



**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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Order of Service

Sunday 19 October, 2025

Pentecost 19

10:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion

**Minister: Rev Peter Whitaker
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett**



Introit

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.*

Welcome & Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn 133 O worship the King all-glorious above
(vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Prayers of Approach

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us
day by day and year by year,

We give you our thanks.

For the simple pleasures of life: for gardens,
conversations, and familiar surroundings,

We give you our thanks.

For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,
for needs met and desires fulfilled,

We give you our thanks.

For foods to nourish body and spirit, for homes which shelter us, and
in which we offer hospitality,

We give you our thanks.

With hearts that are forgiven and learning to forgive,
with enthusiasm for the gift of the life-giving Spirit,
with music which declares beauty, with prayers for mutual
understanding and peace,

We worship you with joy.

With our talents dedicated to service in church and community,
with our resources offered to sustain the ministry here and serve the
needs of others,

We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.

Alleluia. Amen.

The Service of the Word

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

Reading Psalm 121

Krystyna Thomas

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Anthem Teach me thy way, O Lord
William Fox

d. 1579

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth; O knit my heart unto Thee that I may fear Thy name. I will thank Thee, O Lord, my God, with all my heart, and will praise Thy name forever more. Amen.

Reading Luke 18: 1-8

Krystyna Thomas

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' And the Lord said, "Hear

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

Sermon Does God protect us?

Notices

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer.
But spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful saviour,
Thou most worthy judge eternal.
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall from thee.*

Lord God you come to us.
Help us to go and serve others.

Benediction

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 19 October 2025

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

Deadline for Update submission is 3pm on the Wednesday prior.



Seeking Volunteers for January Services and Flowers

During the month of January, we are running our Summer Sunday services at 9:30am and are looking for people who are interested and willing to serve as Leaders, Welcomers, or Readers. If this is you, please let Rev Sylvia know or contact the Office - **office@toorakuc.org.au**

We are also seeking people who would like to provide flowers for the Church during 2026. The floral arrangements that current volunteers provide bring life and colour to the Sunday services and are greatly appreciated by all. If you'd like to be a part of this next year, please put your name down on the list at Morning Tea, or contact the Office.

Free Will or Divine Script? Who's Really in Control? Christian and Muslim Reflections on Theology and the World Thursday 30 October, 6pm

Join us for a Panel Discussion with Rev Dr. Daniel Sihombing, Pilgrim Theological College and Dr Omer Ergi, Islamic Sciences & Research Academy, with Moderator Noor Gillani from The Conversation. The conversation will explore Divine Control, Human Agency, and the implications for Moral Responsibility.

Light refreshments at 6:00pm. Panel starts at 6:30pm.
Yuma Auditorium, Centre of Theology and Ministry,
29 College Crescent, Parkville.

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/4wxk6ztd>

TUC Sewing Circle: 27 October, Wettenhall Room

Whether you're new or a seasoned stitcher, TUC Sewing Circle is a place for sharing ideas, learning new skills or just having a chat. Come along and bring your latest project or just yourself!

Please arrive between 11-11:30am with a finish time of 2:30pm. BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided.

To RSVP, contact either
**Margot 0409 361 877 or
Angela 0407 887 596.**

Understanding our Bodies

When we are busy engaging ourselves in our external environment, it may be a good time for us to sit down for a while to understand our bodies.

Thisby will be happy to share some ways to understand our bodies in a group setting:

**10:30am, Friday 31 October in the
Faichney Room.**

You are welcome to come as you are.

Thisby - 0434 346 827



SESQUICENTENARY OF TOORAK UNITING CHURCH

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT 10:15AM

Join us for a special service celebrating the
150th anniversary of Toorak Uniting Church.
The service will feature former minister Rev Dr
Jim Donaldson and a choral tribute to 150 years
of worship music with brass and
timpani accompaniment.
Please also join us for refreshments in the Hall
following the service.

All are welcome, no bookings required.

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October Diary Dates

Sun	19 Oct	9:00am	Worship in the Round (HC)	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	19 Oct	10:15am	Worship Service (HC)	Rev Peter Whitaker
Sun	19 Oct	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room
Mon	20 Oct	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Tue	21 Oct	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	22 Oct	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	23 Oct	7:30pm	Church Council	Argyle House
Sun	26 Oct	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev John Edwards
Sun	26 Oct	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev John Edwards
Sun	26 Oct	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney Room



Your offering will be gratefully received via direct deposit to
Account Name: Toorak Uniting Church
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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and respects the past and present Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island 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.

The way we produce the Orders of Service is changing, so you may notice some differences, and these changes will continue to evolve over time.