



**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 no longer mandated indoors, nevertheless, social distancing is still recommended and there will be members of the congregation who feel more secure wearing a mask. Please ensure that all feel welcome by allowing plenty of space.

Order of Service

Sunday 15 May 2022

10:15 am Worship Service

Worship Leader

Rev. Peter Whitaker

Organist

Tristan Sumarna



*Section of a fresco in the Niccoline Chapel,
depicting Saint Peter consecrating the Seven Deacons, by Fra Angelico, 1395-1455*

Prelude

St Anthony's Chorale

Joseph Haydn 1732-1809, arranged by Desmond Ratcliffe

Introit

Come, Lord, Come Quickly

Iona Community Songs

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters, come and worship!
For we are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation.
God's very own family!

***Let us proclaim together the goodness of God,
who has called us out of darkness into God's marvellous light!***

Based on 1 Peter 2:9-10

Hymn 156 Morning has broken

Prayers of Approach

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Readings **John 13: 31-35** **Chris Callahan**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Anthem I give you a new commandment

Peter Aston 1938-2013

Reading **Acts 6: 1-6**

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word."

What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Hymn 217 Love divine, all loves excelling

Sermon Called to actions of love

Christie Kurrle, Skills, Opportunity, Survival in Kenya (SOSK) and Rev. Peter Whitaker

Hymn 699 A new commandment

THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE

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Offering and Prayers of the People

Offering “Et exultavit” from Magnificat *J. S. Bach 1685-1750*
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour

Soloist: Ursula Paez

HOLY COMMUNION

Online worshippers are invited to join with us for Holy Communion, with the bread and the juice of the vine they've prepared.

The Invitation

Jesus invites us to his table, which is open to all who love him.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Be present, risen Lord Jesus, as you were with your disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Story of the Last Supper

On the night before his crucifixion Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body which is given for you." In the same way he took the wine, and, having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming kingdom of God."

So now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world through which God will bless us. And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth let us also celebrate God's goodness.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With all we are, we honour you, Trinity of love, the one and Holy God, sovereign and creator of all time and space.

You have called us to be your Church in this place, and we thank you as we join the company of heaven in their eternal song of worship:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

For to Adam and Eve, children of dust, you gave the world and its wonders, but we misused your gift of freedom: we stretched out rebel hands to be like you. We thank you for your mercy, for you never cease to call our restless hearts until they find their rest in you.

Again and again, you raised up men and women to speak your word, to guide, to challenge and convert.
And at the last, Father, you sent Christ Jesus, God with us.
Born as one of us, he lived our life and died our death,
offering us eternal life with you.

Through him, in him and because of him,
we affirm the Church's faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

By your Word and Holy Spirit, bless these gifts, that by receiving them we participate in Christ's body and blood, and become, by grace, his body given for the sake of the world.

Let us gather up our prayers and praise in the prayer
Jesus our Saviour taught us:

***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.***

The Communion

Receive this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Words such as the following are said before or during the distribution.

The body of Christ, given for you. ***Amen.***

Christ's life, poured out for you. ***Amen.***



The Prayer after Holy Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love and help us
to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. ***Amen.***

Hymn 411 Filled with the Spirit's power.

Benediction

Postlude Litanies

Jehan Alain 1911-1940



The flowers in the church today are from Carrlo Jack

Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

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.