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14 July 2024

Pentecost 8

Preacher: Rev Andrea Prior

Liturgical colour: Green

Brougham Place Uniting Church

Kardlayirdi Karnungga

A light on the hill

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

Prelude

Welcome

Niina marni!

**Marni'ai!**

Welcome to this time of worship!

## Acknowledgment of Country

## Introit and Lighting of the Candles

*Help us O God to Learn*

*Together in Song 428 Steggall/Reid*

## Call to Worship

We are called together to worship God

**who reaches out to us in grace and love.**

God calls us to live lives of justice

**to show kindness and goodness.**

As the Body of Christ, let us be centred in his truth;

**to follow where he leads and not to count the cost.**

## Prayer

*We Sing:.. Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.
2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.
  
4. Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the Church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body ;  
share the love of which we sing ;  
share the feast of saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

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## Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

God knows the intent of our hearts  
and longing to renew us  
is more willing to forgive us than we can imagine.  
As we have confessed and repented,  
let us be confident of the truth that our sin is forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Psalm 24, a paraphrase

The whole earth, and everything on it,  
belongs to the Holy One.

**All Creation and all people are God's.  
For God made it all—the deep mysteries,  
all flowing life and beauty.**

How can we draw near to God?  
How does one witness God's presence?  
**By having gentle hands and pure hearts.  
By honouring what is true,  
and not harbouring the lies of fear.**

In this way the Holy One blesses us;  
our saving God vindicates us.  
**This is the way of those who seek God,  
the community who seek the God of love.**

O gates of life, swing wide with welcome!  
**You doors to joy, open your arms:  
let the Glorious One come in and be with us.**

Who is the Glorious One?  
**The Beloved, gracious and loving,  
whose mercy ends all battles.**

O gates of this moment, open to grace!  
**You doors of attentiveness, open your arms:  
let the Glorious One come in and be with us.**

Who is the Glorious One?  
**The Beloved, gracious and loving.  
The Beloved is the glory of life.**

## Passing of the Peace

May the peace of 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

*Grow in Grace*

*Malcolm Archer*

## Introduction to Scripture Reading

### Scripture Reading: *Mark 6: 6b–30*

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all

should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' <sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

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

## Address

We Sing: *We will Love – We Will Walk with You on The Edges*

*Chorus:*

*We will walk with you at the edges,  
we will die with you on the crossroads,  
we will live in your dangerous places,  
we will love.*

*We will risk with you taking chances,  
we will stand with you facing evil,  
we will live in your dangerous places,  
we will love.*

1. Come Lord Jesus Christ hear our prayer,  
come now living friend please draw near.  
Alone, we feel unsure and so afraid.  
Calling us to live by your grace,  
calling us to leave all that's safe.  
Our lives we choose to lose  
so you may save.

*Chorus*

2. Stepping out we call on your name,  
knowing you have healed all our shame.  
Our God, your precious love has made us whole.  
Gifting us with power to set free,  
Holy Spirit, use even me.  
Renew all that I am  
so I may see.

*Chorus*

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## Offertory Prayer

## 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**



## We Sing: *God gives us a Future*

1. God gives us a future,  
daring us to go  
into dreams and dangers  
on a path unknown.  
We will face tomorrow  
in the Spirit's power,  
we will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us  
sins of yesterday,  
for God's new beginning  
is a better way.  
Fear and doubt and habit  
must not hold us back:  
God gives hope, and insight,  
and the strength we lack.
3. Holy Spirit, teach us  
how to read the signs,  
how to meet the challenge  
of our troubled times.  
Love us into action,  
stir us into prayer,  
till we choose God's life, and  
find our future there.

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Sending Forth and Benediction

## Choral Blessing

*Let Our Earth Be Peaceful*

*Gibson/Murray*

## Postlude

*Chimes - Finlandia*

*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  
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