

ORDER OF SERVICE  
1 August 2021  
Pentecost 10

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Let us Sing to the God of Salvation	TIS 52/CCLI 28287	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Come Now is the Time to Worship  The heavens shall declare	SCE[2] 662/CCLI 2430948 P&W 537/CCLI 904033	Fiona Binney
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	Come as you are that's how I want you [Browne]	TIS 693/CCLI 1504731	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a; Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35		Joy Duffield
Message	<i>Unity of the faith</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Gather us in	TIS 474	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	<del>Nicene Creed</del>		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Baptism Song	Covenant Child	Extras folder/CCLI 2494582	Fiona Binney
Baptism	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Baptism)	Yesterday, Today, Forever	Dave McGregor Sheet music	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Chorus: Yesterday, today, forever		Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Joy Duffield
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Mark Dennis
Backup Singers	Joy Duffield
Additional Music	Tony Leong
Sound System	Isaiah Kafoa
Data Operator	Ian Anderson
Power Point Producer	Ian Anderson
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 *(from Psalm 51:1-12)*

Holy God, we come to that overflowing fountain of your grace,  
seeking to be washed clean of all that stains our life and living.  
**Create in us new and clean hearts, and restore our joy in you.**

Purifying God, we come to the Quiet Centre of your Being,  
asking that you will remove all that defiles us in our inner life.  
**Create in us a desire to enter an obedient relationship with you.**

Generous God, we come to the abundant supply of your mercy,  
needing a new start of joy and peace, in a new beginning with you.  
**Create in us an openness to you, and to your pure ways of loving. Amen.**

Let us worship God.

SONG [Let us Sing to the God of Salvation](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, we praise your Name and we thank you for your bountiful and generous love. We call upon you this day and ask that you would help us seek the blessings, which endure unto eternal life. Help us open our hearts to your inward presence, our minds to the messages that you write upon the passing hours and days, and our souls to the refreshing winds of your Spirit. Grant that our prayer and our praise might be acceptable to you and that by our words and our actions you might be glorified, both now and forevermore. Amen

SONGS [Come now is the time to worship](#)

[The heavens shall declare](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, you have sought people to be your own through the history of nations and you chose one people to belong to you, to observe your laws and to praise your name. In the gift of your Son you asked them to respond in faith and love. Through his cross and resurrection a new people was formed to live out his way in the world.

**We adore you God of our salvation.**

Jesus our Lord, you offered yourself to your people in humility and love and persisted to the very end, fulfilling your obedience to the Father and your love for humankind. You gave us bread, which pointed beyond our daily food to the gift of life eternal offered in yourself. You have sought us out and offered us life.

**We adore you, God of our salvation**

Spirit most Holy, it was your way of seeking us that led us to seek you, and we discovered by your grace, that in Christ God has found us.

**We adore you, God of our salvation. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Oneness, God of Unity, God of the Body—we have divided, we have taken sides, we have built walls and dug trenches. We have failed to see the other as part of your body. We have failed to consider the other as our kindred in you. We have failed your commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Forgive us. Help us to build bridges, tear down walls, and join together. Help us to be one again, your people, your body here on earth. In the name of Christ, who makes us one, we pray. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, in tender mercy, does not cast us aside,  
or withdraw the Holy Spirit from us,  
but saves us, washing away our sin  
and cleansing us from our guilt.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG     [Come as you are that's how I want you](#)

## BIBLE READINGS

[2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a](#)

[Ephesians 4:1-16](#)

[John 6:24-35](#)

SERMON   *Unity of the faith*

SONG     [Gather us in](#)

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

God of abundance, you have given more than we could ask for. By the power of your Spirit within us, enable us to extend your hospitality and generosity to our neighbours; in Jesus' name. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Great Provider, at twilight and in the morning you know our needs. Everything we have is a gift from you. Keep us from being greedy and demanding more than our share. Give us the courage to generously give from our bounty so others may live. (Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15)

Powerful Lord, you command the skies above and rain down your blessings on all lands. From east to west you bless all people with your grace. Strengthen those who work tirelessly for justice. Empower governments that respect human rights and bring your light to those nations that struggle with the concept of freedom. (Psalm 78:23-29)

Gracious God, you have called us to be part of your body, one in your Spirit of hope. You have given us gifts and equipped us for the work of ministry. Strengthen us as we learn to follow you. Send us to tell others of your love. Raise up faithful pastors and teachers who will build up the body of Christ. We pray for the churches and schools in all lands. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Creator God, you sent your Son as bread from heaven to give life to the world. By his hand many were healed. We lift our loved ones for your healing touch. ...

This morning, we pray especially for...

Help us to understand your will as it moves through our lives so that we might see your compassion and receive eternal life. (John 6:24-35)

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

BAPTISM SONG [Covenant Child](#) (instrumental only)

SONG Yesterday, Today, Forever (sorry, no YouTube video available)

## WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go out from here and live lives worthy  
of the one calling which we all share.  
In humility, gentleness and patience,  
speak only what is true and loving  
and so grow into the unity that is ours in Christ.

And may the grace...

### **HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 10 Year B (if needed)**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have sent us bread from heaven  
to give life to the whole world.

You are above all and through all and in all,  
and by your word all things were created.  
You fed your people with manna from heaven,  
and even when they defied you,  
if they turned from their callous ways,  
you fed them again with your wisdom and truth.

In your Son, Jesus Christ,  
you have offered yourself to us as the bread of life  
that we might be nourished and built up  
as one body in the bond of peace.

Though he was murdered by those he fought to save,  
you raised him from the depths of the earth  
to fill the whole universe with his gifts  
and baptise all things into one body,  
held together by one spirit, under one Lord.

And so we praise you...

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for making this no ordinary  
meal. It has been one in which we have been fed and  
nourished with your life. May we go from here, refreshed and  
eager, to share your life and love with others. Amen.

### **WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION**