

ORDER OF SERVICE
31 October 2021
Pentecost 23

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	My Jesus, My Saviour (Shout to the Lord)	P&W 730/CCLI#1406918	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	No Other Name King of Kings	CCLI#7019979 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	More Love, More Power	SCE 359/CCLI#60661	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Ruth 1: 1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34		Helen Evans
Message	<i>Praise for God's Help</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Psalm of thanks (Give thanks unto the Lord)	CCLI#861918	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Christ Accompanies Us		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Broken for Me, Broken for You	SCE 58/CCLI#39025	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	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Backup Singers	Ian McKay
Additional Music	
Sound System	
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 (*Based on Psalm 146 verses 1, 5-10*)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth, who is forever faithful;

seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;

but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God

SONG [My Jesus, My Saviour \(Shout to the Lord\)](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, this day we call you to be around us, for your power to dwell among us - the power to hold and the power to love, the power to give and the power to receive, to power to see and the power to make, the power to hear and the power to care. Indeed, grant us faith that is able to transfigure us - and light not only the mountain tops - but the deepest valleys as well. Oh, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - be with us and help us offer to you the true worship of your kingdom. We ask it in Jesus's name. Amen.

SONGS [No Other Name](#)

[King of Kings](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Living God: when there is a famine in our souls,
you feed us with grace;
when there are pockets of poverty in our love for others,
you bless us with generosity;
when we are empty and alone,
you move into our hearts.

Jesus, Bearer of the good things which have come to us:
you bend down to lift us from despair;
you embrace those who haven't a friend in the world;
you open the eyes of those struck blind by arrogance and ambition.

Eternal Spirit: you walk with us wherever we go;
you take the fragments of our lives
and reshape us into holy people;
you are with us,
and not even death can separate us.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to you knowing that we have not done our best, loved our best, hoped our best. We have given up, we have broken up, and we have failed to do what we ought to have done. We have not served one another, but have served ourselves first. We have not loved one another as we love ourselves. We have failed to be an example as the saints before us; we have failed to witness to your love in this lifetime.

Forgive us. Call us back to your ways. Open our hearts to our neighbours, to the strangers in the world around us, to all of Your children, and may we remember we are one of them. In the name of Christ, who served us all, giving himself up for us in the greatest act of love imaginable, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ shed his own blood to win freedom for us.
As our high priest, he has gone into the presence of God
and obtained for us eternal redemption,
purifying us from all guilt,
and freeing us to worship the living God.

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

SONG [More love, more power](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Ruth 1:1-8](#)

[Psalm 146](#)

[Hebrews 9:11-14](#)

[Mark 12:28-34](#)

SERMON [Praise for God's help](#)

SONG Psalm of thanks (Give thanks unto the Lord)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see below)

OFFERING

Gracious and eternal God, to whom we turn in every need; receive the gifts we offer, our lives and the symbols of our living that, inspired by your holy Spirit we may love you, heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbour, to your glory and praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Christ Accompanies Us

We believe in God, Creator of all things,
heavenly father and mother,
Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power,
ruler of all that is and all that is to come,
who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God's chosen one,
who loved and served humbly,
who healed the broken and included the outcast,
who chose to suffer rather than harm
for the sake of the healing of all Creation,
who gave his life for our redemption,
and who was raised by God to new life.

In his teaching, in his death and resurrection,
and in his presence with us in all circumstances,
he reveals God to us.

He calls us to serve him
for the sake of proclaiming God's grace.

We trust that he accompanies us
and will help, guide, heal, and defend us
through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us,
and guides us and empowers us
as servants of God's grace.

We live as the body of Christ,
in the power of forgiveness
and the reality of resurrection,
and the light of eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you thanks today, O God, for your word of acceptance and approval, for the scribe who understand that loving you and loving our neighbours as ourselves was more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices and shows of piety and religion - even those offerings and sacrifices and demonstrations that you have commanded. We thank you Lord, because your word to him gives us hope for ourselves - the hope that we are indeed on the right track when we strive to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbours as ourselves - the hope that we are in fact near to you and to the fullness of your kingdom.

Lord, we pray for those who are caught up in the letter of the law rather than in the spirit of love, for those who seek advantage and gain for themselves physically or spiritually - rather than opening their hearts to you and to their brothers and sisters in this world. Grant them inner knowledge of your love for them and for the whole world - and draw them - and indeed us - nearer to you, nearer to your kingdom; indeed cause them and us to find that kingdom bubbling up within us as springs of water bubble up through the ground.

We remember O God today the special needs within our community - those joys and concerns upon our hearts - the joy of celebration - and the concern of illness, want, and need.

This morning, we pray especially for...

Alan Morris

Lord - for all these - and for all our world - we pray for the fire and the dance, the peace and the laughter, the passion and the joy of having not only drawn near to your Kingdom - but of having entered it - for not only having tasted your goodness - but having being filled. Bless all O God who seek you, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION SONG [Broken for me](#)

SONG [I will follow](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.
Therefore go out into the world
and love the Lord your God
with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,
and love others as you love yourself.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
with all our heart and soul and mind and strength,
for you keep faith forever with all peoples
and reach out to save the burdened and the bereft.

You are the creator of heaven and earth,
and the maker of the teeming seas.
From generation to generation,
you have shown your generous love to those who, like Ruth,
have united with your people and walked in your ways.

Through your law you provided a way of forgiveness,
and when we lost our way,
you came to us in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Embodying the law of love,
he shed his own blood to obtain our redemption, and,
raised by you to new life,
he has entered your holy presence, once for all,
freeing us from works of futility
to worship you by living the ways of love.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table as strangers and
pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the
heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...