

ORDER OF SERVICE
20 February 2022
Epiphany 7

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	And Can it be	TIS 209	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	How can I Keep from Singing In Christ Alone	SCE 2047/CCLI 4822372 SOF 1346	
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	Nothing but the Blood	SCE 1051/CCLI 21332	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38		Helen Evans
Message	Life After Death		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	You are my King (Amazing Love)	SCE 1722/CCLI 2456623	
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	One bread, one body	SCE 2017	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song	In God we Trust	CCLI 7037224	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	In God we Trust	CCLI 7037224	

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	Allan Smith
Piano	Emily Field
Backup Singers	Joy Duffield
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

Jesus said "Love one another." He also said
"bless those who curse you and do good to those who hate you."

**We come to worship God who is love,
that we may learn to love one another.**

Jesus said,
"No longer do I call you servants; now I call you friends."

**We come to worship God who is love,
whose friends we are in Christ Jesus.**

Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship.
Let us draw water from the spring of everlasting life.

Let us worship God.

SONG [And Can it be](#)

TIS 209

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious and loving God - bless each one of us here today. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness and help us to rejoice in your presence. Strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may hear your word aright and with joy and confidence obey your commandment that we should love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbours as ourselves. Indeed, make us a people who shine with the light of Christ, ones who forgive as he forgave us, and trust in him as he trusted in you. Fill our cups Lord - fill them up - and we shall want no more. Amen.

SONG [How can I Keep from Singing](#)

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[In Christ Alone](#)

SOF 1346

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of love
we gather together here today
as your children of all ages;
from the very oldest
to the very youngest -
and we say together:
We love you and adore you.

God of creation
we see you all around us:
in the tall trees that make the shade;
in the wind that chills us;
in the clouds that carry the rain;
in the moon that says goodnight -
and we say together:
We love you and adore you. Amen.

God of life
we feel your love for us in so many ways:
the special people who touch our lives;
old friends who share life with us;
the sound of children laughing;
and in the smiles of first love –
and we say together:
We love you and adore you.
God of all our days,
all glory be yours
now and until forever;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another.

In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who is kind even to the ungrateful and wicked
will be merciful to all who call for help.
God will not judge you or condemn you,
but will pour out forgiveness
in generous measure.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Nothing but the Blood](#) SCE 1051/CCLI 21332

BIBLE READINGS

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50](#)

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

SERMON [Life after death](#)

SONG [You are my King \(Amazing Love\)](#) SCE 1722/CCLI 2456623

OFFERING

Bless, O God, these gifts - which we offer in obedience to your most holy law and in thankfulness for your most gracious love. May their use bring praise unto your glorious name. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God - you call us to embody the love of Christ in our actions and in our words - to live as a generous and forgiving people - to return good for evil and blessings for curses. You ask us not to judge others - but rather to care for them. You have told us that what we give we will receive, that what we sow we shall reap. Confirm in our hearts the message of Christ Jesus that we have heard this day - and help us to live as he has taught us to live.

God of mercy and compassion, give us the strength to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. Make us more like Jesus our Saviour each day.

God of justice and of forgiveness, help us to bless those who curse us and to pray for those who persecute us. Make us more like Jesus our Saviour each day.

God of strength and of tenderness, you gave your Son to us, though you knew he would be despitely used, betrayed and abandoned - and finally killed. As he died he called out to you - "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do". We thank you Lord for this great mercy - and for how you raised him up in glory and have appointed him as our judge, our saviour. As he prayed for his disciples - and for the world - so we now pray to you. We pray to for the good of our brothers and sisters and the whole human family...

We pray for all who are persecuted and despised by their neighbours this day, and for those who curse and insult and hurt them.

We pray for those who are victims of war and hatred this day - and for those who practice those things that lead to war and hatred.

We pray for those who suffer through no fault of their own - and for those who do.

And finally Lord, we pray for those situations and people who are especially upon our mind and hearts this day - those whom we hold before you in our hearts and raise up before you and your congregation with the prayer of our lips.

This morning, we pray especially for...

We praise you and worship you and ask you all these things in the name of Christ Jesus - our Lord and our brother, our judge and our friend. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [One bread, one body](#) SCE 2017

SONG [In God we Trust](#) CCLI 7037224

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now and give your life to the Lord.

Trust in God and do good.

Love and bless everyone, even your enemies.

Do not judge others, but be merciful and generous to all.

Treat others and you would have them treat you.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Epiphany 7 Year C

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you show love and kindness even to the ungrateful,
and you raise us all to new life in glory and strength.

You created all that is,
shaping the earth with your own hands
and raising creatures from the dust to fill it.
Whenever famine or wickedness threatened your people,
you have sent a saviour to preserve their lives.

You sent your child, Jesus Christ,
to reveal your nature to us all.
He embodied your desire to go on loving
even in the face of hostility and hatred.
When he was killed by the enemies of life,
you raised him in power
with a glorified body which will never die.

Now he is a life-giving spirit,
saving all who seek refuge in you,
and preparing all your faithful children
for rebirth into the life of your Kingdom.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...