



**Combined Congregations of
Parramatta Mission,
Westmead, Leigh Fijian and
Leigh Memorial**

Uniting Church in Australia

**Conclusion of Ministry placements for
Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly and
Rev Dr Manas Ghosh,
And conclusion of Supply Ministry of
Rev Dr Clive Pearson**

Centre for Ministry and Zoom

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GATHERING Keith

We come together here, and in our different places, people of the congregations of Parramatta Mission: Leigh Memorial, Leigh Fijian and Westmead, to worship God, to give thanks for God's ongoing work among us and for the ministries of those who have served God in the name of Christ in these places and whose ministries are now ending.

Acknowledgement of country Keith

We acknowledge the Burrumuttagal people of the Darug-speaking Nation, the first inhabitants of this place. We honour those who have tended the places where the eels have lain down to spawn, nurturing the cycles of life. We acknowledged their elders past and present, and emerging leaders. We commit ourselves to build reconciliation with First Peoples wherever Parramatta Mission gathers or holds activities. We give thanks for the acts of welcome we have received and recall the charge of the Great Chief, that we should tell the true stories of this Land.

Let us worship God

The sounding of the Lali Anare

Lighting the Christ Candle Amelia

We light the candle that reminds us that we meet in the presence of Christ the light of the world.

Hymn All are Welcome (Let us Build a House where Love can Dwell)

Words: Marty Haugen

Tune: Two Oaks

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

Ladies Only

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space,

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Men Only

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve & teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger.
 All are welcome, All are welcome,
 All are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and reasoned, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
 All are welcome, All are welcome,
 All are welcome in this place.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession (Based on a Psalm 139)

Keith

Holy God, wonder and mystery beyond our understanding
and yet discovered everywhere, in every place,
You have searched us out; you have held us in your knowing – each
one of us.
You have gathered us and made us your people.
We cannot comprehend the loving depth of your understanding.
We come to you in awe and in thanksgiving.

At times we have fled from your knowing.
At times we have thought that we could move beyond the realm of
your seeing,
But you have found us, even far off places and in our darkest
moments
And you have drawn us back into the circle of your light.
You have shown us, time after time, that, in all the uniqueness of our
ways,
We are part of your plan, valued from the beginning of time.
We come to you in awe and thanksgiving.

Now we come together in this particular time in our shared journey
with one another and with you.
We come, trusting in your deep knowledge of us,
of Parramatta Mission and the congregations
and people to which you placed us.
We come believing in your ongoing word of life
And holding to the faith that you lead us in your everlasting way.

Forgive us we pray, for the times when we have failed to trust you;
The times when we have tried to shape things in our own ways
And the times when we have forgotten your promises to us,
made known to us in Jesus.

Silence

A Lament

Mary

God, you are God of ever time and every place.
You call us all to follow in the steps of Christ, in whom we trust.
Sometimes, O God, we find blessing and encouragement.
But often, O God, these days, the way is hard, the path uncertain.
Sometimes what we thought we knew has disappeared into mists of
unknowing.
Sometimes, in these strange times, we cannot see the way ahead.
Sometimes we feel almost too weary to carry on.
Come close to us. Help us we pray.

Things we thought secure are changing.
Our surroundings are changing.
Our lives that had felt safe are changing.
So much we thought we could control has changed.
You are changing us as we try to follow Christ.
Come close to us. Help us we pray.

We are aware of loss:
Loss of relationships, loss of familiarity,
Loss of identity, loss of connection
With those amongst whom we minister,
share faith and fellowship and find growth.
Speak into our sadness and loss.
Remind us of your never-failing love.
Come close to us. Help us we pray.

As you have called each one of us,
And as we come here this day,
We turn to you who are the source,
the daily presence and the goal of our journey.
You alone are the unchanging one.
You hold our lives within the promise of your wisdom and love.
We offer you all of these times
and all the experiences you have given us.
We place ourselves in your hands.
Come close to us. Help us we pray.

Declaration of Forgiveness Keith

The God who has sought us and found us,
The God who has called us and guided us,
The God who has sent us Jesus to show us the way, speaks to us in
him.

Hear again the words that Jesus spoke to those who turned to him:
“Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.”

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: In heavenly love abiding smule

In heav'nly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh,
And I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
My path to life is free;
My Savior has my treasure,
And He will walk with me.

