

Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise,
and hasten to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.

Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us
the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Words Edward Hayes Plumtre/Music Basil Harwood C.C.L.I. No. 237097

BENEDICTION

As you journey from this day, to the challenge of tomorrow's
way:

God to guide you, Christ beside you, Peace be with you.
In the season to come, know the promise of the Living One:
God to guide you, Christ beside you, Peace be with you.

And whenever your burdens are heavy,
When the road seems too hard for you to carry on;
Then remember God's call,
And the promise that God shares it all:
Love surrounding, grace abounding, Spirit's treasure, without
measure:

God to guide you, Christ beside you, Peace be with you.

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Pentecost 2A

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Westmead Uniting Church

A congregation of Parramatta Mission

WELCOME

As we have heard about the Black Lives Matter movement across the world we need to remember that in Australia, we have our own challenges.

We come this day to worship on the land of the Burramatagal people. We acknowledge our history is not as nice as we would like it to have been.

We acknowledge that we have more to learn and more to grow. We pray that we might draw closer to our aboriginal brothers and sisters. And that through God's love, the whole of creation might be reconciled.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The church is the place where the broken gather:
let us worship the One who reconciles us to one another and to God.

The church is the place where sinners are welcome:
let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into new people.

The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten, the ignored gather:
let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.

SONG TiS 693 Come as you are

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7mkPL9LO6w> words and music

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven.
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the righteous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

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PRAYER:

Holy One: you anoint us with living water, so we may go to serve the world in these troubled days.

You open our eyes so we will see everyone as our sisters and brothers.

You place faith deep within us, so we can bear witness to your just and loving kingdom.

Your love regulates our hearts, so we can welcome all in your name.

You take us by the hand so we can step forward, in faith, into the kingdom.

You fill us with hope, so we can sing God's joy all of our days.

God of Love and grace, God of reconciliation,

...And now, let us join with the Christians of all nations in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples as we say

***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.
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen.***

OFFERING

We glorify you, O God, through these gifts and our lives. May they be used to reveal your glory in ways which proclaim Jesus as your beloved Son, and in ways which show that we have indeed listened to him. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

SONG TiS 456 Your hand O God has guided

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyirOXc8K44> words and music

Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.

May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving and life-giving God,
whose faithfulness has brought hope
where there was none,
by your spirit of grace
encourage those whom we name today
on our lips and in our silence ...

Lift up the weak and the lonely.
bring comfort to the grieving,
and be company for those
whose troubles are known only to you ...

Lord, we believe that we can make a positive difference in the world by our attitudes and our interventions. Help us to become more aware of the wonder, beauty and vulnerability of your creation and to make every effort to cherish and protect it. Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. ("Just One Year" no. 293)

Thank you Lord for all those who help our community to run smoothly because of their jobs, voluntary work or neighbourliness. Help us to be supportive and encouraging and to step into situations where we can serve.

Bless our neighbours and strengthen those who are working in your name in order to bring healing and comfort to those in need. Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. (source unknown)

We worship and praise you this day. We are mindful of how you call us to come - to listen and hear you, and then you call us to follow you.

You offer life in its fullness, yet we too often try and take away from your generosity.
God, please forgive us.

You call us into reconciliation with each other and the whole of creation- yet we put our ways above your ways.

You have given us the gift of the Sabbath, yet we too often forget and neglect our relationship with you.

You give us laws of love, and too often we get caught up in the rules which stifle life and growth.

Help us to be free to worship you, to follow you and to be open to new ways of being, new relationships with each other, and new ways of resting in you.

Forgive us, Anointing God, for looking at those around us with human eyes, and not seeing them as created in your image.

As you shape us into new people, give us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

God of grace and mercy, help us to empty ourselves of habits which are destructive to ourselves and others, so that we can be filled with the selfless life of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: no longer must we walk the old paths of sin and death. Christ has come to take our old ways on himself, and to fill us with new life in God.

***Now, we know we are forgiven;
now, we know we are at peace;
now, we can step forward in faith,
to live with our God forever. Amen.***

READINGS:

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
with its tumult. Selah
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will
help it when the morning dawns.
⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his
voice, the earth melts.
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah
⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he
has brought on the earth.
⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the
bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the
nations, I am exalted in the earth.”
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah
This is God’s word,

Let us give thanks to God

Matthew 7: 21-29

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the
kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my
Father in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord,
Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons
in your name, and do many deeds of power in your
name?’ ²³Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go
away from me, you evildoers.’
²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on
them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on
that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on
rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does
not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on
sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew
and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”
²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds
were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one
having authority, and not as their scribes.

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Let us give thanks to God

SONG **The wise man built his house upon the rock.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkNOcr5iHP4> words and music

The wise man built his house upon the rock x 3
And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down as the floods came up x 3
But the house on the rock stood firm.

Sol build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ x 3
And the blessings come tumbling down.

The prayers go up and the blessings come down as x 3
So build your life on him.

SERMON ***A solid place in shifting sand***

SONG **TiS 609 May the mind of Christ**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRTL0cMzTvs> words and music

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.