

ORDER OF SERVICE
2 August 2020
Pentecost 9

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Gather us in	TIS 474	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) The Power of your Love	CCLI #6428767 TIS 685/SCE 329/P&W 621	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	Beauty for brokenness	SCE 37/TIS 690	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Genesis 32: 22-31; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21		Ian McKay
Message			Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Eagles Wings (Here I am waiting)	SCE 724/CCLI#2478168	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church	Ros Bambrick		
Prayers of the People	Ros Bambrick		
Communion Song	The Table	CCLI#7028956	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	This is Amazing Grace	CCLI#6333821	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction	Rev Allan Smith		
Benediction/Going Out Song	This is Amazing Grace (reprise Chorus)	CCLI#6333821	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Ros Bambrick
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Praise Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Backup Singers	Ian McKay
Additional Music	Mary Bambrick & Tony Leong
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Liam Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 17:1-7*)

Hear my plea for justice, O LORD, and attend to my cry.

Listen to my prayer, which does not come from deceitful lips.

Let my judgement come from you;

may your eyes see my integrity

Examine my heart, come to me in the night,

test me with fire; you will find no idolatry in me;

my mouth does not speak against the works of your hands.

I have held fast to the command of your lips.

I call upon you, because you will answer me, O God.

Turn your ear to me, and listen to my words.

Reveal the wonder of your lovingkindness, O Deliverer.

by your right hand muzzle those who rise up against us.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Gather us in](#) TIS 474

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy and awesome God, creator of heaven and earth - as we come before you today we are aware of our imperfect understanding of your ways and of our deep need for your presence in our lives. We thank you for granting to us a family in which to grow, a people with whom we can mature. We praise you for accepting us as we are and for struggling with us to make us what we can be.

Bless, we pray, this time when your people gather to worship you and call on your name. Grant to us insight into the mind of Christ and a deep love for you and for all whom you have made. As we lift our song to you - come down and visit our souls. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, our brother, and our friend. Amen.

SONGS [Oceans \(Where Feet May Fail\)](#) CCLI 6428767

[The power of your love](#) TIS 685/SCE 329/P&W 621/ CCLI 917491

PRAYER OF ADORATION

In the darkest moments of our lives, Intriguing God,
we have struggled with you, believing that if we were to beat you,
you would have to give us whatever we want,
not realizing you have already blessed us with everything we need in life.

When our hunger for hope overwhelms us, Gentle Jesus,
you fill us with your presence;
when our need for more and more would pull us further and further away from you,
you heal us of our desires;
when we look away from those in need,
your tears of compassion cleanse our hearts.

We would leave our pain behind us,
and run through your streams of living waters, Spirit of God,
that we might embrace our sisters and brothers in peace,
knowing that our broken relationships have been made whole.

God in Community, Holy in One,
we lift our prayers to you,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have not followed your ways and we have forgotten your commandments. We have left the poor hungry and sick. We have left the ill without medicine and care. We have left our brothers and sisters from other nations without justice and declared them illegal and treated them as less than human.

Forgive us for our lack of love and compassion. Forgive us for not seeing our neighbours as ourselves. Forgive us, most of all, for not seeing you in the faces of those all around in need. In the name of Christ, who shows us compassion and mercy, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God has probed our hearts and tried us by fire,
but Christ has compassion for us and has justified us.
Therefore, God now finds nothing wrong in us.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace
your sins are forgiven;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Beauty for brokenness](#) SCE 37/TIS 690

BIBLE READINGS

[Genesis 32:22-31](#)

[Romans 9:1-5](#)

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

SERMON [How much do you care?](#) [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG [Eagle's wings \(Here I am waiting\)](#) SCE 724/CCLI 2478168

OFFERING PRAYER

We offer these gifts to you O God, in response to your many gracious gifts to us. Bless and use all that we offer, both these gifts and our lives, as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steadfast Lord God, you provide all we need for each day of life: food, shelter, clothing, education and health care. Yet there are those in this world who do not have the basic necessities. Their futures look bleak. Use us, as your servants, to provide for those in need. Give us the courage to share from all that you have given us to use, and help us make loving choices for its distribution. We pray that you will be glorified through our gracious deeds. (Isaiah 55:1-5)

Creator of all nations, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. But, around the world we see evidence of our own distrust, prejudice and even hatred of our neighbors. We pray for all those who are victims of crime, victims of war, victims of abuse. Bring them your peace. We pray for those who commit crimes, who perpetuate war, who choose to abuse. Dear Lord, teach them by your own example to be just in all their ways and kind in all their doings. (Ps 145:8-9, 15-22)

God of love, you long for all people to know of your mercy and grace. Raise up for your Church selfless leaders, eager to tell each one they meet of your bountiful love. Bless all volunteers, teachers, preachers, bishops and ministers who reach out in your name. (Romans 9:1-5)

Generous Lord God, your blessings fed multitudes that day on the hillside in Galilee. We ask that you would reach out and caress these friends and loved ones who need your tender care.

This morning we pray especially for...

Strengthen them with a food that never stops feeding them, your own loving compassion. (Matthew 14:13-21)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG: COMMUNION [The table](#) CCLI 7028956

SONG [This is amazing grace](#) CCLI 6333821

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts
with which Christ has fed you.
Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly.
Live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence.
Walk in God's paths and never stray.

And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere;
May Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word;
And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in you
and fill you with God's presence always.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 9 Year A

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you offer us the banquet that feeds us abundantly
and fills us with your presence.

You strove against the darkness and chaos,
and you prevailed,
bringing forth creation in all its miraculous abundance.
You challenged your servant, Jacob, face to face,
and gave him your blessing and promise.
From his family you formed your covenant people,
in whom your glory, your law, and your worship
were revealed to the world.

But now, in these last days,
your Messiah, Jesus, has emerged from among them,
bringing your compassion and healing to all.
Though he was cursed and cut off for the sake of his people,
you raised him from death.

Now in him you offer food for our deepest hunger,
and it is in holding tight to him
that we see your face and receive your blessing.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...