



The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace

Brougham Place Uniting Church

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Reign of Christ Sunday. White

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A Light on the Hill

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

Welcome! As you wait for worship to begin, please turn your phone to silent.

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Naa marni?

(Are you all good?)

Marni Ai!

(Good I am)

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

Hail Redeemer, King Divine.

(TIS 237. vs. 1, 2 & 3. Wm Flood. P Brennan)

Call to Worship

The cosmos and all it contains
come from the mind and the heart of God.

Let us rejoice in the goodness and creativity of God.

Today, let us celebrate.

Today, let us be glad that God is with us.

Today, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

God, of love and care,
we know we live in a world of competing loyalties.
We remember that you are committed to us.
In a world of power used to control,
we remember your power to free us all.
Remind us again on this day
that you are a power like no other power
and Lord like no other lord.
Remind us today of your presence
with us always.
Amen.

We sing: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*'

Together in Song 143, v1,2,3,5

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blèssed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Grace

God loves you.
God frees you from sin.
God makes you into a people.
To God be glory and honour, forever and ever.
Hallelujah! 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

Glory to the King of Kings (TIS 718. Geoff Bullock)

Gospel Reading: *John 18:33-37*

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

Message

We sing: *The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace*

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom. *Repeat twice*

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16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

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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.**

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Offering



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Alternatively, there is an offering bowl near the lectern on your left at the front of the church.

Offering Prayer

Give us generous hearts and generous lives, O God.

May our offerings help remake the world in your image.

Amen

We Sing: *The King of Glory Comes*

Together in Song 279

*The King of glory comes
the nation rejoices,
open the gates before him,
lift up your voices.*

1. Who is the King of glory, how shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.
The King of glory comes.....
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people curing their illness.
The King of glory comes.....
3. Sing then of David's son, our Saviour and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another.
The King of glory comes....
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sins of the nation.
The King of glory comes...

5. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.

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Benediction

Grace to you and peace from God,
who is, who was and who is to come.
Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
Grace to you and peace from the Spirit of Love,
who transforms you into God's people.

Go into this week with God's blessing in your heart,
that you might share it with the work of your hands.

Choral Blessing

*Lord Christ, True Peace of All Above.
(TIS 623. vs. 1 & 2. J Nares. BA Moore)*

Postlude

*Come and share morning tea together in the basement.
There are stairs behind the organ. Alternatively, if the stairs are a
difficulty, invite someone to join you for coffee down the street.
All are welcome!*

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