



*Kardlayirdi Karnungga
The light on the hill*

Brougham Place Uniting Church

July 9, 2023 Pentecost 6A

Preacher: Rev Robyn Caldicott

*We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional carers of the land
on which our church is built.*

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting of Candles and Introit

*Come unto Him –
Rosemary Nairn*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, we come bringing all the ins and outs of our living.
Meet us here, we pray.

Jesus Christ, we come desiring to know how we might more fully live your way.
Open our minds to your word.

Spirit of love, we come receptive to how you might work in us.
Gather us into your compassionate grace. Amen.

We Sing: *O let the Son of God enfold you*

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love;
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul;
O, let him have the things that hold you
and his Spirit, like a dove,
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives;
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives.
2. come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy;
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name;
O, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives;
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives.

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Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.
And also with you.

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Children's Time

Baptism: Arthur James Wyman

Elder: Barbara Sibley

The Confession of Faith

Let us confess the faith into which we were baptised.....please stand if you are able:

Do you believe in God who made you and loves you?

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, your Saviour and Lord?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit and the continuing work of our salvation?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Responses

Friends in Christ, will you promise to maintain a life of worship and teaching, witness and service so that this child and all the children among you may grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God?

**With God's help, we will live out our baptism
As a loving community in Christ:
Nurturing one another in faith,
Upholding one another in prayer,
And encouraging one another in service.**

We Sing: *Father Welcomes (2 verses)*

*Refrain:
Father welcomes all his children
to his family through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life forever has been won.*

1. Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these;
life and love I have to give,
mercy for your sin.

Refrain

2. In the water, in the word
in his promise, be assured.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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Children may go downstairs for Sunday School. Parents, you are welcome to join your child in Sunday School if you feel your child may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

Scripture Reading: *Romans 7:15-25a*

Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choral Anthem:

*Come and find the quiet centre –
words Shirley Murray*

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

¹⁶But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;

¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

Continuing at verse 25....

²⁵At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

**May the Spirit of God open our eyes to see, our ears to hear,
and our hearts to understand.**

Message

We Sing: *Take this Moment*

1. Take this moment, sign, and space,
take my friends around.
Here among us make the place
where your love is found.
2. Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.
3. Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.
4. Take the little child in me,
scared of growing old.
Help them here to find their worth,
made in Christ's own mould.
5. Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be.
Let my life be yours, and yet,
let it still be me.

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Chimes:

*Thanks be to God –
(Ar Hyd Y Nos) Together in Song 168*

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

...And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying:

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 and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

We Sing: I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

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Sending Forth and Benediction

Blessing: *May you go well –*
Dave Brown (Altogether for Good 583)

Postlude: Chimes –

Fanfare for Bells –
Rosemary Nairn

*Come and share morning tea together, downstairs in the basement.
There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church
and the car park leading to the basement.*

Some of the liturgy in this service is adapted from resources published by Moira Laidlaw (B.A., Dip.Theol., D.Min.) and written by John Birch (posted on Faith and Worship).