

**Opening verse:**

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.'

Luke 10:38

**Gathering and Greeting****Saide**

Good morning, please find a place to sit or get comfortable if you are worshipping with us from your homes. Thank you for continuing to wear your masks, COVID is everywhere and many of us have been affected in recent weeks and months, let's keep each other safe.

Please stand now to welcome the Word and the Light singing 'You are holy'

**Song of praise: You are holy, TiS 753**

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*You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near; blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.*

*You are holy. you are wholeness,  
you are present, let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, our Lord!*

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**Call to Worship**

Come let us worship God, holy and ever present  
Whose arms are open wide to gather us close to her heart.  
Come let us worship God in word, song and prayer  
With our hearts and hands open to give and receive.  
*Please be seated.*

**Acknowledgement of Country****Saide**

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 this morning. I'm Saide Cameron leading worship today with Ian, Julie, Peter, Ray and the musicians led by Matthew.

Today as our Mission Appeal is launched, we will read the very short story of Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha and later listen to the apostle Peter's proclamation of who Jesus is. Through these readings we are reminded of the one thing that is needed as followers of Jesus.

Please stay on after worship to share morning tea and conversation in hall where the heaters are working.

### Song: Come as you are, TiS 693

And now as we prepare to offer our prayers of adoration and confession let's sing God's love song to us 'Come as you are'

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1. *'Come as you are: that's how I want you.  
Come as you are; feel quite at home,  
close to my heart, loved and forgiven.  
Come as you are: why stand alone?'*

2. *'No need to fear, love sets no limits;  
no need to fear, love never ends;  
don't run away shamed and disheartened,  
rest in my love, trust me again.'*

3. *'I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
why do you think I'd love you the less?'*

4. *'Come as you are; that's how I love you;  
come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;  
all will be well, just come as you are.'*

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## Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Saide

Loving God we hear your voice calling us home.  
Our hearts are full, we are wrapped round by your love.  
We see your love expressed in abundant life  
the birds of the air, creatures of the land and sea  
the trees, bushes, flowers and plants that we eat.  
You call us to be caretakers of this vibrant gift of life and yet  
we are not always mindful of it, we are negligent.  
Forgive us our lack of care, of gratitude and attention.

Risen Christ we hear your voice calling us out.  
Our lives are wrapped round by your stories of love.  
We see your love expressed in a simple touch  
offering gifts of healing and compassion  
giving hope, bringing peace, transforming lives.

You call us to follow you, to be bearers of your gifts and yet  
we are not always ready, we feel overwhelmed and unworthy.  
Forgive us busy-ness, our excuses and distractions.

Holy Spirit we hear your voice raging in our souls.  
Our days are wrapped round with stories of injustice  
We see violence committed against innocent people  
freedom denied, overwhelming poverty, loss and despair  
damage done to this extraordinary planet, our home.  
You call us to be your voice in the world and yet  
we are not always brave and bold, we are silent.  
Forgive us our fear, our timidness and anxieties.  
Amen

### **Word of Grace**

Jesus comes into our homes, into our lives  
Bringing gifts of compassion, peace and grace.  
Know then that in Jesus' name our sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 10:38-42**

**Julie**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word

**Thanks be to God**

### **With the Children**

**Ian**

*Who are Mary and Martha? What are the things that distract us from following Jesus, listening for his voice, his call to follow him? What is the one thing needed?*

### **Song: Faith, hope & love, ATO 376**

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*1. Faith, hope, and love -  
this is what we long for.*

*Faith, hope, and love -  
this is what we need.*

*Faith, hope, and love -  
this is what we cry for.*

*Oh, teach us how to live.*

*2. Trust in the Truth . . .*

*3. Patience within . . .*

*4. Freedom for all . . .*

*5. Faith, hope, and love . . .*

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## Epistle – Colossians 1:15-20

Peter

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word

**Thanks be to God**

## Reflection

Ian

### Offering with Song: Hidden Christ, alive forever

As we offer our gifts to God take a moment to recall a time when you have given or received something precious, recall the feeling, your response. As we sing these new words to a familiar tune you are welcome to place your offerings in the bowls by the font or by transfer to the account on the screen. You can also set up an on-going direct debit. Let's stand and sing.

