

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Bible and worship leaders process into the assembly

INTROIT Tune: TiS 101: Omni Dei

1. God, we gather as your people
seeking wisdom from your Word,
warm our hearts life-giving Spirit,
free our minds, O gracious Lord.

2. Tune our voices to your music,
Silence all infernal noise,
breathe your peace into our meeting
show us ways to harmonize.

3. Help us to discern your presence
God, the holy Mystery;
Recognizing Jesus with us
in a holy company.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Ancient of Days breathed life into the Land and her Peoples. From time beyond our reckoning the First Peoples have blessed this place through their care and concern. We gather today on the unceded land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present. We stand in solidarity with the call of the Statement from the Heart for Treaty, Voice and Truth.

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Sisters and brothers, we gather here in the name of Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

ASCENSION HYMN OF PRAISE TiS 237 Hail Redeemer, King divine

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is
thine,
King, whose reign shall never
cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

2. King, whose name creation
thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our
wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with their praises, King of kings.

Chorus

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Angels, saints and nations sing,
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our
King!
Lord of live, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.

3. King, most holy, King of truth,
guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
Be to us eternal light.

Chorus

4. Shepherd-king from mountains
steep,
homeward bring the wandering
sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Chorus

PRAYER OF LAMENT & CONFESSION

Gracious God, in your creation of the world, you have given human beings a place and a responsibility to care for the earth and its creatures we lament our failures and confess our sin.

Lord, have mercy

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We confess that we have failed you, the earth and all its creatures. Our stewardship in part or in whole, has caused loss, hurt and pain in its denial of your providence.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

We confess our failure through mistreatment, abuse and neglect towards the First Peoples of our land and the ignorance, insensitivity and pride over centuries that have damaged their lives.

Lord, have mercy

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Through the reconciliation you brought through Jesus, may we be reconciled to one another through the power of your Spirit.

In the name of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and ascended. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS “For he is our peace... and in his flesh he has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” Eph 2:14

Friends, In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven; our divisions reconciled.

Thanks be to God.

May the peace of the crucified, risen and ascended one be with you all.

And also with you

A sign of that peace may be shared.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your Word O Lord, is a lamp to our feet,

A light to our path

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 1: 12 – 18 Mr Alan Ray

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 1: 6 – 14

GOSPEL READING John 17: 1 – 11 Reader: Mrs Jenny Kelso

SOLO "My Heart Ever Faithful" – J.S. Bach Mrs Cheryl Jenkins

PROCLAMATION Revd Dr Robert Gribben

A time of silence will be kept

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN TiS 440 Christ, from whom all blessings flow

1 Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who your nature share,
who your mystic body are.

4 freely may we all agree,
touched with loving sympathy;
kindly for each other care;
every member feel its share.

2 Join us, in one spirit join,
grant us still your help divine;
still for more on you we call,
you, O Christ, fill all in all.

5 Love, like death, has all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall;
you, O Christ, are all in all.

3 Move, and animate, and guide:
various gifts to each divide;
placed according to your will,
let us all our work fulfil;

OFFERING *The offering will be taken*

OFFERTORY PRAYER **Creating God, you have chosen to give us gifts of creativity and imagination so that we may work with you in bringing your blessing to the world and its creatures. We offer ourselves and our gifts for that purpose; the wholeness of the world and its peoples and the final fulfilment of your creation through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mr Denis Fitzgerald [*St Dominic's Catholic Parish*]

Versicle: Lord, hear us,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples...

***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 sin
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.***

HYMN TiS 468 We are your people

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 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 or 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.

THE SENDING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

BLESSING May God's powerful presence bless you in unpredictable ways;
May Christ Jesus touch you and make you whole;
May the Holy Spirit dance with you in the joy of life. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL Go in peace in the company of the God who lives to intercede for us
We go in the name of Christ. Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: TiS 473 Verse 1

**Community of Christ, who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face
to whom all worlds belong
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

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