

**Leigh Memorial Congregation  
Parramatta Mission  
Uniting Church in Australia  
Trinity Sunday  
Holy Communion  
7 June 2020**

**(To stop the spread of Corona virus, in response to Government's ban and Uniting Church of Australia NSW & ACT Synod's strong recommendation, the Church Council of Parramatta Mission have decided to suspend all meetings and gatherings including Sunday worship. As a result, this is the twelfth consecutive Sunday that the doors of the Leigh Memorial Church are not open for worship services. We are sorry and it will remain so until further notice.)**

**(Here is a full worship service including a reflection prepared by Leigh Memorial Congregation minister, Rev Dr Manas Ghosh for this Sunday, to worship from the safety of people's home. Before the service begins, you may prepare a worship space for yourself by placing a cross, a lighted candle and if possible, some flowers on a table. Today we will celebrate the Holy Communion as permission for this has been granted by the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly Standing Committee, for the period of COVID-19 isolation measures only. You are welcome to take part in it. But if you choose to abstain from taking the elements in this context, be assured that you too would be held in the love of Christ and of this community. So please keep a small size bread and some juice ready for the Communion service. At the end of the service if there is any leftover bread or juice, please use them up with reverence. Thank you.)**

**God calls: We gather**

**Greetings and Welcome:**

**Call to Worship:**

**God beyond all names and images,  
the Sovereign of the universe,  
we worship you in faith.**

**God in the Christ with human face,  
Loving and befriending every human being,  
we worship you in truth.**

**God in the Spirit  
moving, drawing, enlightening and empowering our life,  
we worship you in Spirit.**

## **Hymn: *Together in Song No. 132***

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
Early in the morning to you our praise shall be  
Holy. holy, holy, Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, All the saints adore you  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
cherubim and seraphim are falling down before you  
God everlasting through eternity

Holy, holy, holy, Though the darkness hide you  
Though the sinful human eye your glory may not see  
you alone are holy, there is none beside you  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
All Thy works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

### **Prayer of praise:**

Holy, holy, holy God,  
Creator of heaven and earth and all things in them.  
You are our refuge and our strength  
Our eternal hope,  
We praise and adore you.

Holy, holy and holy God,  
you revealed yourself in Jesus Christ  
giving us a glimpse of what a redeemer you are –  
loving, forgiving, gracing, welcoming,  
accepting, befriending and leading us  
in faith to everlasting life.  
We praise and adore you.

Holy, holy, holy God  
Our Comforter and Advocate and Sustainer  
by giving us new birth by water and the Spirit you empower us  
and lead us in your mission of building your kingdom here on earth.  
We praise and adore you.

Holy, triune God,  
all that is,  
all that was,  
and all that ever will be  
belongs to you alone.  
We praise you, adore you and glorify you  
forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

Let us bring our silent prayers of confession to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

(Time for silent confession)

In great imagination, O Creator God, you shaped the planet with beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness, greed and anger. In great love, O Redeemer God, you became one of us in Christ, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In great mercy, O Sustainer God, you breathe peace upon us to soften our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt. In your amazing grace, O Most Merciful God, forgive us our sins, that we might help you in healing the earth; touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others; empower us that we might embrace others as sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance and Declaration of forgiveness:**

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us. No longer are we lost, for Christ has found us and led us back to our Father's home.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Story Time with Amelia:**

**Passing of the Peace:** *(You may pass on the peace to your family members present with you, or, you may hold your two hands gently for some moments and think of those people you would like to pass on the 'Peace of the Lord'.)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## God speaks: We listen

### **Bible Readings:**

2 Corinthian 13:11-13

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 28:16-20 16

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Reflection:**

**Offering and Dedication: (This is an excerpt from an important email from Ian Gray in regard to our offering which I endorse:**

**The stark reality of this time is that since we have not been able to meet in person to worship God, congregational giving has dropped by 70%.**

**Unfortunately, all the costs associated with our congregation are continuing.**

**So please consider setting up a direct electronic transfer of financial giving to support the continued ministry of our congregation. The process is simple and straightforward. You need to ask your bank to send funds to the nominated account below. You can amend or stop these arrangements at any time.**

**The bank account details for Giving Direct (Offerings) is:-**

**Bank account name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct**

**BSB: 634634**

**Account number: 100025901**

**So, would you please give this request a serious consideration. Thank you.)**

### **Prayer of Dedication:**

Holy God, today we remember with gratitude the many ways in which you touch and bless our lives. Your holiness inspires us to be holy; your love causes us to be loving; your life in us brings to birth dreams and visions for a better and more just world. We offer these gifts and our lives in thankfulness for all you have done and are doing in our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

**Prayers of the People:** Below are some prayer points. You may add your own prayers.

- All those suffering from COVID19 in Australia and around the world, especially those countries where the infection rates are high.
- All medical professionals, emergency staffs, chaplains and carers of COVID19 patients
- WHO and Governments of all nations fighting against COVID19
- Doctors, scientists and researchers trying to find a vaccine and a cure.
- People getting back to normal life but may not be complacent
- People who have lost their jobs, businesses that are unable to open
- People who are still under lockdown and have no source of income
- Students and teachers returning to schools and learning new ways of learning and teaching
- Stewardship of our planet and environment
- Racial tension and violence in the USA
- Victims of violence including domestic violence
- Disarmament of deadly weapons
- Organisations and individuals working for peace
- Churches all over the world
- Uniting Church in Australia
- Parramatta Mission, our three congregations and the Korean faith community
- PM staffs and volunteers, especially those working in the Mental health area, *Mealplus* and Emergency shelters
- The future directions of PM
- Members of Leigh memorial Congregation, especially our senior friends and those who are unwell.

