

**Opening verse:**

“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” Luke 12:24

**Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship****Amelia**

Good morning, and welcome to worship this morning.

As we prepare to worship God, let's take a breath together in the place where God appears among us, breathing life into us and through us.

Let us breathe with the breath that welcomes the beginning of Guling, orchid season; with the breath that lights tiny yellow flares on the silver wattle trees. Let's stand and sing together as we welcome the word and the light.

**Gathering Song - Uyai Mose, Come all you people**

*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****Josh**

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.**

**Song of Praise - Christ, be our light AoV2-003**

*1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.*

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. *Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.*
3. *Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.*
5. *Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.*

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## Welcome and Introduction

**Amelia**

Good morning, my name is Amelia and I am the Liturgist for today. Along with Ian, Julie, Peter, Josh, the musicians and everyone leading worship today, I would like to welcome you all as we worship together in person and online.

This week we will explore the meaning of radical equality, and the spiritual dimension of taking on Jesus' teachings about social justice into our way of being in the world.

We will also celebrate Holy Communion together and continue the Mission Appeal that we are running through to the end of August.

Please join us for morning tea and a chat in the hall after worship.

## Prayers of Adoration and Confession, Word of Grace

**Amelia**

Grant us a wise and discerning heart (Shawn Whelan)

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*Grant us a wise and discerning heart  
Be with your people today  
Grant us a wise and discerning heart  
Lead us to walk in the Way*

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Life giving God, great hand that holds us,  
Guide us to know the workings of your creation.  
May we grow familiar with its needs  
and become supple as we bend in its currents.

Jesus, who came to disrupt and question,  
Help us to shape our way of being in the world  
Lead us beyond our own comfort and our struggle to be first,  
And let our community be one where the least among us is valued and understood.

Holy Spirit, flowing within us and through us,  
Continue to push us toward the path of peace.

Lend us your insight as we seek to become your people.

In our hearts we confess to you, our God,  
to the times we have ignored the needs of creation,  
to the times we have not looked beyond a person's image,  
and to the times we have let ourselves seek self-justification before understanding.  
Let us continue to seek you and remember that we are your people,  
**Amen**

In Christ, through Christ and because of Christ, our sin is forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Thanks be to God Gospel Reading - Luke 12:32-40**

**Peter**

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

### **With the Children**

**Ian, Josh B**

Ian: Everybody is equal in God's sight but in the world some people are more equal than others. Learning about others helps us bring the equality that Jesus teaches.

Josh teaches the children some words in indigenous languages from the Northern Territory.

### **Song - This little light of mine**

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- This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*
  - Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine...*
  - Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine...*
  - All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine...*
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### **Bible Reading – Psalm 33: 12-22**

**Julie**

Happy is the nation whose God is the ETERNAL ONE!  
Happy the people you have chosen to be your own!  
O GOD, you look down from heaven  
and behold all the people in the world.  
From where you sit enthroned

you turn your gaze on all who dwell on the earth.  
You fashion all the hearts of them  
and understand all their works.  
There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a warrior is not delivered by great strength.  
The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.  
Behold, your eye, O GOD, is upon those who fear you,  
on those who wait upon your love,  
to pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.  
Our soul waits for you, O GOD;  
you are our help and our shield.  
Indeed, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.  
Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word:

***Thanks be to God***

## Reflection

Ian

### Offering with Song - How then shall I live, Linnea Good

Ian

Let's make an offering, an offering to remind us that Jesus really cares about what we do with our money. Let's make an offering. There are offering bowls up the back by the font if you happen to have some cash or our bank account details are up on the screen. As we make this offering let's stand and sing.

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- Took a walk outside of my walking.  
Step'd inside another's shoes  
Walk'd the dusty borders between us,  
Paths I'd never chosen to choose.  
  
How then shall I live?  
How then shall I live?  
How then shall I live, O God?  
How then shall I live?*
  - Heard a sound outside of my list'ning  
Felt the living hum of the ground.  
Waited on the voice of the spirit,  
Singing with its new-old sound.*
  - Saw the world outside of my looking.  
Gazed upon the eyes of its soul.  
Held the hopes and fears of tomorrow.  
Found the pieces making whole.*
  - Took a step outside of my walking,  
Found within a beat that we share.  
Walk'd with you the length of a life time,  
And made of Life a living prayer.*

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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

How shall we live O God? Show us the way.

