

ORDER OF SERVICE  
15 November 2020  
Pentecost 24

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Heaven is in my heart	P&W 623/SCE 388/CCLI 738261	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Oh the mercy of God I'll love you more (I bow my knee)	SCE 914/CCLI 1930937 SCE 198/P&W 697/CCLI 1360607	
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	Into the light (new) ?	SCE[2] 997/CCLI 1570569 (v 1, v2, chorus, v3, chorus)	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Judges 4: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30		Ian McKay
Message	Entering into the Joy of the Master		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	I give you my heart	HS/SCE 515/CCLI 1866132	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Affirmation of Faith for Pentecost		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church	Rev Allan Smith		
Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith		
Communion Song	Remembrance	CCLI 5484616	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	God gives us a future (VV 1&2)	TIS 687	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction	Rev Allan Smith		
Benediction/Going Out Song	God gives us a future (v 3)	TIS 687	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Praise Song Selector	Allan Smith
Piano	Chelsea Elvery
Backup Singers	Joy Duffield
Additional Music	Nathan Elvery, 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

For the bounty of the earth,  
**We give You thanks, O God,  
And heed Your call to care for the earth.**  
For food and water and shelter,  
**We give You thanks, O God,  
And heed Your call to serve one another.**  
For abundant and eternal life,  
**We give You thanks, O God,  
And heed Your call to love You, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.**  
For all things in all seasons,  
**We give You thanks, O God,  
As we enter this time of worship with praise and thanksgiving.**

Let us worship God.

SONG [Heaven is in my heart](#)

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions, which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONGS [Oh the mercy of God](#)  
[I'll love you more \(I bow my knee\)](#)

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Now, in the silence,  
when we struggle to control our lives,  
may we, once again,  
empty ourselves of our pride and fears,  
to be filled with your hope.

Now, in these moments,  
when we cannot let go of our worries and doubts,  
may we, once again,  
open our hands to hold your faith.

Now, on this day  
which is only and always your gift to us,  
may we, once again,  
live into your kingdom.

Now, as we lift our hearts to you,  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
we once again pray and give you thanks. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Wholeness, we confess to you that we have wanted our share. We have taken what we thought we deserved. We have declared we worked for it, we earned it, so it is ours. We have claimed authority to determine who is worthy of our aid.

Forgive us for our selfishness. Forgive us for not honouring you as God, the One who gave us the earth and all that is in it. Forgive us for ignoring our siblings in need.

Call us into the work of justice for those who have suffered loss, those who are hungry, those who are without shelter. In the name of your Son Jesus, who came so that all might have life abundantly, we pray. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the fullness of mercy,  
God has destined us not for wrath  
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died for us so that we may live with him.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Be at peace for your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG [Into the light](#) (new) ?

SCE[2] 997/CCLI 1570569

## BIBLE READINGS

[Judges 4:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-12](#)

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

SERMON [Entering the joy of the master](#)

[Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG [I give you my heart](#)

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## OFFERING PRAYER

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these tokens to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, we beg your forgiveness for our forgetfulness. We forget all the goodness you have shown us, and so we forget to show mercy to others. Turn us around, and remind us to pray for not only our friends and family but for those who consider themselves our enemies. Keep us mindful that we are ALL your creatures, and bring us together in peace. (Zeph 1:7, 12-18)

Strong and wise God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Make us bold to tell others of your loving kindness. Raise up faithful leaders for your Church and inspire us all to proclaim your glory. (Ps 90:1-12)

Surprising Lord God, you know the times and seasons of our lives. You know our needs and our cares. You ask us to be awake and alert to what is going on around us. Help us to see anyone in need, and encourage us to reach out with your mercy to each one. Keep us always walking in your light. (1 Thess 5:1-11)

Gracious Lord, through your Son Jesus, we have learned of your love for all creation and your mercy for the brokenhearted. We bring before you today these friends and loved ones for your special care:

This morning, we pray especially for...

We pray that they may receive an abundance of your healing power. (Mt 25:14-30)

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      [Remembrance](#)      CCLI 5484616

SONG      [God gives us a future](#) (VV 1&2...3)      TIS 687

## WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, and live as children of the light.  
Put on the breastplate of faith and love,  
and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.  
Make the most of all God has given you  
and encourage one another in Christ.

And may God's hand be open to you in kindness;  
May Christ Jesus welcome you into his joy;  
And may the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, vigilance and faithfulness.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have destined us for salvation  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

You created the earth  
and entrusted it into our hands.  
You called a people to be your own,  
and when they were cruelly oppressed  
you raised up your prophet, Deborah,  
and spoke through her of the day of deliverance.

You have spoken to us through your child, Jesus,  
teaching us to look to you and trust in your kindness,  
and to be faithful stewards of your gifts.  
He was scorned and mocked  
and died for us, but was raised by you.

You have promised a day of judgment and deliverance,  
when Christ will come  
as unexpectedly as a thief in the night,  
to reveal the children of light  
and gather all who have been trustworthy  
with what you have given  
into his kingdom of joy.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...