



The fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday - 19-3-2023

**We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kurna people, who have traditionally inhabited these ancestral and spiritual lands on which we gather. We respect those customs and traditions by which they have nurtured and continue to nurture this land.**

*Throughout the service, you are invited to say words in **regular bold print**.*

### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*The Processional Hymn*

(TiS 107)

1. **Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living  
now worship their maker with gladness and song;  
all glory and honour we come to him bringing:  
*O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!***
2. **Our lives of his making he brings to their waking;  
in darkness he held us in his gracious care,  
now into the light we are called from our sleeping:  
*O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!***
3. **Lord, frame our desiring to do your requiring,  
that unto your glory be all that we do;  
and where we have faltered, give strength and give healing:  
*O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!***

*Welcome*

*Invocation*

**Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.**

## Sentence

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'

John 8.12

## Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

باد.

جماعت: و نیز با تو باد

## We sit or kneel for the Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ای خدای قادر مطلق  
که در نظر تو همه دلها آشکار و تمامی آرزوها معلوم  
است و از تو هیچ سری مخفی نیست.  
افکار ما را با الهام روح قدوس خود ظاهر بساز،  
تا ما با اخلاص تو را محبت کنیم،  
و به احترام شایسته نام مقدس ترا تمجید نماییم.  
بوسیله خداوند ما عیسی مسیح!

آمین

## The Kyries

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

خداوندا رحم فرما.  
مسیحا رحم فرما.  
خداوندا رحم فرما.

## Invitation to Confession

دعای توبه

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry  
for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

خدای رحیم و بخشنده،  
پدر خداوند ما عیسی مسیح،  
اعتراف می‌کنیم که در پندار، گفتار و کردار بر خلاف  
رضای تو گناه ورزیده ایم،  
تو را به تمامی دل محبت ننموده ایم  
و نه همسایه خود را چون نفس خویش،  
بر حسب رحمت عظیم خود  
پر ما رحم فرما  
و ما را از گناهانمان پاک گردان  
ما را کمک کن تا بر تقصیرات خود غلبه بیابیم،  
و ما را در آنچه باید بشویم، هدایت فرما،  
تا اعمالمان عادلانه گردد،  
دوستداران رحمت شویم،  
و با تو، ای خداوند، با فروتنی گام برداریم  
آمین.

Almighty God, who has promised  
forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
✠ pardon you  
and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

خدای قادر مطلق که توبه کاران واقعی را می بخشد،  
بر شما رحم فرماید و گناهان شما را ببخشد،  
و شما را از قید هر گناهی آزاد کرده،  
و شما را در هر نیکویی تائید و تقویت نماید،  
و در حیات جاودانی نگاهدارد؛  
به وسیله خداوند ما عیسی مسیح.

**آمین!**

*We sing the Trisagion*

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*We say together the Prayer of the Day*

**Gracious God,  
in order that we children of earth  
might discern good from evil  
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:  
as the light of Christ shines upon us,  
may we learn what pleases you,  
and live in truth and goodness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

(16.1-13)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ." ' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' <sup>5</sup> He said,

'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed is now before the Lord .' <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he

said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.'

<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** - *we say the Psalm in alternate verses.*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> **He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me,  
your rod and your staff comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

(5.8-14)

<sup>8</sup> For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose

them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

1. **Lord, your almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**
2. **Saviour, who came to give  
those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light.**
3. **Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**
4. **Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

The Lord be with you!            **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

(9.1-41)

<sup>1</sup> As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent).

Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' <sup>11</sup> He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' <sup>12</sup> They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the

man who had formerly been blind.

<sup>14</sup> Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.'<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?'

<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.'<sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.'<sup>25</sup> He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'<sup>26</sup> They said to him, 'What did

he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' <sup>27</sup> He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?'

<sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.'<sup>30</sup> The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'<sup>34</sup> They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' <sup>36</sup> He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.'<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.'<sup>38</sup> He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.'<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?'

