

ORDER OF SERVICE  
16 May 2021  
Easter 7

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Praise my Soul the King of Heaven	TIS 134	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Jesus Messiah	CCLI#5183443	
	Jesus Take Me as I Am	SIS 318/SCE 297 CCLI#37814	
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	Show me Your Ways	P&W 789	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26;	1 John 5: 9-13;	John 17: 6-19
Message	<i>Assurance of Eternal Life</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	How Deep the Father's Love for Us	SCE 185/P&W 841 CCLI#1558110	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	We Gather at Your Table (New)	Sheet Music	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	What a Beautiful Name	CCLI#7068424	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	What a Beautiful Name	CCLI#7068424	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Ros Bambrick
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Backup Singers	Kel Dakuna
Additional Music	
Sound System	Liam Rippingale
Data Operator	Nathan 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 *(based on Psalm 1)*

We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord,  
**Because you have kept us from a destructive path.**  
We give thanks because your word gives us hope,  
**And we reflect on your word at all times.**  
You are the source of deep seated faith,  
**And our spirits are refreshed in your presence! Amen!**

Let us worship God.

SONG      Praise my soul the King of heaven

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, in the risen Christ you have called us into new life. As we worship you here today, transform us to receive your Holy Spirit afresh, that in our love for you we may be made ready to serve the world in his name. Amen.

SONGS      [Jesus Messiah](#)

[Jesus take me as I am](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We do not notice, Holy God,  
but you give us:  
time, so we can think about your Word;  
silence, so it may fill our emptiness;  
wisdom, so we may know the path to walk.

We do not notice, Risen Christ,  
how you have not given just a piece of yourself,  
or a portion of your grace,  
but all of who you are:  
for us - and yet,  
you regard US as God's amazing gift to you!

We do not notice, Nourishing Spirit,  
how you remove our fears,  
simply by sitting with us and holding our hearts;  
or how you swirl around us,  
pulling us deeper and deeper into love, grace and peace,  
until we find ourselves grounded forever in the One  
who watches over us forever.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
hear us as we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We gather as God's people, believing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We do not need to confess out of dread or fear, but in trust that God is faithful to forgive us and make us new.*

God of Life, we come to you knowing that we have not witnessed to the fullness of life in you. We have instead witnessed to the false joys of having possessions, of obtaining wealth, of the false satisfaction of worldly success. What fills us temporarily will leave us empty and drained.

Forgive us for taking shortcuts to true joy and for not setting our sights on you and filling ourselves with your love and compassion for the world.

In the name of Christ, who emptied himself and gave himself up for us, we pray.  
Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, who knows everyone's heart,  
gives us mercy and life in his Son.  
Whoever accepts the Son of God receives life  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG     [Show me your ways](#)

## BIBLE READINGS

[Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#)

[1 John 5:9-13](#)

[John 17:6-19](#)

SERMON   [Assurance of eternal life](#)

SONG     [How deep the Father's love for us](#)

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

Loving God, we praise you for blessing and protecting our lives through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to live lives shaped by holiness and love. In Jesus' name, we pray.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of hope, as you chose Matthias to continue your mission on Earth, you have chosen us to tell others of your love. Bless all those who have answered your call. Strengthen them in their calling that others may learn of your love through them. (Acts 1:15-17, 21-26)

Counselor God, the decisions we make are not always the most healthy choices for our lives. We don't always fully understand the larger consequences of the stand we take. Keep us mindful that we do not live alone on this earth. Help political leaders make wise decisions guided by mercy and compassion. (Psalm 1)

Life-giving God, you have promised eternal life to all who believe in Jesus. Keep us steadfast in this belief so that when the world threatens us and causes us to question your love we might remember your ever-lasting promises. (1John 5:9-13)

Comforting God, through the prayer of Jesus we know that you do not leave us alone to face the trials and temptations of life. Many of your children are hurting. We pray for an end to violence that shatters families, an end to substance abuse that breaks down individuals, and end to hunger and homelessness.

This morning we pray especially for...

Dear Lord, protect them, guard them from evil, help them find joy in your presence and make them holy. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (John 17:6-19)

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

COMMUNION SONG [We gather at your table](#) (new)

SONG [What a beautiful name](#)

## WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now. Christ sends you into the world  
just as he himself was sent into the world.  
Delight in the Lord's teaching,  
testify to his resurrection life,  
and share in the ministry of his people.

And may the grace...

## **HOLY COMMUNION: Easter 7 Year B**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have put your testimony in our hearts  
so that we might know that our life is in you.

You created the earth and the heavens  
and marked out the way of the upright.  
Through the prophets you called us to accept life,  
and none are lost to your love and protection  
except those who turn to their own ways and reject life.

You sent your Son into the world  
and entrusted to him those who accepted your Word.  
He made you known to us  
and prayed that we might share the identity you gave him  
and so be one with each other in your love.

Though he was killed by this hell-bent world,  
you raised him from the dead  
and through your sanctifying Word of truth  
you call us to share eternal life in him.

And so we praise you...

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery by  
which you feed all who come to you, your very life. Send us  
now in the strength of your Spirit to proclaim the resurrection  
and expect your power to surprise us every time. Amen.

## **WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION**