

ORDER OF SERVICE  
29 August 2021  
Pentecost 14

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Glory to the King of Kings	P&W 679/SCE 121 /CCLI#918720	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	How great is our God King of Heaven	CCLI#4348399 CCLI#5997804	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	Jesus take me as I am	SIS 318/SCE 297/SOF 305/CCLI#37814	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Song 2: 8-13; Ps 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23		Ian McKay
Message	<i>The Beauty of the King</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Before the Throne of God Above	SOF [3] 1187/CCLI#2306412	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Gather us in	TIS 74	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	I will follow	CCLI#5806878	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	I will follow	CCLI#5806878	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Backup Singers	Mark Dennis
Additional Music	
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Harry 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

Here, our Beloved speaks to us;  
the voice of our Beloved sounds in our hearts:  
**calling us to generous acts, to share the gifts we have been given.**

Now, our Beloved speaks to us;  
the voice of our Beloved sounds in our land:  
**calling us to generous acts, to open our hearts to all in need.**

In every place, in every moment, our Beloved speaks to us;  
the voice of our Beloved sounds in all creation:  
**calling us to generous acts, to stand with God's people:  
the least, the lost, the little, the last.**

Let us worship God.

SONG     [Glory to the King of Kings](#)   P&W 679/SCE 121/CCLI 918720

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Father, God of the ever-new covenant, you have tied us to yourself with leading strings of lasting love; the words you speak to us are spirit and life. As we worship you this morning, open our hearts to your words, that they may touch us in the deepest of ourselves. May they move us to serve you not in a slavish way but as your sons and daughters who love you and whom you have set free through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SONGS     [How great is our God](#)           CCLI 4348399

[King of Heaven](#)                   CCLI 5997804

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Light-giving God:  
our praises spring up like flowers on a spring day;  
our songs of joy are lifted to you;  
our hearts overflow with your kindness and generosity.

Jesus, Beloved Child:  
you look through the lattice of the world at our lives, our hearts, our souls.  
You speak to us with tenderness and strength,  
calling us to come away from rigid legalism to lives of grace and hope.

Truth-speaking Spirit:  
we look in a mirror and see God's child;  
we walk away and forget whose we are.  
Move within us and reshape us into God's beloved children,  
living within that circle of blessing called the kingdom.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have mistaken You for the world. We come to worship You in a building when You are present in the community, within and beyond these walls. We come to seek eternal life for our own sake instead of seeking Your ways of compassion and justice for the sake of the world. We love our lives too much that we are unwilling to risk, and we allow oppression and marginalization to continue because we don't want to get involved.

Forgive us, God, for seeking our own salvation instead of desiring to follow You into the world. Forgive us, God, for not living for others and looking to save ourselves. Turn us back to You, make our desire Your desire, and help us to follow You to the cross and beyond. In the name of Christ, who emptied himself on the cross for us, we pray. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ has delivered us by the Word of Truth,  
setting us free from the judgment of the law  
and planting his word within us,  
to save us from all that would pollute us.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
be at peace, for your sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG     [Jesus take me as I am](#)           SIS 318/SCE 297/SOF 305/CCLI 37814

## BIBLE READINGS

[Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#)

[Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9](#)

[James 1:17-27](#)

[Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21=23](#)

SERMON   *The beauty of the king*

SONG     [Before the Throne of God Above](#)       SOF[3] 1187/CCLI 2306412

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

Lord our God, we bring before you our readiness to respond to your love. Strengthen us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, that with him we may be dedicated to you with our whole mind and heart, and that we may be capable of communicating your love and justice to all those around us. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Great and powerful God, you are so near to us whenever we call. You have given us your Law of Love to guide us as we live in this world you created. Teach us to observe your commandments so that others will be drawn to you because of the way we live. (Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9)

Lord of all lands, may your rule never be overthrown. Raise up trustworthy leaders in all nations who will govern with justice and mercy. Help us to discern your will as we exercise rights of citizenship in our own country. Make us responsible citizens, protecting the rights of our neighbours so that we might all live according to your good will. (Psalm 15)

Generous God, you have given us every perfect gift and your generosity never changes. Help us to examine ourselves by reflecting on all that you have given. Encourage us to share from our bounty, acting on your behalf to bless your children everywhere. We pray for the homeless, the hungry, the abused and the addicted that all people may know your generosity through our good works. (James 1:17-27)

Loving healer, we get caught up in rules and regulations, traditions and habits that separate us from you and from each other. Help us to change our lives to conform with your loving good will. Guide us to make healthy choices for ourselves and to make those choices available to others.

This morning, we pray especially for...

Bring us together in your loving embrace. (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

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

HOLY COMMUNION SONG [Gather us in](#) TIS 74

SONG [I will follow](#) CCLI 5806878

## WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go out, and be doers of the Word.  
Cleanse your hearts of all pollution,  
be quick to listen and learn,  
welcome the Word that God implants in you,  
and bring it to birth in acts of righteousness and compassion.

And may the grace...

## **HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 14 Year B**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for there is nothing deceitful or shadowy in you  
and every good and perfect gift comes from your hand.

Your throne endures forever and ever,  
and in your passion and desire  
you conceived the entire universe.  
You gave birth to us through the word of truth,  
and gave us first place among your creatures.

Through your servant Moses your holy law was given,  
and through your Son, Jesus,  
it was cleansed of all that obscured its truth.  
Though he was opposed and killed  
by those who honoured you in word but denied you in deed,  
you raised him from the grave,  
bringing all the world back to life.

Now he seeks us out like an ardent lover  
to restore in us a passion for righteousness  
that brings forth purity and truth  
in both word and in action.

And so we praise you...

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord our God, your Son has shared himself with us in this  
eucharistic celebration. Give us his Spirit of strength, we pray,  
that we may also share in his attitude of openness to your will  
and to the needs of people. May we thus fulfill more than the  
law and serve you as your sons and daughters, in whom you  
recognize Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord forever. Amen.

## **WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION**