

**Leigh Memorial Congregation  
Parramatta Mission  
Uniting Church in Australia  
Pentecost 2  
14 June 2020**

**(Despite Government's lifting of some restrictions, to stop the spread of Corona virus at the recommendation of Uniting Church in Australia NSW & ACT Synod the Church Council of Parramatta Mission have decided not to open Leigh Memorial Church for worship yet. As a result, this is the thirteenth consecutive Sunday that the doors of the Leigh Memorial Church are closed for worship services. We are sorry and it will remain so until further notice.)**

**(Here is a full worship service 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. Thank you.)**

**God calls: We gather**

**Greetings & Welcome:**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship:**

What can we possibly offer in response  
to all God's goodness towards us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on his name forever.**

Each person is so precious in God's eyes  
that no-one is abandoned by God,  
not even in death.

**We will freely and faithfully serve you, O God,  
with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

Here and now, in the presence of one another,  
we affirm the love and faithfulness of God.

**May God's name be praised forever and ever!** (Based on Psalm 116:12-19)

**Hymn: *Together in Song* No. 474 “Here in this place new light is streaming”**  
([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUI\\_N6PnK7Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUI_N6PnK7Q))

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

We gather before you O holy and awe-inspiring God, with thanksgiving in our hearts, for we believe that you hear and answer us when we call upon you for help. You hear because you are not a distant God but someone who journeys with us in the person of Jesus Christ. Through his sacrificial love, your love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. So we have every reason to offer you our praise and thanksgiving for all your goodness towards us - blessings undeserved by us but graciously given by you.

Here, in this time of worship, in the promised presence of Jesus, and in the graced presence of one another, we wholeheartedly offer you our gratitude and praise for these glorious signs of your great love for the world.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen**

**Prayer of Confession:**

*(time for silent confession)*

“Is anything too wonderful for God?”

**That we might use the talents we have kept hidden,  
and encourage the talents of others.**

“Is there anything too wonderful for God?”

**That we might affect the long-sought reconciliation,  
and face the deepest fear.**

“Is there anything too wonderful for God?”

**That our faith community might break from the groove of  
past practice and engage in creative new ventures.**

“Is there anything too wonderful for God?”

**That we might accept faithful discipleship,  
confronting racism, injustice and oppression,  
in the Jesus way. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

You will surprise yourselves by  
what you can achieve in God's strength!

**We are ready to trust God to strengthen us,  
and to lead us into new and faithful ventures.**

You can leave your past failures in the past,  
and begin a new chapter with the peace of God.

**Our discipleship will be breaking fresh ground.**

**All: Thanks be to God! 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.**

**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**

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Matthew: 9:35-10:1

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Reflection:**

**Offering: ( The details for direct electronic transfer of financial giving to support the continued ministry of our congregation:**

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

**BSB: 634634; Account number: 100025901. Thank you.)**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

Giver of all good things,

in your presence, everything is gift.

Bless these gifts that they may be used to bring light into darkened lives and for the work of reconciliation and of healing of your creation, in the name of Christ, our light, and the light of the world. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the people:**

**God sends: We go**

**Hymn: *Together in Song* No: Hymn: 648**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bqkTMO5fW8>**

Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted  
and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people,  
for all - not just for some,  
to love them as we find them  
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practise your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness  
and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for righteousness and bread,

we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
Lord, free us, make us one!

**Commissioning:**

Go forth into the world,  
as those who have been called by Christ.

**We will look out for the despised,  
bring dignity to the disheartened,  
see the worth of those who lack confidence,  
take time with the depressed,  
encourage the struggling,  
confront the powerful,  
and celebrate with the liberated.**

**Benediction:**

And as you go  
May the blessings of God almighty – Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**