

# Order of Service 30/10/2022

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## Opening verse:

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart (Hab. 2:1)

## Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship

Natalie

**NCH742** Gathered here in the mystery of this hour (in unison, and then as a round)

*Gathered here in the mystery of this hour.  
Gathered here in one strong body.  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.  
Spirit draw near.*

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## Acknowledgement of Country

Natalie

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

Natalie

## Song of praise with Prayers of Adoration and Confession

With **ATW460** Alleluia (Mxadana)

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*Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

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SONG: [Alleluia](#) by George Mxadana, from [All together whatever](#), Open Book Publishers, PUBLIC DOMAIN

## Word of Grace

Ending with **ATW460** Alleluia (Mxadana)

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*Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

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## Gospel Reading: [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Christine

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

For these words of witness and for Christ the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## With the Children

Kirsten and Natalie

The story of Zaccheus

## Song:

**AoV2-070 Don't be afraid**

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*Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger,  
My love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger  
and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.*

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## Hebrew Scriptures: [Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#)

Jamie

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you 'Violence!'  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.  
I will stand at my watch-post,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.  
For these words of witness and for Christ the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Reflection

Kirsten

Including optional stations

## Offering with Song

**ATFG563 / NCYC'03 / The Red Book** How long must we cry out?

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*1. How long must we cry out,  
'til justice rolls down like a river?  
How long will this night last,  
And when will we all be together?*

*Teach me to do what is right,  
work in the darkness, trust in the light,  
and may love be the path I walk upon.*

*2. How long will these bombs fall,  
And bodies get twisted and broken?  
How long will these voices,  
Keep shouting loud insult and slogan?*

*3. How long will your creatures,  
Be trampled, degraded forever?  
How long, must we cry out,  
Till justice rolls down like a river?*

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## Offering Prayer

## Prayers of the People

Jim

with **Taizé** Wait for the Lord

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*Wait for the Lord  
whose day is near,  
wait for the Lord,  
keep watch, take heart*

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## Notices

### Sending Song

#### Iona M&G Stand O Stand Firm

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*Stand, O stand firm;  
Stand, O stand firm;  
Stand, O stand firm  
And see what the Lord can do.*

*Cantor: O my sisters, stand very firm!*

*Stand, O stand firm;  
Stand, O stand firm;  
Stand, O stand firm  
And see what the Lord can do.*

*Cantor: (other verses ad lib)*

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SONG: Stand firm, traditional from the Cameroons, from Many & Great, Wild Goose Publications.

## Blessing and Sending

**Natalie**

### Postlude sequence - Thank you

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

Liturgist:  
Natalie Sims

Bible readers:  
Christine Hornby  
Jamie Thom

Reflection and  
Children's Time:  
Kirsten Parris

Prayers of the People:  
Jim Kilpatrick

Musicians:  
Shawn Whelan  
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Helen Burnham  
Nicole Lowe  
Elaine Potter  
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Images:  
Kirsten Parris

Postlude Song:  
Wait for the Lord  
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**Closing verse:** Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham." (Luke 19:9)