

## **7 February 9:00am Traditional Worship**

*Face-to-face at the church, as well as on phones and zoom:*

*Phone: (03) **7018 2005** Meeting ID: **616 254 006** Password: **3199***

*Or go to the website [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and choose "Join meeting" with the details above*

### **Welcome**

### **Acknowledgment of Country**

**Call to worship:** Isaiah 40: 28-31

### **Prayer**

**We sing:** Gather us in (TIS 474)

1. Here in this place, new light is  
streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away.  
See, in this space, our fears and our  
dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this  
day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young our lives are a  
mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of  
history,  
called to be light to the whole human  
race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the  
water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your  
daughters,  
call us anew to be salt of the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,  
lives that are holy and hearts that are  
true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this space, the new light is  
shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us forever,  
gather us in, and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Declaration of God's grace**

**Bible reading:** Mark 1: 29-39

### **Sermon**

**We sing:** I will sing the wondrous story (TiS 233)

1. I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.

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Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.

3. Faint was I, and fears possessed me,  
bruised was I from many a fall,  
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:  
but his love has pardoned all.

4. Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.

5. He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
where the loved ones I shall meet.

### **Notices and sharing**

#### **Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to Holy Communion** (with explanation)

**We sing:** For the bread and for the wine (TiS 518 vv. 1-3)

1. For the bread and for the wine,  
for the pledge that seals him mine,  
for the words of love divine,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.

2. For the feast of love and peace,  
bidding all our sorrows cease,  
foretaste of the kingdom's bliss,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.

3. This the bread and this the wine,  
yet to faith the solemn sign  
of the heav'nly and divine!  
We give you thanks, O Lord.

### **Great Prayer of 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 creation praising your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **As Holy Communion is received, we listen to the anthem:**

Those who wait on the Lord – Esther Mui

[Isaiah 40:25-31 Song \(NKJV\) "Those Who Wait on the LORD" \(Esther Mui\) - YouTube](#)

## **Prayer**

**We sing:** We are your people (TiS 468)

1. We are your people;  
Spirit of grace,  
you dare to make us  
to all our neighbours,  
Christ's living voice, hands and face.

2. Joined in community,  
treasured and fed,  
may we discover  
gifts in each other,  
willing to lead and be led

3. Rich in diversity,  
help us to live  
closer than neighbours,  
open to strangers,  
able to clash and forgive.

4. Glad of tradition,  
help us to see  
in all life's changing,  
where you are leading,  
where our best efforts should be.

5. Give, as we venture  
justice and care  
(peaceful, resisting,  
waiting or risking)  
wisdom to know when and where.

6. Christ as we serve you  
in different ways,  
may all we're doing  
show that you're living,  
meeting your love with our praise.

## **Blessing**