**Amen.**

**God Feeds : We are nourished**

### **Song: *Together in Song No 538***

Feed us now, Bread of life,  
in this holy meal;  
let us know your love anew:  
we hunger for you.

Feed us now, Bread of life,  
come and live within;  
let your peace be ours today,  
Lord Jesus, we pray.

### **Invitation:**

Come to the banquet of God, who embraces all people, gathers all of humanity, delights in us all, and in whose arms we are safely enfolded.

### **Setting apart of the Elements:**

Let us now follow our Lord's example in words and action.  
As Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread,  
We take the elements of bread and wine  
that they may be set apart from common use  
to this holy purpose and mystery.  
And as Jesus gave thanks and blessed,  
let us come to God with our prayer of thanksgiving.

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayer of Consecration:**

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you!

**May the Triune God be with you!**

People of God, lift up your hearts to the One  
who creates, redeems and sustains all things.

**We offer our hearts to**

**God our Strength,**

**Christ our Saviour,**

**Spirit our Comforter.**

People of God, give thanks to the One who loves us always.

**We praise the One who is, who was, and who is to come.**

We give thanks and praise for all that is good in the world:  
For the majesty of your creation...  
For the friendship of Jesus...  
For the comfort of the Holy Spirit...

Giver of all seasons with their beauties  
today we especially thank you for winter –  
unpopular and slandered though by many.  
We thank you for brisk mornings,  
frosted backyards and snow laid hillsides,  
for warm socks, coats and gloves,  
raincoats, umbrellas and warm fires,  
for snowdrops, lavender and winter rose,  
apples, oranges and raspberries,  
and for the warmth of sunlight, friends and loved ones.

You crowned us with the splendour of your creation  
we failed to be good stewards of it  
lost in the labyrinth of greed and self-centredness.  
Yet you would gently correct our mistakes,  
longing to cradle us in your arms once again.  
When we no longer could find our way back to you,  
you sent your son Jesus to stand with us in our suffering  
and to lead us back to you.

So, with our sisters and brothers of every time and place  
we tell of your greatness forever and ever:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of majesty and beauty.**

**All creation praises your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who came that we might have peace with you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

O God, pour your Spirit upon this bread and wine;  
transform them into sacred grace and hope  
that having taken part in this holy meal  
we may be transformed as good stewards of your creation,  
that we may see the hunger of the world,  
and share the creation's bounty ungrudgingly  
with those in need around us,  
so that grace upon grace  
might be shared with our sisters and brothers in this world.

Bless us O God, that in this feast we may foresee  
a glimpse of the heavenly banquet which you have  
prepared for all your children when we all will sing of your steadfast love  
and faithfulness forever and ever. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:** *(In the spirit of the Lord's Prayer please feel free to pray in  
our own mother tongue)*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the times of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Bread is broken and Wine is poured:**

We break the bread for the broken earth – ravaged and plundered;  
and for our broken humanity – the unhealed hurts and wounds  
that lie within us all.

**May there be healing of our planet and of all humanity.**

This is the cup of reconciliation, peace and of new life for all.

A sign of love for the community of hope.

**A reminder of the call to live fully,  
love lavishly, and to be all that we can be.**

**Lamb of God:**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
**grant us your peace.**

**Receiving of the Bread and the Wine:****Prayer after Communion:**

Life-giving God,  
as we share Jesus' life  
and receive his body and blood in this sacrament of Eucharist,  
may we work to build that new world  
where your peace will be revealed  
in people of every race, language and way of life  
who gather to share in the one eternal banquet. **Amen.**

**God sends : We go****Hymn: *Together in Song No. 690***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaMPE53uP38>

Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in the suffering,  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills;  
land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak;  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray;  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain.  
Come change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedom to share,  
peace to the killing-fields,  
scorched earth to green;  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.

*God of the poor....*

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned,  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need.

*God of the poor....*

Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame  
until your justice burns  
brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek you salvation  
and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor....*

### **Words of Commission:**

Go forth into the world, as children of God.

**We will go to sing songs of joy to the people around us.**

Go forth into the world, as siblings of Jesus Christ.

**We will go at the intersection of oppression and despair,  
to cry out for all those whose hopes have been silenced.**

Go forth into the world, as heirs of the peace of the Spirit.

**We will go to share the peace with everyone we meet,  
and to offer grace to those who have suffered most.**

### **Benediction:**

And as you go, may the mystery of God be found along the road.

The wonder of the costly love of Jesus embrace you.

And the Spirit bless and keep you. Amen.

