapped in desire,
you show us how to hold onto what's real.*
Chorus

4. *When we are sated with plenty,
and when we live in denial.
When we forget to return to your word,*
Chorus

SONG: [Save us in the time of trial](#), by Shawn Whelan,
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Let us pray
God our rock and our fortress
In this time of trial facing our world
we pray that all of our loving, living and giving
may contribute to peace and an end to suffering
for all peoples and all creation.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Kirsty

with **Kyrie eleison, TiS 736 (Ukrainian Orthodox)**

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1. *Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie eleison*
 2. *Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.*
 3. *Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie eleison*

SONG: [Kyrie eleison](#), (Ukrainian Orthodox), from [Together in Song](#), Harper Collins *Religious*.

Prayer response: Peace, salaam shalom

Kirsty

Let's sing now of our longing for peace in the world. As we sing place your rock near or under one of the artworks close to where you are sitting.

*Peace salaam, shalom,
Peace salaam, shalom,
Peace salaam, shalom,
Peace salaam, shalom*

SONG: [Peace, Salaam, Shalom](#) © 2001 Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow.
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Notices

Saide

It's time to share the news of our community. Please line up here to my right, take off your mask, say your name and share your news in a sentence of two. You can also keep up to date through our newsletters, website and Facebook group.

Sending Song: Sent out in Jesus' name, ATO 412

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

*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

Saide

Peace, salaam, shalom.
We live in a time of trial, a time of deep suffering.
Let's go out into our world singing of peace
working for justice, praying for peace.

May you always know God's love for you
Jesus' loving call on your life
and the breath of the Holy Spirit
loving in and through you now and always.
Amen

Thank yous

Thank you for joining us, and thank you to...

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Saide Cameron

Bible readers:
Meg Orton
Bridie Turner

Children's time:
Dave Hall
(CYYA Pastor)
Ian Ferguson

Reflection:
Ian Ferguson
(Minister of the Word)

Prayers of the People:
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Harriet Loynd, Jess and
Any Kvensakul, Kate
Scull, Elaine Potter,
Glenice Cook, Ian
Ferguson

Closing verse on screen:

All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I am.'

Luke 22:70