

Order of Worship
Mooroolbark Uniting Church - 11 /11 /2018.
Worship Leader – Lay Preacher: Mr Anthony Lemmon

Call to worship.

Hymn TIS. 155.

1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!*
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2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

3

But when I think, that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin:

4

When Christ shall come in shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

Prayer of Praise and Confession.

Hymn TIS. 225. My Heart and voice I raise

1

My heart and voice I raise
to spread Messiah's praise,
Messiah's praise let all repeat:
the universal Lord
by whose almighty word
creation rose in form complete.

2

A servant's form he wore,
and in his body bore
our dreadful curse on Calvary:
he like a victim stood
and poured his sacred blood

to set the guilty captives free.

3

But soon the Victor rose
triumphant o'er his foes
and led the vanquished host in chains:
he threw their empire down,
his foes compelled to own
o'er all the great Messiah reigns.

4

With mercy's mildest grace
he governs all our race
in wisdom, righteousness and love:
who to Messiah fly
shall find redemption nigh,
and all his great salvation prove.

5

Hail, Saviour, Prince of Peace!
Your kingdom shall increase
till all the world your glory see,
and righteousness abound
as the great deep profound,
and fill the earth with purity.

Welcome and notices.

Early word. Janice Lemmon.

Children leave for Sunday activities.

Bible readings.

Saint Paul's letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 9, verses 23 to 28 (NRSV)

²³ Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these.

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;

²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment,

²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark, Chapter 12, Verses 38 to 44 (NRSV)

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,

³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!

⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Hymn TIS 597 Master speak thy servant heareth.

1

Master, speak, thy servant heareth,
waiting for thy gracious word,
longing for thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
what hast thou to say to me?

2

Speak to me by name, O Master,
let me know it is to me;
speak, that I may follow faster,
with a step more firm and free,
where the shepherd leads the flock
in the shadow of the rock.

3

Master, speak: and make me ready,
when thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and steady
still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
Master, speak, O speak to me!

Reflection – (The message preached by Mr Lemmon is not available)

Tithes and Offerings.

Prayer over the offering.

Hymn TIS. 209. And can it be.

1

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain --
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

2

'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:
who can explore this strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

3

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:
for, O my God, it found out <l>me</l>.

4

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray --
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own .

Congregational Life

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (English Language Liturgical Consultation)

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 forever. Amen.

Show and tell from the children

Hymn TIS. 457. The Church's one foundation.

1

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2

Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3

Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4

Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5

Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face.

Benediction.

TIS.745. Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

2

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall
be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

3

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds
from the mouth of the Lord.

Allelu, alleluia.

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