



**TOORAK  
UNITING  
CHURCH**

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

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# Order of Service

**28 May 2023 – 10:15am Worship Service**

**Worship Leader – Rev. Peter Whitaker**

**Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett**



**Introit** Spirit of God

*Simon Lole 1957 -*

*Spirit of God enfold me,  
Spirit of God wash me,  
Spirit of God fire me,  
Spirit of God love me.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE**

**Call to Worship**

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

***And also with you.***

Come! Let us bless the Lord who commands the wind!

***Come! Let us worship the Three-in-One who appoints fire and flame as messengers!***

**Hymn 403**      Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

### **A Pentecost litany and prayer**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep;

and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

(Genesis 1: 1-2)

***The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;***

***the God of glory thunders,***

***the Lord, upon many waters.*** (Psalm 29: 3)

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

***The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,***

***and strips the forest bare;***

***and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"*** (Psalm 29:9)

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)

***The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,***

***the world and those who live in it.*** (Psalm 24:1)

I baptise you with water;

but one more powerful than I is coming

who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Luke 3:16)

***The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.***

***The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;***

***the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*** (Psalm 29: 7-8)

May the Lord give strength to the people!

***May the Lord bless the people with peace!*** (Psalm 29:11)

(Let us be still and listen to God the Holy Spirit.) ***Amen.***

### **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**Anthem**            Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, come - Veni Creator

*Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625*

*Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, come; Take in the souls of thine thy place;  
Thou whom our hearts had being from, Oh, fill them with thy heav'nly grace.  
Thou art that comfort from above, The highest doth by gift impart;  
Thou spring of life, a fire of love, and the anointing spirit art.*

### **Numbers 11: 24-30**

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

**Hymn 409**            O breath of life, come sweeping through us

**Sermon**            *The Christian's Qualifications*

**Hymn 413**      Holy Spirit, come confirm us

## **THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE**

### **Dedication of Offering**

**Music**              Factus est repente                              *Jacob Handl 1550-1591*

*Factus est repente de caelo sonus, adveniéntis spíritus veheméntis ubi erant sedéntes, et repléti sunt omnes Spíritu Sancto, loquéntes magnália Dei. Alleluia.*

*Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming where they were sitting, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking the wonderful works of God. Alleluia.*

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 154**      Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**      Dialogue sur les grands jeux

*Louis-Nicolas Clérambault 1676-1749*

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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.