



**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 22 May 2022

10:15 am Worship Service

Worship Leader

Rev. John Edwards

Organist

Elizabeth Buttery



*In front of the tomb of the Three Marys of Christ,
by LF Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1788-1853*

Prelude

Introit

Bless the Lord, my soul

Jaques Berthier 1923-1994

Welcome and Community News

Call to Worship

God of this earth and all its people, it would never cross your mind to turn a single one away: not because of faith or the lack of it; not because of understanding or the lack of it; not because of status or gender or absence of goodness.

***For you are Love in all its acceptance and all its welcome.
You are Love in all its tenderness and warmth and beauty.***

Your heart is bigger than we might ever imagine. Your arms are wider than we could ever conceive. Your embrace is never withheld, never limited, nor hesitant, nor grudging nor reluctant.

***Your blessing and gracious benediction are for all who live
and breathe on this planet Earth.***

***We have come with gratitude in our hearts for all that you are,
and for all that you mean and for all you have given to make
our life rich.***

Hymn 28 God is our strength and refuge

Prayer

It is with honesty we have come here today. There is nothing we can keep from you, nothing we can hide from you. For there is nothing at all about us that you don't already know and understand.

***Speak to our need, whatever that is. Respond to our concerns,
whatever they are. Give us your peace if that is what we are
asking for, and let us sense your presence, real and active,
so we can feel safe and wholly wanted and fully secure.***

Be patient with us, be understanding, be kindly to us, for you know what our experience of living is like, since you also walked on this earth in the days before we were even born.

***Your blessing is ours, your forgiveness is ours,
your love is ours. Amen.***

Reading Mark 16: 1-8 Rob Fisher

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

Hymn 588 In heavenly love abiding

Offering and Prayers of the People

Offering Locus Iste *Anton Bruckner 1824-1896*

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Hymn 326 Pull back the veil

The Blessing

Love God with everything you have and are.

Come, Holy Spirit, remind us in truth what Jesus said.

Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

Come, Holy Spirit, remind us each day what Jesus said.

Do not be afraid: I am your friend and I love you.

Come, Holy Spirit, remind us with joy what Jesus said.

Postlude Offertoire in G minor *Nicolas Lebègue 1631-1702*



The flowers in the church today are in loving memory of David Watts,
from Lachlan and Heather

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.