

ORDER OF SERVICE  
17 October 2021  
Pentecost 21

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	How Great Thou Art	SCE 396/TIS 155/SOF 425/CCLI#14181	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	King of Heaven King of Kings	CCLI#5997804 CCLI#7127647	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	Blessed be the Lord God Almighty	SIS 472/CCLI#21480	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Job 38: 1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104: 1-9,24,35c; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45		Annette Mison
Message	<i>Bless the Lord</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Meekness and Majesty	SCE 353/CCLI#1400	Fiona Binney
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	Yet Not I but Through Christ in me	CCLI#7121852	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	All the People said Amen	CCLI#6518275	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	All the People said Amen	CCLI#6518275	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Annette Mison
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Backup Singers	Mark Dennis
Additional Music	
Sound System	Wise 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

Come and worship the God of all creation

***I will sing to the LORD all my life  
and celebrate my God with music as long as I live.***

Come and worship the God who gave you breath

***May my meditation please the LORD,  
as I have delighted in the LORD God.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

***Hallelujah!***

Let us worship God

SONG      [How Great Thou Art](#)      SCE 396/TIS 155/SOF 425/CCLI 14181

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious and all powerful God, we open our hearts and our minds to you that you may enter in. Bless us in this time of worship with your holy presence. Help us let go of all anxiety and worry. Support us with your loving arms and help us to lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving. Pour out your spirit upon us that we might love you more purely and be able to bring your grace and your compassion, your power and your truth, and your joy and your peace to our suffering world. We ask it in and through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SONGS      [King of Heaven](#)      CCLI 5997804  
              [King of Kings](#)      CCLI 7127647

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION *(from Psalm 104:1-9)*

Great and gracious Lord God  
arrayed in glory and majesty,  
***we praise you and bless you.***

Creating God,  
you stretched out the heavens like a tent  
***and set your dwelling place over the water***  
You are carried on the clouds, and on the wings of the wind;  
***the winds are your messengers, and flaming fire your servants.***

You set the earth on its foundations,  
***never to be moved.***

The deep waters covered even the mountains,  
***but at your voice they fled,***  
coming to rest where you had appointed,  
***beyond the boundary you set,  
never to cover the earth again.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
***O LORD, my God, you are very great.***

Your works are many and varied  
***and in wisdom you have made everything.***

Loving God,  
in our human condition you know who we are, and what we are;  
***you know our awkwardness with ourselves, with each other,  
and with you.***

*(a time of silence)*

Help our unbelief;  
***give us the boldness, by the presence of your Spirit,  
to believe in your possibilities for us,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.***

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life in exchange for those held hostage by sin.  
Having been designated by God a high priest,  
he makes sacrifice for our sins  
and thus becomes the source of eternal salvation.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG     [Blessed be the Lord God Almighty](#)     SCE 96/SIS 472/P&W 407/SOF 96/CCLI#21480

#### BIBLE READINGS

[Job 38:1-7, \(34-41\)](#)

[Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c](#)

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

SERMON   [Bless the Lord](#)

SONG     [Meekness and majesty](#)     SCE[1] 353/CCLI 1400

#### OFFERING

God, through whose creative generosity we have these gifts to share; accept and use the offerings of our hearts and our hands in the service of others, to the glory and honour of your name. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of eternity, who laid the foundations of the universe, in whose hand the cosmos evolves through matter pregnant with consciousness, we give You thanks for life's beauty, for radiant sunsets, erupting volcanoes, for waters still and turbulent, for sacred mountains and peaceful gardens and all the fecundity of Earth's womb.

We praise You for all human life, for humanity's diversity and differences, for the rich texture of colour, creed and culture, for the treasure of human love, for friends, family and loved ones, for the heartfelt joy and meaning they bring to us and for the opportunities of caring and be cared for. Above all, we thank You for the revelation of Yourself in the rabbi from Nazareth, in the mystic narratives of Scripture, in the Spirit dwelling within each of us. Holy God, You are everything, all in all: You are in us and we are in You.

We pray for those whose life is marred or diminished by prejudice or poverty. May we know and feel the pain and suffering of others; guide us to all that we can do to help. Help us to live as children of the Father, sisters and brothers who, with the eyes of faith, see all people as bearers of God's image, temples in which the Sacred dwells. May we be at peace with ourselves, live in a spirit of humility, and deal with others, even those who oppose us, with gentleness, honesty and respect. Teach us dialogue, not conflict.

We pray for our leaders, government ministers, and all who serve our country, city and community: grant them wisdom, that they may seek justice in all things, compassion, that they help those suffering from disease, and just, helping the most vulnerable.

We pray for all peacemakers, for peoples and lands divided, for families – and children – suffering because of war. May there be a spirit of compromise, an abandonment of ego, that lust for power and domination, help all embroiled in conflict to see and cherish the humanity of others, see the Divine spark in the eyes of others.

This morning, we pray especially for...

Eternal Father, we pray for those whose life is blighted by loneliness, for those who are facing possible bad news, for those who are anxious or hurting, unable to sleep, who find little comfort, for those who are dying, and for the bereaved.

These prayers we offer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION SONG [Yet not I, but through Christ in me](#) CCLI 7121852

SONG [All the People said Amen](#) CCLI 6518275

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION (see below)

## **HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 21 Year B**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you alone know the secrets of the universe  
and you alone know who is to be honoured in glory.

You set the earth on its foundations  
and filled it with wonderful creatures.  
Your creative power is beyond our comprehension  
and your purposes in the world can only be glimpsed.

Yet you have come among us in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
He came as a servant of all  
and laboured and prayed with us for the release  
of all who are held hostage to sin and death.

When tyrants rose against him,  
he drank the cup of suffering  
and was plunged into the baptism of death,  
but you raised him to new life  
and designated him a high priest forever,  
making him the source of eternal salvation  
for us and all who respond to your gracious call.

And so we praise you...

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now with the words of your high priest in your ears:

“You are a forgiven people.”

Though Christ has welcomed you to his table,  
do not lord it over others.

Strive not to be served, but to serve,  
and pray, with cries and tears, for the salvation of all.

And may the grace...