Send your Spirit to open our ears and our eyes, to open our hearts.

Receive these offerings as a sign of our commitment  
to live the commonwealth of God into being.

Bless us. Bless our offerings in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Mission Spot

Joel

## Prayers of the People

Ian

[Based on Iona Cmty Worship Bk p. 68]

In the Taking (Shawn Whelan)

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*In the taking, in the sharing,  
in the breaking, in the caring;  
in the lifting, in thanksgiving,  
in out pouring, in forgiving.*

*We remember you are with us,  
you are for us, living through us.*

*So we praise you for all goodness  
love for others, bearing witness,*

*as we eat this bread, as we drink this wine;  
as we eat this bread, as we drink this wine.*

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As we come to share the mystery of communion with Christ,  
we remember all those in need today.

We pray for Christ's people throughout the world especially in places of violence and division.

***O Christ, make us one body in peace  
as we feed upon the one bread.***

We pray for our families, our workplaces, the communities in which we live.

***O Christ, make us one body in harmony  
as we feed upon the one bread.***

We pray for those who are sick, bereaved, oppressed or homeless.

***O Christ, make us one body in compassion  
as we feed upon the one bread.***

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing.

***O Christ, make us one body with all creatures  
as we feed upon the one bread.***

And because you are one with us, O Christ,  
enable us to share your life with the world  
by sharing our own lives with the world.

***O Christ, make us one body in love  
as we feed upon the one bread. Amen.***

## Holy Communion

Ian

Servers: Amelia, Ian, Semisi, Jessica

### Introduction and Invitation

- One circle even if we are not receiving. People at home on the livestream part of the circle too.
- At this sensitive time in the pandemic, please don't feel bound to receive communion, but please do still come and be part of the circle. If you would prefer to leave your mask on and receive a blessing, simply cross your hands on your chest.
- Remain in your seats if you wish or are not able to stand
- All servers will hand sanitise and keep masks on
- Gluten free bread

### Communion Song

Reprise: In the Taking (Shawn Whelan)

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*In the taking, in the sharing,  
in the breaking, in the caring;  
in the lifting, in thanksgiving,  
in out pouring, in forgiving.*

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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.***

Father of goodness, Mother of kindness,  
for creation in its wonder and mystery

***we thank you***

for Jesus your beloved Son, our treasure,

***we thank you***

for your Holy Spirit in her grace,

***we thank you***

And with the whole realm of nature around us,  
with earth, sea and sky,

***we sing to you!***

With all the saints before us and beside us,  
with brothers and sisters,  
east and west, north and south,

***we sing to you!***

And with our loved ones,  
separate from us now,  
who yet, in this mystery are close to us,

***we sing the hymn of unending 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, after supper,  
he took the cup saying:

***This is the cup of  
a new covenant in my blood.  
whenever you drink it, remember me.***

Come now, Holy Spirit of our 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.***

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 forever. 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

***Music: musicians' choice***

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

*Exchange a sign of peace without touching.*

## **Notices**

**Ian**

## **Sending Song - In Spirit we rise, BUC Songs**

**Ian**

*In Spirit we rise, rise, rise  
to be bread for the world  
In Spirit we rise, rise, rise  
to be bread for the world*

*Planted, the seed within:  
Image of You we bear;  
life as Your blessed ones,  
love the gift that we share.                      chorus*

*Christ is the pattern sown  
in moments of trust known deep.  
Knowledge of You we grow;  
faith the harvest we reap.                      Chorus*

*Tumbled by life we come,  
love's holy grain worked through.  
Spirit, the yeast so wise  
proves our power in You.*

*In Spirit we rise, rise, rise  
to be bread for the world  
In Spirit we rise, rise, rise  
to be bread for the world  
In Spirit we rise, rise, rise  
to be bread for the world  
bread for the world.*

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## Blessing and Sending

Rise up and go forth to be bread for the world -  
the bread of peace, justice, compassion, and renewal.

Go with the blessing of God,  
from the Sacred Source,  
through the Living Word,  
by the Loving Spirit.

In the name of Christ. Amen

## Thank you

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

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## Closing verse:

"where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Luke 12:24