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

**For the Gospel of the Lord,**

*The Sermon*

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED

Let us stand and affirm the faith of the Church in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. ✠ We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*The response to each prayer is announced, but is often*

Loving God, in your kindness, **hear our prayer.**

*Members of the congregation have asked us to pray for these people:*

ما ایمان داریم به یک خدای واحد، پدر قادر مطلق، خالق آسمان و زمین و همه چیزهای دیدنی و نادیدنی. ما ایمان داریم به یک خداوند، عیسی مسیح، پسر یگانه خدا، مولود جاودانی از پدر، نور از نور، خدای حقیقی از خدای حقیقی، که مولود است و مخلوق نی، و او را با پدر یک ذات است. بوسیله او همه چیز وجود یافت. او به خاطر ما آدمیان و برای نجات ما از آسمان نزول کرد، و به قدرت روح القدس از مریم باکره متولد شده، بشر گردید. و به خاطر ما، در حکومت پنطیوس پیلطس مصلوب شد، رنج کشیده، مرد و مدفون گشت. در روز سوم از مردگان برخاسته، کتب مقدسه را به انجام رسانید. و به آسمان صعود نموده، به دست راست پدر نشسته است. پار دیگر با جلال می آید، تا زندگان و مردگان را داوری نمایید؛ و ملکوت او را انتها نخواهد بود. ما ایمان داریم به روح القدس، خداوند و بخشنده حیات، که از پدر و پسر صادر می شود. و با پدر و پسر او را عبادت و تمجید می باید کرد. او بوسیله انبیا تکلم کرده است. ما ایمان داریم به کلیسا واحد جامع مقدس رسولان. و به یک تعمیم برای آمرزش گناهان معتقدیم. و قیامت مردگان و حیات عالم آینده را انتظار می کشیم. آمین.

Catherine, Rosemary; Helen, Prue, Marlene, Shekayla, David & Gladys, Tisha, Wendy, Nick, Liz, Alan, Arnold, Anna, Christos, Dennis, Dimitri, Donald, Dorothy, Duncan, Bryan, Jeannie, Judith & John, Lorraine, Mickey, Gregory, Ed & Kat.

*Prayers conclude*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We stand for the greeting of peace*

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*While observing physical distancing, we share signs of God's Peace*

*The offertory hymn*

(TiS 496 – tune **145**)

1. **Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands  
that holy things have taken,  
let ears that now have heard your songs  
to clamour never waken.**
2. **Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang  
keep free from all deceiving,  
the eyes which saw your love be bright,  
your blessed hope perceiving.**
3. **The feet that tread your holy courts  
from your light do not banish,  
the bodies by your body fed  
with your new life replenish.**

*The altar is prepared; the priest says the prayer over the gifts of the people*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

### THE GREAT 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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

سرپرست: خداوند با شما باد

جماعت: و همچنین با شما باد

سرپرست: دل‌های خود را به سوی او برافرازید.

جماعت: به سوی خداوند بر می افرازیم.

سرپرست: خداوند خدای خود را شکر گوئیم.

جماعت: شکر و سپاس او را سزاست



We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

قدوس، قدوس، قدوس، خداوند،  
خدای قوت و عظمت،  
آسمان و زمین از جلال تو مملو است.  
هوشیگانا، در اعلیٰ علیین.

✠ **Blessed is he / the one who comes  
in the Name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

مبارک است آنکه به نام خداوند می‌آید. هوشیگانا،  
در اعلیٰ علیین.

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, 'Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, 'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

مسیح جان داد؛  
مسیح برخاسته است؛  
مسیح باز خواهد گشت.

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

✠ Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour  
and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

برکت و حرمت، جلال و قدرت  
از آن تو باد از حال تا به ابد. آمین.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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 forever. Amen**

ای پدر ما که در آسمانی ،  
نام تو مقدس باد،  
ملکوت تو بیاید،  
اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است،  
بر زمین نیز کرده شود.  
نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.  
گناهان ما را ببخش،  
چنانکه ما نیز مقصرین خود را می بخشیم،  
ما را در آزمایش میاور،  
بلکه از شریر رهایی ده.  
زیرا که ملکوت و قدرت و جلال  
تا ابد الابد از آن تو است.  
آمین!

