

ORDER OF SERVICE
6 February 2022
Epiphany 5

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty	TIS 132	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Oceans (Where feet may fail)	CCLI 6428767	
	Lord I lift your name on high	P&W 736/SCE 330	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Emily/Selena
Song	Jesus take me as I am	SIS 318/SCE 297	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Isaiah 6: 1-13	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
Message	<i>The Primacy of the Resurrection</i>		Ian McKay
Message			Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	How Deep the Father's Love for Us	SCE 185/ P&W 841	
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	The Table	CCLI 7028956	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	This is Amazing Grace	CCLI 6333821	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	This is Amazing Grace	CCLI 6333821	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Helen Versic
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	Tony Leong
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Liam 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 *(from Psalm 138)*

I give you thanks, O LORD,
with my whole heart I sing your praise.
***I worship you and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have made your name and your word great —
above everything.***

On the day I called, you answered me,
***you gave me encouragement,
and you gave me strength deep within my being.***

Let all the rulers of the earth praise you, O LORD,
in response to the words of your mouth;
***and let them sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.***

Let us worship God.

SONG [Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Light of all lights and truth behind all truth, holy and loving God - touch us and make us worthy to stand in your presence this day. Anoint us by your Spirit that we may serve you as you wish. Cast out from our hearts all fears and distractions and grant that your living Word - Jesus Christ our Lord may dwell in our praise and thanksgiving and in our thoughts and in our actions - both now - and forevermore. Amen.

SONG [Oceans \(Where feet may fail\)](#)

[Lord I lift your name on high](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, by your grace:
you touch our fears with the fire of your compassion;
you touch our brokenness with the fire of your forgiveness;
you touch our hearts with the fire of your love.

Jesus Christ, by your grace:
you step into our lives and an unpredictable journey begins;
you challenge us to new thinking, with overflowing results;
you so confront our doubts that we can cast away our fears.

Holy Spirit, by your grace:
you give us eyes to see the emptiness of the world;
you give us ears to hear the cries of the hungry;
you give us gifts to bring hope and healing to all.

God in Community, Holy in One,
by your grace we are who we are,
your children, your people, your church. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters and brothers with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal voices, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.

Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, so we might become your children once again. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord has created you and will not abandon you.
Christ, who died for our sins and was raised again,
has reached out his hand in mercy to save us,
consuming our impurity
in the searing heat of his own holiness.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Jesus take me as I am](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Isaiah 6:1-8, \(9-13\)](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

SERMON [The primacy of the resurrection](#)

SONG [How Deep the Father's Love for Us](#)

OFFERING

Bountiful God, the abundance of the catch of fish was as nothing compared with the abundance of the new life you have given us in Jesus. These gifts and our lives are offered in response to such grace on your part. May they be used to proclaim that your grace towards us has not been in vain. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy and glorious God, you have shown your love to us through your son, Jesus. Yet, like the people of old, we hear and do not understand about your gift. We harden our hearts and refuse to let your will guide our lives. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us the hope that you offered to the ancient ones. Be present in our lives and guide us with your eternal Spirit. (Isaiah 6:1-13)

Merciful God, we long for the day when your righteousness will reign over all the earth and peace shall be a pathway for all people's feet. Today, though, in many lands your children live in fear for their lives. War separates neighbours. Violence separates families. Addiction separates individuals from health and wholeness. We pray for all these who suffer and for those who don't even know they need your peace in their lives. (Psalm 85:8-13)

Transforming God, in Jesus of Nazareth, you appeared to believers and doubters alike. Even those who persecuted you and your followers came to know your love. Help us to proclaim your redemption to everyone we meet. Raise up for your Church faithful pastors, teachers, learners and volunteers so that your graciousness might be passed on to generations to come. (1 Cor 15:1-11)

Astonishing Lord God, you catch us up in the net of your love. You offer healing for hurting hearts and souls and minds. Be present with these, your children, who need your aid.

This morning, we pray especially for...

Remove our fear and embrace us with your loving power to heal. (Luke 5:1-11)

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 [The Table](#)

SONG [This is Amazing Grace](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, and forsaking everything else, follow Christ.
By the grace of God, be all you have been called to be,
and cast wide the net of God's love.
Remind one another of the good news,
and hold firmly to faith that is saving you.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for your love and faithfulness last forever
and you entrust to us the news of your grace and salvation.

From the deep waters of chaos
you brought forth the earth, bursting with life,
and through your prophets and apostles
you have made known the glory of your name
and your promise.

In your child, Jesus Christ,
you have touched us with your mercy,
and in the fire of your holiness
you have consumed our impurity.
Although Jesus was killed
by those whose eyes and ears are closed,
you did not abandon him to the grave,
but raised him to life on the third day.
Appearing to more than five hundred of his followers,
he called us to follow him
and to cast wide the net of your love,
gathering in all those in need of your grace.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go forth, celebrating faith.
Go forth, celebrating hope.
Go forth, celebrating love.
Go forth to be the transformed people
that God calls us to be.
Go forth to transform the world—
in times of prosperity,
but most especially, in times of disbelief,
hostility, fear, and rejection.
Go forth with the knowledge
that you are always surrounded
by the presence of our steadfast, loving God,
our rock and our redeemer.

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...