

## BENEDICTION

Go, those whom God names as beloved,  
to find your wilderness place amidst the chaos of life.  
Find God present there, revealing the purpose of your life  
and, in loving service, know the blessing of God  
today and always. **Amen.**

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ postlude,  
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

POSTLUDE      Prélude au Kyrie      Jean Langlais 1907-1991

*Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church*

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**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

# 11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 21st February 2021

Lent 1B  
COCU19B

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church. Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

**This Service is being live streamed. The Service will also be available for viewing on YouTube at 'Pilgrim Uniting Church Adelaide' for two months.**

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*The people are invited to stand for the entrance of the Bible.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people.**  
Love and peace come together,  
**justice and peace join hands.**  
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
**O my God, in you I trust.**  
Make me to know your ways, O Lord.  
**Teach me your paths.**  
Lead me in your paths and teach me.  
**For you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.**

HYMN 95      Forty days and forty nights

1  
Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

2  
Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

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3  
Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

4  
And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

5  
So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

6  
Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

Words: G.H. Smyttan 1822-1870 and Francis  
Pott 1832-1909  
Tune: Aus der Tiefe (Heinlein); Melody by  
'M.H.' in *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch* 1676  
possibly by M. Herbst 1654-1681

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

#### GREETING AND WELCOME

*You are invited to pass a COVID safe sign of peace to those immediately around you.*

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Come to us, God of hope.  
Come to us with your promises.  
Come in your mysterious presence.  
Come that we may marvel at your faithfulness in past generations;  
that we may celebrate the new things you are doing among us today;  
that we may be your pilgrim people on our journey to your kingdom.  
**Come to us, God of hope. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we enter these Lenten days and look to fall into step behind Jesus,  
entering with him the wilderness where faith is tested and futures found  
We confess we are not ready, we are not strong  
to face and to find all that might be revealed  
We carry too many burdens of guilt and regrets long gathered  
too many concerns and worries,  
wounds often cherished, a past mulled over, wrongs not righted.  
Meet us at the edge of the desert and lighten our load  
Take the heavy packs off our backs and simply forgive what has been,  
what has not been achieved, all the good we failed to do  
that we may travel lightly with you,  
our eyes set on the Jesus going ahead of us, clearing a path  
promising that for us rain will fall in the desert  
and after the storm a rainbow will light the heavens  
and we will be made new through Christ our Lord.

to not retreat into a closed world, a closed faith and a small God. You set us free to see and hear the world as it truly is, to touch the world, to live as one with it. You set us free to serve others, to honour the planet, to speak out for justice with the love of God in our hearts.

**God of gladness and grace, live within our hearts and minds that we may live with grace and gladness, in your love and in your service, all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*(Elenie Poulos, Uniting Justice)*

#### THE 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, the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

#### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 496          Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

1  
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

2  
Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

3  
Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston 1791-1867  
Tune: Mannheim; Melody from Friedrich  
Filitz Choralbuch 1847, harmonized by  
Lowell Mason 1792-1872

5  
For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to  
cheer.

6  
To him whose boundless love has  
won  
salvation for us through his Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

Words: ascribed to Thomas à Kempis c. 1379  
-1471 tr. Benjamin Webb 1819-1885  
Tune: Eisenach; Melody by J.H. Schein 1586-  
1630 in his revised *Cantional* 1654,  
harmonized by J.S. Bach 1685-1750

*Remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

#### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

When we see with the eyes of God, we see the brokenness of life:  
the pain on people's faces etched by loneliness, lined by grief, coloured  
by illness; the damage of systems, structures, institutions, breeding  
isolation, poverty, and apathy.

But, we also see life beyond the surface, the dignity of every human  
being, every person made in God's image, loved by God, a child of God.  
Jesus in every face.

#### **God of grace and gladness, enable us to see.**

With God's Spirit in our hearts we hear the groans of creation:  
the environment plundered, polluted and abused, animals and plants  
disappearing forever.

We hear the groans of those who are despised, persecuted and violated.  
But, we also hear the songs of creation in the world: songs of wonder  
and awe; songs of re-creation and new life.