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

*Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

ای عیسی، پره خدا،  
بر ما رحم فرما.  
ای عیسی، حامل گناهان ما،  
بر ما رحم فرما.  
ای عیسی، رهاننده جهان،  
به ما صلح و سلامتی عطا فرما.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Visitors from all traditions are invited to participate as you prefer – either by coming forward to receive communion, or coming forward for a blessing – indicated by hands folded rather than open. Gluten free wafers are available for any who need them; please ask for one*

*Communion is given at the head of the aisle in the form of intincted bread with the words.*

The body and blood of Christ broken and shed for you. **Amen.**

*The **shared chalice** is available to any who would like it.*

*Prayer desks are also in place for any who prefer to receive communion **kneeling** – on the left for those receiving intincted wafers only, – and on the right for those who prefer to receive a wafer, then wine from the chalice. Otherwise, you are welcome to receive communion standing.*

*During communion, the ministry of anointing and prayer for healing is offered in the baptistery at the church entrance. You can receive this ministry either for yourself or on behalf of anyone in your prayers.*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### *Prayer after Communion*

God of mercy,  
may we who have shared in this holy meal  
know your forgiveness in our lives,  
bring your reconciliation to others,  
and be a sign of your wholeness in this  
broken world.

**May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life; we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.  
Keep us in this hope  
that we have grasped  
so we and all your children shall be  
free, and the whole earth  
live to praise your name.  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ای پدر همگان،  
تو را حمد و سپاس می گوئیم،  
زیرا هنگامی که هنوز دور بودیم، ما را در پسر خود  
ملاقات کردی و به خانه باز آوردی.  
او با مرگ و زندگی خود، محبت تو را اعلام کرده، ما را  
فیض بخشید،  
و دروازه جلال را برای ما گشود.  
بخش تا ما، کسانی که در بدن مسیح سهیم می شویم، قوت  
رستاخیز او را زندگی کنیم.  
و ما، کسانی که از جام او می نوشیم، زندگی بخش دیگران  
باشیم؛  
و ما را که روح منور کرده است، به جهان نور گستر  
باشیم.  
ما را در امیدی که بدست آورده ایم استوار ساز؛ تا ما و  
همه فرزندان تو آزاد بشویم،  
و تمامی جهان برای ستایش نام تو زیست کنند؛ بوسیله  
خداوند ما مسیح. آمین خداوند ما مسیح.

*There may be notices shared at this time.*

### *The Thanksgiving Hymn*

(TiS 548 – tune 332)

- Eternal light, shine in my heart;  
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
eternal power, be my support;  
eternal wisdom, make me wise.**
- Eternal life, raise me from death;  
eternal brightness, help me see;  
eternal Spirit, give me breath;  
eternal Saviour, come to me;**
- until by your most costly grace,  
invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face  
to know you, my eternal God.**

### *Blessing*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

سلامتی خدا،  
که فوق از تمامی عقل است،  
دلها و ذهنهای شما را در معرفت و محبت خدا  
و پسر او خداوند ما عیسی مسیح نگاهدارد.  
و برکت خدای قادر مطلق،  
پدر، پسر و روح القدس با شما باد،  
و در شما بماند از حال تا به ابد.  
آمین

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

به سلامت بروید و خداوند را محبت و خدمت کنید.  
در نام مسیح. آمین.

## ABM Reflections

### 1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

A few weeks ago, I got off the tram to walk down to the shops, in his usual spot was a homeless man, whose name I'm ashamed to say I don't know. While I gave what change I had I was reminded of Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need ..." (GNB) is, at times difficult to reconcile when confronted with the problem of homelessness endemic in many large cities. For me, Psalm 23 reminds me that God's love is for all, pulling me out of the self-absorption and apathy that's all too easy for us to fall into this time of year and to try to find ways to love my neighbour practically. For me this reading reminds me that while I'm loved by God, 'he' loves all of his creation, and calls on us to act with love for all our neighbours helping them and acting with love and charity for those most in need.

## Prayers

### Pray for:

- The Anglican Church of Southern Africa *Primate* Abp Thabo Makgoba;
- The Lyell McEwin & Modbury Hospitals: Jean Jorgensen;
- The Parish of Flinders Plain (Port Broughton, Crystal Brook and the Cathedral Parish of SS Peter and Paul, Port Pirie): Mark Hawkes, Sandra Bryson, Lettie Allen;
- The Parish of Western Fleurieu: Simon Waters, Brenton Dick, Peter Chapman;
- The Diocese of Perth: Kay Goldsworthy;

### St John's Annual Vestry Meeting, today at 11am in the church

**Please note**, nomination forms for the role of People's Warden, the Nominations Committee (three positions) and Parish Council (up to eight positions) are available on the back table and people can still nominate up to the commencement of the meeting.

**Love and best wishes to our two birthday girls this week: Nicola**, who celebrated yesterday (18<sup>th</sup>) and **Gladys**, who'll be all set to party tomorrow (20<sup>th</sup>)!

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