TOORAK UNITING CHURCH

We are a people
who follow Jesus.
His words and actions
inform our living.

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Masks are still recommended, especially when singing,
and maintaining 1.5m between you and the next person is advised

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Order of Service

11 June 2023 – 10:15 am Worship Service

Worship Leader – Rev. Peter Whitaker

Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

The Calling of St Matthew, by Caravaggio 1571-1610

Introit Verily, Verily I Say Unto You - John 6: 53-56

Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

Verily, verily I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Who so eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in Him.

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE

Call to Worship

Our land is alive with the glory of God;
desert sands hum and gum trees dance.

Brown grasses sing
and mountains breathe their stillness.

All created things add their rhythms of delight
and even stones rap out their praise.

Let our voices mingle with those of the earth;
may our hearts join the beat of her joy,

for our triune God is with us:
the Source of all being surrounds and upholds us.
Christ Jesus walks beside and before us.
The Spirit moves within and between us.
Blessed be God, our wonder and delight.

Hymn 455 For all the saints who from their labors rest

vv. 1,2,3,7,8

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your word is a lamp to our feet:
and a light to our path.

Genesis 12: 1-9 Chris Legge

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Anthem Ave Verum – Jesu, Word of God Incarnate

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791

Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria virgine, Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

[Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born,
On the cross Thy sacred body, for us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by Thy blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side;
Feed us with Thy body broken, Now and in death's agony.]

Matthew 28: 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well.

When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Lord may your word live in us:
***and bear much fruit to your glory*.**

Hymn 703 As the deer pants for water *Sing twice*

Sermon The Richest Man in the Valley

Hymn 555 Put all your trust in God

THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE

Dedication of Offering

Music Panis Angelicus – O Lord most Holy

Cesar Franck 1822-1890

Soloist: James Penn

O Lord most holy, bread of man Thy heaven has no bounds We commit ourselves to thee, wonderful Lord Save us, thy poor and humble servants.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn 158 God has spoken by his prophets

Benediction

Postlude Fugue from Sonata No 6 in D minor – Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

The flowers today are in loving memory of June De Vere and her mother Mrs C M (Maime) Macleod from her family – Richard, Tim, Catriona, Stan.

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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, marital status , sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to; whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here at Toorak Uniting Church.

Toorak Uniting Church has been a proud member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement since signing the Ecumenical Agreement in 1980. We pray for our partner churches: St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Anglican Church and the Swedish Church.