



Brougham Place Uniting Church

26th May, 2024

Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Trinity Sunday. Liturgical colour: White

Reconciliation Sunday

Kardlayirdi Karnungga A Light on the Hill

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

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Naa marni?

(Are you all good?)

Marni Ai!

(Good I am)

Marni naa pudni

(Good you all came)

In this space you, God, are present,
just as you are present in all spaces.

In this time you, God, are here,
just as you are in all times.

We are your people from many places and many times.

As we gather here and online, we acknowledge the important threads of love which our First Peoples bring to the tapestry of the story of our land.

We acknowledge the wonder, beauty and spirit of Country and the place it has in the identity and spirituality of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains. I invite those joining us online to name the First Peoples of place where you are.

We pay our respect to elders past and present.

May we journey in harmony and togetherness into a better future for all.

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

Glory to God in the Highest (John Bell)

Call to Worship

Our land is alive with the glory of God;
desert sands hum and gum trees dance.

Brown grasses sing
and mountains breathe their stillness.

All created things add their rhythms of delight
and even stones rap out their praise.

Let our voices mingle with those of the earth;
may our hearts join the beat of her joy,
for our triune God is with us:
the source of all being surrounds and upholds us.

Christ Jesus walks beside and before us.
The Spirit moves within and between us.
Blessed be God, our wonder and delight.

We sing: *God of Creation*

1. God of Creation, gentle life-giver,
present at birth and all through our days;
author of sunrise, song in the night sky
here in this place, we offer our praise.
2. Jesus, companion, teacher and healer,
friend of the grieving, suffering, the poor
stand with your people, whisper among us
promise of mercy, goodness for all.
3. Spirit of comfort, blow through creation,
stir up new life, breathe peace through our world.
Healer of hearts, and hope for tomorrow,
weave all our sorrows into new dawn.
4. Here we give thanks for life in its fullness,
blessings received, your gifts to us all.
Make us a people filled with compassion,
selflessly giving, serving your world.

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Prayer for Reconciliation Sunday

Dear God,

You are the creator, redeemer and sustainer of life,
within whom the land, sea and sky and all that live in them
shared your life and love in their diversity and unity.

In Christ, we see and experience the power of your love.
Love that brings healing, forgiveness, and renewed life.

Through the work of your Spirit, we share your grace to create
and reconcile our life and relationship with our neighbour, and
land, sea, and sky.

Now more than ever, O God,
you continue to offer all Australians opportunities to speak
and act in support of the First Nation peoples. We thank you
for the faith and courage of those who have died and those

who continue to speak and act, inviting others to join the reconciliation journey and learn our shared histories, culture and achievements.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history.
We acknowledge the suffering of your people, especially the First People of these lands, now known as Australia.

We pause to remember all who have lost their lives in the struggle for justice and peace in Australia and our world.
(pause)

We pray for humility and empathy, for wisdom and understanding.

We pray for your forgiveness and ask for courage to play our part to be agents of healing and reconciliation.

Now more than ever, O God,
Help us and strengthen our hope in Christ and his love that bears our sins and our brokenness, and reconcile us to you and to each other.

**May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
and his love be the guiding light in all that we say and do
Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

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

Community News and Notices

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Children's Time

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.

Anthem

Holy, Holy, Holy (F Schubert. Oxford Book of Flexible Anthems 26)

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the world.
Thanks be to God.

Message



Rublev's Icon of the Trinity (The Hospitality of Abraham) 15th century.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_%28Andrei_Rublev%29



Kelly Latimore's Icon of the Trinity (Trinity) 2016

We sing: *O Breath of Life*

1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.

3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting
equip your church to spread the light.

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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Offering



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Alternatively, there is an offering bowl near the lectern on the left-hand side as you exit the church.

Offering Prayer

We sing: *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence –
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure –
foolishness none dare deride.
4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

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Benediction

May our footsteps, on these ancient lands,
remind us of creation and connectedness,
in our search for truth.

May the Gum Tree, from its roots to its branches,
remind us to dig deep and reach high,
in our action for justice.

May the Eagle, who soars in the sky,
remind us of the power,
in our call for love.

May the expanse of the lands and seas, of the sky and stars,
remind us of God's timing
in our faith in hope.

May the Holy three,
Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa Jesus,
remind us of community.

Go with grace, mercy, and peace,
go in truth, justice, love and hope.
Amen

Nakutha (Nahg-udda)
(Goodbye but not forever)

Blessing

Shine, Holy Spirit of Peace *(R Naim)*

Postlude

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

Marni naa pudni
(Good you all came)

This service has been prepared with assistance from:
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Uniting Church Day of Mourning Resource 2022
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Bible Reading: New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition)

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