

ORDER OF SERVICE
3 April 2022
Lent 5

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Love Divine all Loves Excelling	TIS 217	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	You Are My King (Amazing Love) King of Kings (In the darkness we were waiting)	SCE 1722/ CCLI#2456623 CCLI# 7127647	
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	I Will Offer up my Life	SCE 265	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8		Geoff Rohde
Message	Do Not Remember		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Come as You are (Crowder)	CCLI# 7017790	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Laraine McKay
Prayers of the People			Laraine McKay
Communion Song	We Gather at Your Table	Sheet Music	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Worthy is the Lamb (Thank you for the cross)	CCLI# 3217555	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Worthy is the Lamb (Thank you for the cross)	CCLI# 3217555	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Laraine McKay
Bible Reader	Geoff Rohde
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	Tony Leong
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 (*Psalm 126*)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion
it was a golden age, like living in a dream;
**our mouths overflowed with laughter,
and our tongues sang with joy.**

All the people round about said,
"The LORD has done a great thing for them."
The LORD had indeed done a great thing for us –
**and we were overjoyed,
happy as we had never known.**

O LORD, restore us again,
like the creek-beds outback:
when those who sowed with sweat and tears
reap with shouts of gladness,
when our journey in a broken world
gives way to abundant joy.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Love Divine all Loves Excelling](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious and life giving God - you who make all things new by your saving and creative love - you who redeem the lives of your servants and reach out to those who are lost - descend we pray upon us this day. Hallow us with your presence and implant within our hearts the seed of your living word so that we may grow fruit that is pleasing to you. Reveal to us the things that you want us to see - show us what it is you would have us do - and strengthen us as we walk as pilgrims through this world. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

SONG [You Are My King \(Amazing Love\)](#)

[King of Kings](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

You have done great things for us, God of great love.
You make a way through our brokenness, so hope might be restored;
you loosen our grip on fear, so we might take hold of the One
who cradles us in the palms of grace.

You are doing great things through us, Brother of the poor.
You make a way through our doubt, so we may have the faith to follow,
as well as to serve by your side;
you gather up our tears, turning them into fountains of joy.

You will do great things in us, Anointer of our hearts.
You make a way through our hardened hearts, melting them
into rivers of wonder for all;
you touch our tongues so they tingle with delights,
and laughter tumbles out of our mouths.

Continue to make a way through us,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have desired the things of the world over you. We have sought possessions over justice and mercy. We have turned away from those in need to climb the ladder of our own success. We have allowed ourselves to believe that living a good life for ourselves is our religion.

Forgive us for following the false idols of our world. Turn us back to you and your ways. Call us away from the desires of the world and set our desires upon you.

In the name of Christ, who gave everything up, emptying himself on the cross, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The righteousness that comes from God
is given to all who turn from their past
and put their faith in Christ.
Sisters and brothers, God has heard your confession;
Christ Jesus has made you his own.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [I will offer up my life](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[John 12:1-8](#)

SERMON [Do not remember](#)

SONG [Come as You are \(Crowder\)](#)

OFFERING

God of abundance, you call us not to remember the past but to watch for the new things you are doing. Empowered by your Spirit may our gifts and our living restore life to others like floodwaters flowing in dead, parched creek-beds outback. to your glory and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord of all things old and new, turn us away from the old things that confine us and control us. Put your new purpose within us so that we might serve you with joy and declare your praise. (Isa 43:16-21)

God of the harvest, from your bountiful hand we have received blessing upon blessing. Direct us as we sow seeds of compassion among those who weep and joy among those who sorrow. Use us as instruments of your love. (Psalm 126)

Righteous Lord God, sound your call to all who believe, that they might be reassured in their faith and proclaim your eternal hope to each one they meet. Raise up faithful preachers, teachers, volunteers and workers who will be bold in announcing your eternal plan to each one who is longing for wholeness in their lives. (Phil 3:4b-14)

Compassionate Lord, as your friends served you and tended to your needs, help us to care for these friends and loved ones, that they might be restored in you.

This morning, we pray especially for...

Scent their lives with your healing perfume and bathe them with your grace. (John 12:1-8)

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 [We Gather at Your Table](#)

SONG [Worthy is the Lamb \(Thank you for the cross\)](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, and press on in the path to which God has called you.
Do not get caught up in the things of the past,
or in the things that the world prizes,
but welcome the new things God is doing,
and take the new paths that open through the places of death.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for there is nothing else in life that can compare
with the surpassing value of knowing you.

The newborn earth sprang forth at your touch
and life burst free as you lavished your love upon it.
You formed a people to declare your glory
and led them to freedom on a road through the sea.

Your child, Jesus Christ, honoured our outpoured devotion,
but was betrayed and killed by those
who profit from corruption.

You raised him to life
and called us leave the past
and look to the new wonders you are doing:
opening pathways through inhospitable places
and pouring forth springs where all was dry and lifeless,
so that we, and all who have laboured in sorrow,
might joyously bring forth a harvest of righteousness
and join Christ in the glory of his resurrection life.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...