

ORDER OF SERVICE
15 May 2022
Easter 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)	Great in Power (Praise him you heavens) Forever (Give Thanks to the Lord)	CCLI# 2582339 CCLI# 3148428	
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	There is a Redeemer	P&W 723/SCE 492	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35		
Message	<i>By This They Will Know</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Because We Bear Your Name	TIS 686	
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	Miracle of Grace (Bread Of Life)	CCLI# 5767814	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	All the people said Amen	CCLI# 6518275	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	All the people said Amen	CCLI# 6518275	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	Emily Field
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

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

Let praise to God fill the earth!

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Open your hearts and spirits today.

Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Love Divine All Loves Excelling](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
restore the lives which, without you, are lifeless and dead;
kindle the hearts which, without you, are cold and dull;
enlighten the minds which, without you,
are dark and blind;
fill the church which, without you, is an empty shrine;
and teach us how to praise and pray.

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
so that all who enter this place for worship or recreation,
may be aware of your abiding presence;
touch each life with the abundance of your grace,
so that they may leave refreshed by the warmth of your love;
enable all who participate in worship and mission here
to be an expression your love for your world.

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
renew your church in this place
that honour and glory might be given to you,
All Loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen.

SONG [Great in Power \(Praise him you heavens\)](#)

[Forever \(Give Thanks to the Lord\)](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Creator God, source of power and majesty and glory, we worship and adore you. Your word brought light and life and order out of darkness, emptiness and chaos. your awesome power leaves us speechless with wonder. Yet our wonder is even greater, for you chose to show us that power and majesty and glory are made visible in and through the servanthood, humility and sacrificial love of Jesus. His love revealed for all time that glorifying you means loving one another as he loves us. Only through such love are we identified as his disciples and as your people. All blessing and honour and glory be to you, O God, for ever and ever. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved one another. We confess that often we are jealous and bitter. We desire what others have, and are resentful. We ignore the needs of those around us to pine for the possessions and fame of others.

Forgive us for not valuing what we have. Forgive us for not loving our neighbour as You have loved us. Forgive us for our selfishness, our greed, and our jealousy.

Turn us back to serving you, and serving our neighbour. In the name of Christ, who loves us beyond life and death, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God has given to all people without distinction
the message of repentance that leads to life.

God is making all things new
and the things that were have passed away.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [There is a Redeemer](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Acts 11: 1-18](#)

[Revelation 21: 1-6](#)

[John 13: 31-35](#)

SERMON [By this they will know](#)

SONG [Because We Bear Your Name](#)

OFFERING

Gracious God, bless these gifts and our lives, we pray. May they be used to glorify you through our obedience to Jesus' commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious Lord God, you have given—even to us—the gift of eternal life. Enable us to see all people as our brothers and sisters, to erase prejudice and eradicate fear. Make us bold to demonstrate your never-ending love for each person you have created. (Acts 11:1-18)

Marvelous Creator, you have established the universe and provided for our every need. We give you thanks for your motherly love and for those who have been like mothers for us, mothers in your image. We thank you for providing us not only with love but with our basic needs of shelter, food and clothing. Make us generous to share from our bounty so that all people everywhere may know your goodness. (Psalm 148)

God of beginnings and endings, God of all eternity, you hold us gently in your hands. You share our grief and our joy. Your strength supports us in times of trouble, and your embrace enriches our happiness. Be present with all who mourn, that they may be consoled. Be with those whose lives are in transition, that they may know your guiding hand. (Rev 21:1-6)

On this day of celebration, we pray for all those who have led this congregation in leadership—for its ministers, elders, members of parish councils and church councils—and others who have dedicated their time, their talents, and their lives—in serving you in this place—looking forward to the fulfillment of your Kingdom. We pray for all those who have passed through these doors over the years. May they continue to experience the grace of God in their lives. We pray for those who currently worship in this place. Grant them a vision of your glory for the years to come.

Glorious Lord, your never-ending presence gives us hope to continue to face the opportunities and the challenges that will face us in the future. Your love will sustain us in all circumstances.

This morning we pray especially for...

Lord, help us to show your love to these people who need your tender care.

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 [Miracle of Grace \(Bread Of Life\)](#)

SONG [All the people said Amen](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now, wherever the Spirit of God leads you.
Do not reject anything that God has accepted.
Show all people that you are Christ's disciples
by loving one another
just as he has loved you.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Easter 5 Year C

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you have made your home in our midst
and called us to be your people.

By your word you called all things into being
and fixed them in place by eternal decree.
You revealed yourself through your law and prophets
and taught your people to live in your love.

In your child, Jesus,
we have been loved as you would have us love.
When he was crucified,
you raised him to new life and,
through your Holy Spirit,
you have brought us the message
by which we are saved.

Though we cannot yet go where Christ has gone,
you are preparing a new heaven and earth,
where there will be no more death,
no more mourning or crying or pain.
There, all who thirst will be generously satisfied
from your spring of the water of life.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God our Father,
that through word and sacrament
you have given us your Son
who is the true bread of heaven
and food of eternal life.

So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...