#### **God of grace and gladness, enable us to hear.**

With the love of God in Christ, we are moved to touch as Jesus touched,  
offering God's grace to the destitute, the outcast, the enemy and the  
stranger. No longer complacent: we ourselves are touched by the life and  
the plight of every creature.

#### **God of grace and gladness, enable us to touch.**

Following Jesus in service we serve those left behind: the 'collateral  
damage', 'the bottom of the heap', the 'too hard'. Together, we serve to  
build communities of hope, places of generosity, hospitality, grace.

Because the reign of God is here.

#### **God of grace and gladness, enable us to serve.**

Moved by the prophets and called to do justice, God's Spirit opens our  
mouths to speak the truth about ourselves, about our world. The love of  
God is a challenge to the brokenness of the world, to violence, prejudice,  
greed and fear. We speak out for justice and witness to a different way of  
life. We speak of peace and mercy, reconciliation and transformation.

#### **God of grace and gladness, enable us to speak.**

Jesus Christ, living word of God, enable us to confront life, to know life  
and to embrace life in all its tragedy and pain, glory and wonder. Help us

*A time of silence is kept*

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Those who are in Christ are a new creation;  
everything old has passed away; see, the new has come!  
All of this is from God, who loves us and assures us of reconciliation,  
peace and new beginnings.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM                      Lent Prose                      Plainchant ed. John Scott 1956-2015

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In our struggle to hear your word, O God,  
bless even our doubts, our wonderings,  
our wanderings, our soul-struggles,  
life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries.  
Teach us to love our questions as well as our answers. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING                      Genesis 9: 8-17

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am  
establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and  
with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic  
animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of  
the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh  
be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood  
to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and  
you and every living creature that is with you, for all future  
generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of  
the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the  
earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant  
that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the  
waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the  
bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant  
between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the  
earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have  
established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 25: 1-10                      Chant: James Turle 1802-1882

- 1 Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in  
thee; O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph  
over me.
- 2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed  
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

- 3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord and teach me thy paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.
- 10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

*Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:  
and / to the / Holy / Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be  
world without / end. A /- / men.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 18-22

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

In this is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Call to remembrance Richard Farrant 1530-1580

*Please stand for and face the gospel*

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord**

GOSPEL READING Mark 1: 9-15

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by

John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN 385 Be thou my guardian and my guide

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| <p>1<br/>Be thou my guardian and my guide,<br/>and hear me when I call;<br/>let not my slippery footsteps slide,<br/>and hold me lest I fall.</p>          | <p>3<br/>And if I tempted am to sin,<br/>and outward things are strong,<br/>do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,<br/>and save my soul from wrong.</p> |
| <p>2<br/>The world, the flesh, and Satan<br/>dwell<br/>around the path I tread;<br/>O save me from the snares of hell,<br/>thou quickener of the dead.</p> | <p>4<br/>Still let me ever watch and pray,<br/>and feel that I am frail;<br/>that if the tempter cross my way,<br/>yet he may not prevail.</p>       |

Words: Isaac Williams 1802-1865  
Tune: Abridge; Isaac Smith 1734-1805

SERMON

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION**

HYMN 118 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!

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| <p>1<br/>O love, how deep, how broad, how<br/>high!<br/>it fills the heart with ecstasy,<br/>that God, the Son of God, should take<br/>our mortal form for mortals' sake.</p> | <p>3<br/>For us he was baptized, and bore<br/>his holy fast, and hungered sore;<br/>for us temptations sharp he knew;<br/>for us the tempter overthrew.</p>                          |
| <p>2<br/>He sent no angel to our race<br/>of higher or of lower place,<br/>but wore the robe of human frame<br/>himself, and to this lost world came.</p>                     | <p>4<br/>For us to wicked men betrayed,<br/>scourged, mocked, in purple robe<br/>arrayed,<br/>he bore the shameful cross and<br/>death;<br/>for us at length gave up his breath.</p> |