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1. *Hidden Christ, alive for ever,  
Savior, Servant, Friend and Lord,  
year by year, unseen, you offer  
life undying, love outpoured.  
Day by day, you walk among us,  
known and honored, yet concealed,  
freeing, chiding, leading, guiding,  
till your glory is revealed.*
  3. *Still your life and way of living,  
God-revealing, Spirit-blown,  
teaching, healing, sins forgiving,  
measure and inspire our own;  
loving earth's despised, rejected,  
till with them you hang in pain,  
broken, buried, resurrected,  
life laid down, our life to gain.*
  4. *Who can tell, through earthly eons,  
all your loving power has done,  
changing hearts and shaping nations,  
seeking all, rejecting none?  
Speeches fail, but songs soar higher,  
tracing how, in every place,  
twice ten hundred years have numbered  
countless works of boundless grace!*
  5. *Christ our hope, alive among us,  
take our love, our work, our prayer.  
We will trust and tell your purpose,  
braving evil and despair;  
in your name befriending, mending,  
making peace and setting free,*

*showing, giving and acclaiming  
signs of joy and jubilee.*

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### **Offering Prayer**

Holy One, first born of all creation, we bring you our gifts.  
Inspire us to give boldly and with our whole hearts  
to support the work of the church in our community and beyond.  
Bless all that we offer today and every day.  
Amen.

### **Mission Appeal Spot**

**Shawn**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Ray**

*Good morning I'm Ray. After our prayers I will take the Christ Candle to the chapel space where you are welcome to light a taper for your personal prayer during the final song or after the conclusion of the service. Let us pray ...*

Invisible God you work your mysteries in the world in ways beyond our understanding.  
And so we come to you with our hearts full of prayers for the world.  
We live in turbulent times, shaped by war, disease, climate change, injustice.  
We long for a time when all people are welcomed and have a place to call home  
when the earth is tended with love and held as a gift to be celebrated  
and everyone lives and loves in harmony with all creation.  
Help us to be your voice, hands and heart as we work together for this future.

Jesus, first born of all creation, peace maker, you work your mysteries through story.  
And so we come to you with our hearts full of prayers for the church.  
We live in strange and exciting times, brimming with possibilities  
as we, the church, finds ourselves on the margins, seeking opportunities to find  
new ways to tell your story, to shape and be shaped by the wider community  
to celebrate and share your gifts of love, joy, peace and compassion.  
Help us to be your voice, hands and heart as we do this work together.

Holy Spirit, life giving breath, you work your mysteries through our fragile bodies.  
And so we come to you with our hearts full of prayers for our community.  
We live in a time of constant change and upheaval, still reeling from the pandemic  
uncertain about the future and worried about everyone's health and wellbeing.  
We are grateful for all the ways we gather as community, love given and received,  
prayers offered, stories told, hope proclaimed, suffering acknowledged, compassion shared.  
Help us to be your voice, hands and heart as we care for and support each other.  
Amen

### **Notices**

**Saide**

It's time now to share the news of our community. Please come and line up to my right, take off your mask, get cozy but not too cozy with the microphone so that we can all hear and share your news in a sentence or two.

### **Sending Song: Thuma Mina, TiS 749**

Let's stand and sing of our desire to go where Jesus sends us

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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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## Blessing and Sending

Saide

Let's go out into this week  
with hearts and hands open to give and receive,  
to follow Jesus' call, to go where he sends us  
to work for change and to celebrate hope.

May you always know and be  
held in the abundant love of God  
inspired by the compassion of Christ, and  
nurtured by the steady breath of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

## Thank yous

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

Liturgist:  
Saide Cameron

Bible readers:  
Julie McKinnon  
Peter McKinnon

Children's time:  
Saide Cameron  
Ian Ferguson

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Matthew Lees  
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Andrew Dickinson  
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## Closing verse:

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, ... Colossians 1:20a