

Opening verse:

'Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?' {Proverbs 8:1}

Introduction

Kirsty

Good morning! Please come and take a seat and prepare to worship God as we sing 'Like a child rests in its mother's arms'. (Please remain seated.)

Song: Like a child rests in its mother's arms AoW1-85

Kirsty

Refrain only, Bible brought in and Christ candle lit during song

*Like a child rests in its mother's arms,
so will I rest in you.
Like a child rests in its mother's arms,
so will I rest in you.*

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Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship

Kirsty

Wisdom is calling us to come and worship God.

She was there in the beginning,

as the earth was formed and the heavens were established,

She was there, beside God like a master worker, God's daily delight.

Let us join with Wisdom and worship the God who creates, redeems and sustains us all.

Let us stand and sing.

Song: Come all you people (Uyai mose) IONA

Kirsty

*U-ya-i mo-se, ti-na-ma-te Mwa-ri (x3)
u-ya-i mo-se zvi-no*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Saviour (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Spirit (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.*

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Acknowledgement of Country

Kirsty

We meet to worship on the land of the Wurrundjeri Woiwurrung people.

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

Kirsty

Welcome to worship this morning. My name is Kirsty and I will be leading worship this morning with our minister Ian and Lyn, Semisi, Matthew and all the musicians, as well as our AV team who are bringing the service to us in this space and on line.

Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the service – it would be lovely to catch up.

Today is Trinity Sunday. As we recognise the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in the one God, we will celebrate Wisdom, for she was there in the beginning, with God and beside God.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Kirsty

Let us pray:

Creating God,
You created Wisdom in the beginning
When there were no depths, and before the mountains had been shaped
When the earth was not yet made and the skies were not yet firm.
You brought Wisdom forth, so she could be beside you, rejoicing before you always.

Redeeming God,
You became human and lived among us,
Full of and grace and truth.
In you the Word became flesh,
Jesus, Saviour, Light shining in the darkness.

Sustaining God,
You are the Spirit of truth who comes and guides us,
Speaking whatever she hears and declaring the things that are to come.
You dance with the Father and the Son,
Drawing us into the circle of love, and holding us safely in our Mother's arms.

We adore you.

Forgive us when we do not respect and rejoice in your creation,
when we do not care for the earth, the seas and skies, and all who dwell in them.

Forgive us when we do not follow your way,
When we do not walk the path of justice and truth.

Forgive us when we do not hear your voice,
When we do not see that everyone is part of your circle of love.

Amen

Word of Grace

Siblings in Christ,
God sustains and redeems and creates,
With Wisdom ever present, rejoicing in the world and delighting in the human race.
She calls to us and so we may say with confidence
Our sin is forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Song: Come and seek the ways of wisdom (Ruth Duck)

Words MV010 Tune TIS497

- 1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced, when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.*
 - 2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the market-place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.*
 - 3. Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.*
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Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Semisi

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all the truth; for she will not speak on her own, but will speak whatever she hears, and she will declare to you the things that are to come. She will glorify me, because she will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that she will take what is mine and declare it to you.

For these words of wisdom and for Christ the Word

Thanks be to God

With the Children

Ian

Blessing of Interim CYA Leaders

Ian

Invitation for the children, youth, student house residents, CYA and Student House Committee members to come and join in the blessing

Presentation

Maxine: The Uniting Church in Australia says
that everyone is called to be faithful to Jesus' way.
The church encourages people to discover and develop
the gifts which God's Spirit has given to each of us.

This congregation through our Children Youth and Young Adult Committee and Church Council has discerned that Steph, Matilda, Bridie and Dave have gifts for working with children, youth and students and have called them to take up interim roles in this ministry in our congregation.

The Questions

Ian: Steph, Matilda, Bridie and Dave, we are very happy and thank God for calling you to minister with us here. We ask you these questions as a sign of the faith that informs your work here.

Do you know Jesus Christ as Lord?

I do.

Do you believe that you are called by God through the Church to this ministry?

I do.

Relying on God's grace, and with the support of this congregation and the Children, Youth & Young Adult and Student House committees will you faithfully carry out the responsibilities of your roles in the Brunswick Uniting Church?

With God's help & love, I will.

Maxine: (To the congregation) Will you accept Steph, Matilda, Bridie and Dave as the interim leaders of the Children, Youth & Young Adult ministry?

We will.

Will you encourage them in love and support them in their ministries, serving with them the one Lord Jesus Christ?

With God's help & love, we will.

(To the Interim Leaders) Steph, Matilda, Bridie and Dave, you have been called by God to minister together in this Congregation. Will you promise, in faith and obedience to Christ, to share this ministry, supporting one another in love, and inspiring God's people here in their common ministry for Christ?

With God's help & love, we will.

(To all present) May God give you strength to fulfil these promises; and the grace to minister together as Christ's people in this place.

Act of Commissioning

Steph, Matilda, Bridie, Dave kneel. All young people and committees gather round, lays on hands. Congregation reaches out a hand.

Ian: Let us pray in silence for Steph, Matilda, Bridie and Dave ...

By the Holy Spirit, O God,
give strength to your servants Steph, Matilda, Bridie and Dave
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 for ever.

Amen.

Blessing Song: May God's Sheltering Wings MV214

*May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you.*

*And hold you in her love,
And hold you in her love.*

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Bible Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Lyn

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live...
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

For these words of wisdom and for Christ the Word

Thanks be to God

Reflection

Ian

Instrumental Music

Offering with Song: O God you Search Me and you know me AoV2-31 Kirsty

- 1. O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.*

2. *You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.*
3. *Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have know its meaning through and though.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.*
4. *Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.*
5. *For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonders of who I am I praise you:
Safe in your hands all creation is made new.*

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Prayers of the People

Helen Burnham

Notices

Kirsty/Ian

Sending Song: Immortal Invisible God only wise TIS 143

Ian

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1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
 2. *Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*
 3. *You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small;
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.*
 4. *Great Father of glory, pure Mother of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart -
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.*
 5. *All praise we would render: reveal to our sight,
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.*

SONG: Immortal, invisible, God only wise, by Walter Chalmers Smith,
from Together in Song, Harper Collins Religious, PUBLIC DOMAIN

Blessing and Sending

The voice of Wisdom cries:
 Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.
 Happy is the one who listens to me,
 watching daily at my gates,
 waiting beside my doors.
 For whoever finds me finds life...

Go to seek Wisdom on your way.
 Listen, live, love.

And may God bless you –
 the Source, the Course and the Flow
 of living water poured out
 for Wisdom, Life and Love.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Thankyou's

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

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