Readings:

Micah 6:6-8, *Sosi*

6 “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13, Nita to read in Bengali

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, ⁴ but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 KORINICA 13:1-8A

1 Kevaka kau sa vosataka na nodra dui vosavosa na tamata kei na vosa ni agilose, ka sega vei au na loloma, au sa vaka walega na kaukamea sa rorogo, se na lali sa tataqiriqiri. 2 Ia kevaka kau sa parofisai rawa, ka kila talega na ka kecega sa vuni, kei na vuku kecega; ia kevaka sa tu vei au na vakabauta kecega, meu kauta tani kina na veiulu-ni-vanua, ka sega vei au na loloma, au sa ka walega. 3 Ia kevaka kau sa vota na noqu ka kecega, meu vakani ira kina *na dravudravua*, ia kevaka kau sa solia na yagoqu meu vakamai, ka sa sega vei au na loloma, sa sega ni yaga vei au.

4 Sa dauvosota vakadede na loloma, sa yalovinaka; sa sega ni vuvu na loloma; sa sega ni vosa doudou na loloma, sa sega ni viavialevu, 5 sa sega ni cakava na ka sa sega ni kilikili kaya, sa sega ni qara na ka me nona ga, sa sega ni cudrucudru, sa sega ni daulomaca; 6 sa sega ni rekitaka na ca, ia sa rekitaka na dina; 7 sa ubia na ka kecega, sa vakabauta na ka kecega, sa vakanuinitaka na ka kecega, sa vosota na ka kecega.

8 Sa sega ni mudu na loloma: ia na parofisai, ena takali ga; na vosa tani e vuqa, ena mudu ga; na vuku, ena takali ga.

Gospel: Mt 21:23-32

MACIU 21:23-32

23 A sa curu ko koya ki na vale ni soro, ia ni sa vakavuvuli tiko, sa lako mai vua ko ira na bete levu kei ira na nodra qase na tamata, ka kaya, Ko sa lesi maivei mo cakava na veika oqo? ia ko cei sa solia vei iko nai lesilesi oqo? 24 Sa qai vosa ko Jisu, ka kaya vei ira, Au na tarogi kemudou talega e na dua na ka; kevaka dou na tukuna vei au, au na qai tukuna talega vei kemudou se kau sa lesi maivei meu cakava na veika oqo: 25 Sa vu maivei na papitaiso i Joni? mai lomalagi, se mai na tamata? A ra sa veivosakitaka vakai ira, ka kaya, Kevaka eda kaya, E vu mai lomalagi; ena qai kaya ko koya vei keda, la dou a sega ni vakadinati koya e na vuku ni cava? 26 Ia kevaka eda na kaya, E vu mai na tamata; eda sa rerevaki ira na lewe vuqa; ni ra sa vakasama kecega sa parofita ko Joni. 27 A ra sa vosa vei Jisu, ka kaya, Keitou sa sega ni kila. Sa qai kaya vei ira ko koya, Au na sega talega ni tukuna vei kemudou se kau sa lesi maivei meu cakava na veika oqo.

28 Ia ka cava dou lewa? Sa dua na tamata sa lewe rua na luvena-tagane; a sa lako vua sa qase, ka kaya, Na luvequ, laki cakacaka edaidai ki na noqu were-ni-vaini. 29 A sa vosa ko koya, ka kaya, Au sa sega ni vinakata; ia sa qai veivutuni emuri ka lako. 30 Sa qai lako vua sa gone, ka vosa vakakina. A sa vosa ko koya, ka kaya, au sa lako, saka; ia ka sa sega ni lako. 31 Ko cei vei rau sa muria na loma i tamana? Era sa kaya vua, O koya sa qase. Sa kaya vei ira ko Jisu, Au sa kaya vakaidina vei kemudou, O ira sa kumuna nai vakacavacava kei ira na dautagane, era sa curu eliu vei kemudou ki na matanitu ni Kalou. 32 Ni sa lako mai vei kemudou ko Joni e nai vala-vala ni yalododonu, ia dou sa sega ni vakadinata: ia ko ira sa kumuna nai vakacavacava kei ira na dautagane, era sa vakadinata: ia koi kemudou, ni dou sa raica, dou sa sega ni veivutuni emuri, mo dou vakadinata.

CLOSURE OF MINISTRY The presbytery chairperson Rev Geoff Stevenson

Video clip from Christine A collage of the three congregations and ministries?

THE LETTING GO OF THE PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Geoff says:

Since the Church lives by the power of the Word,
it is assured that God has never failed
to provide a witness to that Word.

In *July 2014*, the Presbytery of Parramatta-Nepean inducted Rev Dr Manas Ghosh as a minister of the Word into the Leigh Memorial congregation, and in April 2015 the Presbytery of Parramatta-Nepean inducted Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly as a minister of the Word into the Westmead congregation.

