



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

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

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To protect our community, if you have Covid or flu-like symptoms please wear a mask during worship, particularly when singing. Maintaining a distance of 1.5m from others is also recommended.

Order of Service

Sunday 2 February, 2025

Epiphany 4

10:15am Worship Service

Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo

Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

TRUTH,
THE UNSTOPPABLE!

Introit

In the beginning was the Word
George Thomas Thalben-Ball 1896-1987

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.

Welcome

Call to Worship

O come, all you faithful and let us with joy,
worship in spirit and in truth.

Praise God who is the source of life, who welcomes us with warm embraces, and loves us as we are.

Hymn 152 Joyful, joyful we adore you

Prayer of Awareness

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you alone are the source of life. May your life-giving Spirit flow through us, and fill us with compassion. As we observe, listen, reflect and learn, may we see with eyes of love. May we hear with ears of hope. May we ponder with minds of wisdom. May we learn with hearts of faith. Amen.

Reading Luke 4: 21-30

Bronwyn Davis-Jones

Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.



Impressionism Flowers, Arman Asatryan 1976-

The flowers in church this week are from Pamela Wilson

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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.