



WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

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Jesus practiced radical inclusion –all are welcome here !

We Gather as People of God

The gong is struck three times

The Prelude

Acknowledgement of First Peoples

As we have made this space sacred for our worship we acknowledge that others before us have regarded this land as sacred especially our neighbours the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people. We commit ourselves anew to working for reconciliation especially at this time when many of our first peoples again feel the pain of loss

The lighting of the candle

Call to Worship

Based on 1 Corinthians 12: 13,14,26,27

please stand, as you are able

In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks

slaves or free, indigenous people and later comers to this land...

The body does not consist of one member but of many.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;

if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it

Baptised by the Spirit, we claim our membership of the body of Christ.

Hymn : Where wide sky rolls down [TIS 188}

Welcome

Prayer for Australia Day

God of grace, God of life, hear the cries from the heart of Australia: The cry of the farmers, struggling for survival in the face of change and uncertainty, seeking direction, shaping the future.

The cry of the cities, busy and noisy, with so many people who need to learn to live together in peace. The cry of Aboriginal communities, struggling for justice, sustaining meaning, nurturing creativity, seeking freedom, shaping the future.

The cry of the refugees and immigrants, grieving and dislocated, wondering if they are welcome, hopeful for the future, seeking a home. The cry of this diverse land, for respect, for hope, for harmony, for peace.

God of grace, God of life, hear our prayer. In the name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

WE RECEIVE A WORD FOR OUR TIME

Old Testament reading: Deuteronomy 18 15-20

I will send them a prophet ,like you from among their own people. I will tell him what to say, and he will tell the people everything I command. He will speak in my name and I will punish anyone who refuses to obey him. But if any prophet dares to speak a message in my name when I did not command him to do so, he must die for it, and so must any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods

Psalm: 111

With all my heart I will thank the Lord in the assembly of his people
How wonderful are the things the lord does !
All who are delighted with them want to understand them
All he does is full of honour and majesty: his righteousness is eterna

Gospel reading Mark 1 21-28

Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum, and on the next Sabbath Jesus went the synagogue and began to teach. The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the law: instead, he taught with authority.

Just then a man with an evil spirit came into the synagogue and screamed "what do you want with us Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us ? I know who you are- you are God's holy messenger ! Jesus ordered the spirit "be quiet and come out of the man!" The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him.

The people were all so amazed that they started saying to one another,
"What is this ? Is it some kind of new teaching ? This man has the authority to give orders to evil spirits, and they obey him".

And so the news about Jesus spread quickly, everywhere in the province of Galilee.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

Music for personal reflection

Hymn: Sometimes a Healing word is spoken [TIS692]

We Respond to the Word

Offering

Gracious and generous God, we have much to be thankful for - our faith, our freedom to worship you, our families and friends and our country.

Help us never to take these for granted. We pray that you will receive and bless these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and love. Amen

The Care candle is lit

Care Candle song (Aaron Harpur, 2011)

We take a match, and light a spark
To show the want, Within our hearts
To share each joy, To bear each Pain
We take a spark and light a flame

We take a flame, and light a fire
To represent our hearts desire
To share our hopes, To bear our shames
We take a spark and light a flame
We light a flame

Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer

You are our Father, You live in Heaven
We talk to You, Father, You are good.

We believe Your Word, Father, we are your children.
Give us bread today.

We have done wrong, we are sorry.
Help us Father, not to sin again.

Others have done wrong, to us
And we are sorry for them, Father today.
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,
Save us all from the evil one.

You are our Father, You live in Heaven.
We talk to You, Father, You are good.

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD
Remain standing

Hymn: Lord of earth and all creation [TIS 672]

Blessing

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland; for you, deep blue of the desert skies;
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones;
For you, sweet water from hidden springs,
From the edges seek the heartlands,
And when you're burnt by the journey,
May the cool winds of the hovering Spirit soothe and replenish you,
In the name of Christ, In the name of Christ. In the name of Christ

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Australians let us stand as one, upon this sacred land
A new day dawns, we're moving on to trust and understand.
Combine our ancient history and cultures everywhere,
To bond together for all time, advance Australia fair.
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance Australia fair.

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Australians let us all be one, with peace and harmony.
Our precious water, soil and sun, grant life for you and me.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts to love, respect and share,
And honouring the Dreaming, advance Australia fair.
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance Australia fair.

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Australians let us strive as one, to work with willing hands.
Our Southern Cross will guide us on, as friends with other lands.
While we embrace tomorrow's world with courage, truth and care,
And all our actions prove the words, advance Australia fair,
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance Australia fair.

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And when this special land of ours is in our children's care,
From shore to shore forever more, advance Australia fair.
With joyful hearts then let us sing, advance . . Australia . . fair.

Lyrics above from "The Australian Cities Suite"

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