

# Order of Service – 02.10.2022

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## Opening verse

The steadfast love of our God never ceases, her mercies never come to an end”  
Lamentations 3:22

## Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship

Amelia

Good morning

## Gathering Song: *Morning has broken*, TIS 156

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1. *Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
praise for them, springing fresh from the word.*
2. *Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung from completeness where his feet pass.*
3. *Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day.*

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## Acknowledgement of Country

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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

Amelia

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

## Song of Praise: *Come all you people*, IONA CAYP

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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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## Prayers of Confession, Word of Grace

Amelia

### Psalm 137:1-6

Julie

By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.  
For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”  
How could we sing the LORD’s song  
in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!  
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word:

**Thanks be to God**

## With the Children

Ian, Steph?

Homesickness.

## Song". By the waters of Babylon TIS708

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*By the waters, the waters of Babylon,  
we sat down and wept, and wept for thee Zion.  
We remember, we remember, we remember thee Zion.*

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## Bible Reading - Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26

Julie

*The steadfast love of our God ATA153*

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*The steadfast love of our God never ceases,  
Her mercies never come to an end.  
They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning.  
Great is your faithfulness, O God,  
Great is your faithfulness.*

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### Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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Her mercies never come to an end.  
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Great is your faithfulness.*

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### Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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For these words of witness and for Christ the Word:

**Thanks be to God**

## Reflection

Ian

## Offering with Song: *Great is your faithfulness*, TIS154

Ian

1. *Great is your faithfulness, O God **Redeemer**,  
in you no shadow of turning we see;  
you never fail and your love is unchanging:  
as you have been you for ever will be.*

*Great is your faithfulness. Great is your faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies we see;  
all we have needed your hand has provided:  
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

2. *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in unspoken witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.*
3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,  
your living presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
these are the blessings your love will provide.*

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## Prayers of the People

Helen

Like those Israelites who sat down remembering, by the waters of Babylon,  
We feel that we are powerless as our world is reeling from one problem to another.  
From two years of Covid, from financial problems, from Global warming, to power shortages.

We pray that we remember the steadfast love of our God that never ceases.

We pray for all those who suffer, and those who work for an end to suffering,  
in war and violence in so many countries, persecution of racial and religious minorities,  
discrimination in all its forms of colour, race, sex, sexual orientation,  
religion, disability, poverty, sickness.

We pray for a safe place for those seeking refuge, food for the hungry,  
medical attention, the right to go to school for girls is so many countries, for religious freedom,

We pray we remember your mercies never come to an end.

We pray for our world, for the soil we walk, for the air we breathe,

for the food we eat, and the water we drink.

We pray for unity of purpose all over our world and that the people and Governments will have the strength of purpose to make the necessary changes.

We pray for all those who are suffering these changes already.

For islands and coastlines disappearing beneath the oceans,

for melting ice caps, for drought, flood, fire, famine, hurricanes and earthquakes.

We pray that we learn to listen to the spirit of our land as our First Nations people have for centuries, to save your unique creation here on this island and all over the world.

We remember your love and mercies are new every morning.

We pray for our Community here in Brunswick, for all of us who call this place our home.

For those who work here and those who come here seeking you.

For those who come to our programs and to worship in the church or on line.

We pray that we always speak your word, and show your love.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for tolerance and cooperation between people of faith, working together to make your kingdom come, for your will to be done.

We pray these things knowing your love, mercy and your great faithfulness,  
in the name of our saviour Jesus Christ

Amen.

## Holy Communion

Ian

Servers: Amelia, Ian, Semisi, Kenna

### 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: *The steadfast love of our God* ATA153

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*The steadfast love of our God never ceases,  
Her mercies never come to an end.*

*They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning.*

*Great is your faithfulness, O God,*

*Great is your faithfulness.*

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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, bringer of good news,  
***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**

**Amelia/Ian**

**Sending Song: God's mercy, Tune In**

**Ian**

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*Like the sun upon my skin  
I can smile and soak it in  
And my wounds begin to heal  
That's God's mercy*

*Like a fragrance in the air  
Scent to lighten my despair*

*Loving kindness always there  
That's God's mercy.*

*When I'm feeling lost from all that's good  
When I'm failing all the good I would  
When I fear that all I ever could become lies wasted  
When I can't reach out, accept, forgive  
When it's hard to change the way I live  
When my need for care, for love, to give, are all frustrated*

*Like a flower opening wide  
Glow of love that spreads inside  
Humble gift to breach my pride  
That's God's mercy*

*Loving gaze upon my soul  
Seeing all complete and whole  
Healing vision to console  
That's God's mercy*

*When I'm feeling . . .*

*Gentle breath upon my heart  
Warm embrace that takes my part  
Place of strength from where I start  
That's God's mercy  
For me,  
For me,  
For me.*

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## Blessing and Sending

Ian

### Thank you

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

Liturgist:

Amelia Ware

Bible readers:

Julie McKinnon

Peter McKinnon

Children's time:

Ian Ferguson

Steph Gesling

Reflection:

Ian Ferguson

(Minister of the Word)

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Helen Burnham

Musicians:  
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## Closing verse

"The steadfast love of our God never ceases, her mercies never come to an end"  
Lamentations 3:22