We witnessed your promises to take part in the public worship of God,
to contribute to the work of God, and to make a Christian
witness in the community by word and action.

A statement relevant to the particular circumstances needs to be made along the following lines.

Due to financial circumstances at Parramatta Mission,
the placements have concluded.

A call to Christine has been received
to the Penrith congregations.
The time has come to mark the end
of her particular responsibilities
in the Westmead congregation of Parramatta Mission,
and to send her with God's blessing
to this new ministry.

While it is not yet clear
where Manas' future ministry is to be exercised,
the time has come to mark the end
of his particular responsibilities
in the Leigh Memorial congregation of Parramatta Mission
and to assure him of God's blessing
and the continuing care of this Presbytery

1 PRAYER OF CONFESSION (with introductory words)

Christine says:

This service will bring to a conclusion my ministry with you.

Karen Banfield says:

When you were inducted
we promised to take part with you
in the work of God by word and action,
and you made solemn vows before God
to serve faithfully among us.

In penitence and faith,
let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Christine offers this confession:

I confess to you,
Holy God, giver of light and grace,
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned
through ignorance, through weakness
and through my own fault.
I pray for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Karen and Westmead representatives present respond

**May the merciful God forgive you,
and grant you joy and peace,
in God's pardoning grace. Amen.**

Silence

Karen calls the Westmead congregation to pray:

Let us confess our sins.

**We confess to you,
Holy God, giver of light and grace,
and to you our brother/sister,
that we have sinned
through ignorance, through weakness
and through our own fault.
We pray for God's mercy and forgiveness.**

Christine says:

May the merciful God forgive you,
and grant you joy and peace,
in God's pardoning grace. Amen.

Manas says:

This service will bring to a conclusion my ministry with you.

Bruce Bennetts says

Manas: when you were inducted
we promised to take part with you
in the work of God by word and action,
and you made solemn vows before God
to serve faithfully among us.

In penitence and faith,
let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Manas offers this confession:

I confess to you,
Holy God, giver of light and grace,
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned
through ignorance, through weakness
and through my own fault.
I pray for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Bruce and the Leigh Memorial representatives present respond:

**May the merciful God forgive you,
and grant you joy and peace,
in God's pardoning grace. Amen.**

Silence

Bruce calls the Leigh Memorial congregation to pray:

Let us confess our sins.

**We confess to you,
Holy God, giver of light and grace,
and to you our brother/sister,
that we have sinned
through ignorance, through weakness
and through our own fault.
We pray for God's mercy and forgiveness.**

Manas says:

May the merciful God forgive you,
and grant you joy and peace,
in God's pardoning grace. Amen.

2 THE PEACE

The following response may be used as the Peace.

God calls us to peace.
In God's justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to be God's people:
in Christ is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Christine says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
you called me to minister with you,
and charged me to preach the Word,
preside at the sacraments
and to oversee the pastoral life of the congregation.
and I must lay down the tasks you committed to me.

I therefore hand this pastoral list to you
with the of names of the people for whom I have cared,
and ask you to continue to care for these people.

Robert Key, Mission Secretary of the church council receives the list.

Manas says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
you called me to minister with you,
and charged me to preach the Word,
preside at the sacraments
and to oversee the pastoral life of the congregation.
and I must lay down the tasks you committed to me.

I therefore hand this pastoral list to you
with the of names of the people for whom I have cared,
and ask you to continue to care for these people.

Robert receives the list.

Geoff says:

And now, on behalf of the Presbytery of Parramatta-Nepean
we thank you for your ministry of God's grace
in this congregation.

Christine: we release you from this ministry,
and commend you to the pastoral care
of the Presbytery of Parramatta-Nepean

Manas: we release you from this ministry,
and will continue to give you pastoral care
in this presbytery.

Then follows words such as these:

Christine, as you take up a new placement at Penrith
we will pray for God's blessing
on your continuing ministry.

Manas, as you await a new placement
we will pray for God's blessing
on your future ministry.

