

## Opening verse:

Come all you people, come and praise your maker.

## Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship

Ian

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you**

Breathe...

## Song of praise – Come all you People (CAYP14 MV02)

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*Come all you people, Come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, Come and praise your Maker,  
Come all you people, Come and praise your Maker,  
Come now and worship the Lord.*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Saviour...*

*Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit...*

*U-ua-i mo-se, ti-na-mat-te Mwa-ri  
U-ua-i mo-se, ti-na-mat-te Mwa-ri  
U-ua-i mo-se, ti-na-mat-te Mwa-ri  
u-ya-i mo-se zvi-no*

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## Acknowledgement of 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.**

## Welcome and Introduction

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## Prayers of Adoration and Confession

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including Word of Grace

## With the Children

Dave and Ian

Invite children down, brief reference to the stations / paintings we've focused on the past three weeks. Then walk to the focus painting for this Sunday. Get kids to see, think, wonder.

Then return to the front to listen to the Gospel reading. Listen out for the characters mentioned in the story.

## Gospel Reading – Luke 23:26-34

Matilda

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word:

### **Thanks be to God**

Brief chat with children about Simon, what he was asked to do. He was probably from northern Africa – modern-day Libya.

Was one of the key early followers of Jesus. Jesus leads the way for us.

## Student House Blessing

Great joy to now invite our Student House community to the front. Also followers of Jesus, and the Student House Committee, too: James, Courtney, Kenna, Joanne – 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 Balsillie

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.

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

Dave to also acknowledge 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**

James: To the congregation:

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

**Response: with God's help I will**

Dave: 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**

James: 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

Dave

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 Hugh on our lives together. We pray also for Darcy, who has taken up an opportunity to move to Perth for a Bachelor of Music at WAAPA.

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 (NCYC99.22)**

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*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.*

*(Last time, last line 3 times)*

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*Children out to SMP with Dave, Matilda, Ralph. Mural artwork on the shed, Secondary...? TBA*

## **From the Prophets – Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Gwen**

The HOLY ONE has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning God wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The HOLY ONE has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The HOLY ONE helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the HOLY ONE who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word:

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 10 – Why Stand So Far Away My God? (MV072, Tune TIS353)

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- 1 *Why stand so far away, my God?  
Why hide in times of need?  
The proud, unbridled, chase the poor,  
and curse you in their greed.*
- 2 *Why do you hide when, full of lies,  
they murder and betray?  
They wait to pounce upon the weak  
as lions stalk their prey.*
- 3 *The weak are crushed and fall to earth;  
the wicked strut and preen.  
Why in these cruel, chaotic times  
cannot your face be seen?*
- 4 *In ages past you heard the voice  
of those the proud oppress.  
Remember those who suffer now,  
who cry in deep distress.*
- 5 *Arise, O God, and lift your hand;  
bring justice to the poor.  
Come, help us stop the flow of blood!  
Let terror reign no more!*

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## Reflection

Ian

## Offering with Song – Our God who weeps (Tune In)

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- See our God with the tear-streaked face  
With words that heal  
And arms that embrace,  
See him now with his nail-scarred hands  
Your Kingdom come, Lord, The Promised Land.*
1. *When people plead in far-off lands  
And no-one heeds their out-stretched hands  
Yet in the poor we shall find you,*

*Help us work in the world for you  
Fill us now with your love anew.*

2. *They lock up the weak behind barbed-wire fence  
And too few speak in their defence  
Yet in the prisoner we find you,  
Help us work in the world with you  
Fill us now with your love anew.*

3. *When death has taken those held dear  
When faith is shaken, despair draws near,  
May those who mourn find strength in you.  
Let us weep for the world with you  
Fill us now with your love anew.*

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## Prayers of the People

**Peter**

At the end of the Prayers the congregation is invited to make their way to the paintings, take some crystals of salt and place them in the bowl of water on the communion table or the baptism font (whichever is nearer) – representing tears.

Lord listen to you children Praying (ATFG575)

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*Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

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## Notices

**Ian**

## Sending Song – Lead me on (NCYC07)

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*Though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
I will fear no evil  
While I feel your breath  
Though I may stumble  
And fall in disgrace  
Shine your light and lead me on*

*Chorus (echoes in brackets)  
(Lead me on)  
Like a child (Lead me on)  
Walkin' down (Lead me on)  
Through the dark and shadows  
Lead (Lead me on)  
Lead me on (Lead me on)  
Lead me to the other side*

*Surely goodness and mercy  
Shall follow me  
And I will live in your house  
As long as life can be  
Though I may stumble  
And fall in disgrace  
Shine your light and lead me on*

*Chorus*

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## Blessing and Sending

Ian

### Thank yous

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

Liturgist:

Ian Ferguson

Prayers of the People:

Peter Blair

(Olive Way Pastor)

Postlude Song: Lord Listen

to your children praying

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### Closing verse on screen:

Lead me on.