



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.

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Masks are highly recommended, and we request that you wear one in the church, especially when singing. Social distancing (maintaining 1.5m between you and the next person) is also strongly advised.

Order of Service

Sunday 25 September 2022

10:15 am Worship Service

Worship Leader

Rev Peter Whitaker

Organist

Elizabeth Buttery



Banquet Scene, by Leandro Bassano 1557-1622

Introit

Lead me, Lord

S. S. Wesley 1810-1876

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, Make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only. That makest me dwell in safety.

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Listen! The voice of God calls out across the ages.
***We hear and respond. We rise up to worship God
from the valleys, the mountains, and the plains.***

Like a shepherd God leads us and tenderly gathers us together.
Comfort, comfort O my people says our God of love.

***The grass withers and the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever!***

Hymn 136 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Prayers of Approach

Anthem Drop, Drop slow Tears *Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625*

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

READING

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

Isaiah 51: 1-4

Chris Begg

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry
from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was
but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden
of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving
and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

Luke 16: 19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Hymn 416 Great God, your Spirit, like the wind

Sermon We hear but do not perceive

Hymn 580 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE

Dedication of the Offering

Choir O Taste and See *Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.
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Blest is the man that trusteth in him. Blest is the man that trusteth in him.
The man that trusteth in him.*

Prayers of the people

*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 609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Benediction

Postlude Prelude in F major, BuxWV144
Dieterich Buxtehude 1637-1707



The flowers in the church today are from Anne Smith
in loving memory of her parents, Duncan and Ella Smith.

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.