The following is said by all

Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid:
for it is the Lord who goes with you.
Your God will not fail you or forsake you.
Deut. 31:6

Conclusion of supply ministry. Keith

While the placements of Manas and Christine have concluded, so too has the supply ministry of Clive within the Leigh Fijian congregation of Parramatta Mission. Clive, this ministry has been one of sharing the journey of faith by the leading of worship, preaching, teaching and pastorally caring for the congregation. It has been offered for the last year. Your calling to serve God and the Leigh Fijian congregation in this time is now concluded. While your connection to this ministry may continue, we now mark this ending, giving thanks to God for blessings shared and entrusting the future to God.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bring us together in particular times and particular places. We thank you now for the time of Clive's ministry with the Leigh Fijian congregation of Parramatta Mission. Every journey has moments of joy and moments of sorrow, times of difficulty and times of steadiness. All these are times of our growing in faith, hope and trust. So we ask forgiveness for the times when brokenness or failure has felt weighty, knowing how you take all of these and transform them into times of renewal and blessing through the grace of your son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be praise and thanksgiving, now and always. **Amen.**

Conclusion of the current membership of the Pastoral Team of Parramatta Mission,

led by Keith

The pastoral team of Parramatta Mission has included: Sarah Bishop, Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler, Rev Mary Pearson, Robert Key, Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly, Rev Dr Manas Ghosh, Rev Keith Hamilton, and Coral Harris has attended as the clerical assistant for the congregations. We have also been blessed by the attendance when able of Rev Hyun Goo Sun of the Korean Faith Community. We have met weekly to study the scriptures, to pray and mutually encourage one another, and to work for the building up of mission and ministry within the congregations, across Parramatta Mission, the children's hospital Westmead and the Western Sydney University, and the wider community. The pastoral team will continue, though after today different to how it has been. Thank you for your commitment to this pastoral team. Thank you for supporting one another. As Christine and Manas leave, and I go on study, annual and long leave, we let go of that relationship, while those who continue commit to the new pastoral team. We take this moment to thank one another and to bless one another on the way.

Presentation of gifts to Christine, Manas and Clive:

The chairperson of each congregation may briefly farewell the minister.

Christine, Manas, and Clive make a response

FINAL PRAYER

Geoff says:

Let us pray.

O God,
be with those who leave, and with those who stay;
and grant that all of us, by drawing nearer to you,
may always be close to each other
in the communion of saints;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

4. THANKSGIVING (for use in the prayers of the people)

Manas and Christine call the congregation to prayer, saying:

Let us pray:

**O God, you bound us together for a time
as minister and people
to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place:
we give you humble and hearty thanks
for the ministry which we have shared.**

**We thank you
for your never-failing presence with us through these years
and for the deeper knowledge of you
and of each other which we have received.**

Silence

**We thank you for those
who have been made members of Christ's family
through baptism here.
We thank you for opening our hearts and minds
again and again to your Word,
and for feeding us abundantly with the sacrament
of the body and blood of your Son.**

The Prayers of the People continue

**Prayers of the people: one person representing the three
congregations leading in prayer. Brief prayers.**

Introduction to changed pastoral leadership Keith

The Parramatta Mission Council has redeployed Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler to 85% of her time to transitional ministry across the three congregations, and 15% as interfaith chaplain at WSU, and Rev Dr Clive Pearson to 50% Supply transitional ministry across the three Parramatta Mission congregations.

The Presbytery of Parramatta-Nepean has appointed Rev Vladimir Korotov as the Interim lead Minister who has commenced at Parramatta Mission, and will take up that role from 6 October until 30 June 2021.

We also note that I will be going on leave from 6 October until 21 February and concluding my placement at Parramatta Mission on 28 February 2021.

Prayer for new pastoral leadership Keith

Gracious God,
in these changing circumstances of Parramatta Mission,
and the transitions that are underway,
we pray for our congregations,
and we pray for the ministry of Vladimir, Amelia and Clive.
Grant them the capacity to exercise their gifts and abilities
in shepherding the people of Christ through this time.
Bless them and keep them,
we pray to you,
one God in holy Trinity. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending out **Keith**

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing **Amelia**

Candles: gifted to those who are leaving

Final hymn Great is your faithfulness

1. **Great is your faithfulness,
O God my Father,
in you no shadow of turning
we see;
you never fail and your love
is unchanging:
as you have been you
for ever will be.**

*Great is your faithfulness.
Great is your faithfulness,
Morning by morning
new mercies we see;
All we have needed
your hand has provided:
Great is your faithfulness,
Lord God, to me.*

2. **Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature
in unspoken witness
to your great faithfulness,
mercy and love.**

***Great is your faithfulness.
Great is your faithfulness,
Morning by morning
new mercies we see;
All we have needed
your hand has provided:
Great is your faithfulness,
Lord God, to me.***

- 3. Pardon for sin and
a peace that's enduring,
your living presence
to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow –
these are the blessings your love will provide.**

***Great is your faithfulness.
Great is your faithfulness,
Morning by morning
new mercies we see;
All we have needed
your hand has provided:
Great is your faithfulness,
Lord God, to me.***