

Morialta UC Worship May 24th 2020

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**You are invited to bring to your table or place of worship
A candle, bible and jug of water and bowl**



Welcome/ intro Hello to where you are gathered this day. I am Bob Hutchinson and together with Rhonda and Anne, we welcome you to our worship time at Morialta Uniting Church and beyond. Welcome to you where you are, close by or far away, or even at another time. We gather in God's name.

O God, Who shaped us, and nurtures us,
We, Your children, praise You;
for the breath of life that moves within us, and within all living things.

Light candle

O Lord, Who shared our flesh, and made for us a way into God's Kingdom. We, Your sisters and brothers, praise You; for Your life and words among us, **Open Bible**

O Spirit of God, Who re-unites us with our Creator, with each other and with ourselves, We, Your people, praise You; for the Living Water that quenches our thirst and for the divine image that You recreate in us and every person. **Pour water**

Praise be to our Life-Energizer!!
God, - Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Love is Your nature, and love is Your gift,
We praise You for inviting us into Your family,
and for igniting Your love in our hearts. Amen.

Call to worship

Welcome to worship
at this Autumn season.
As the temperatures dip
we gather in the warmth
of God's presence,
as the darkness grows
we seek Gods light,
as the earth rests from its labours
we long for God's peace.
Come, let us worship the Lord!

Song TIS 442 all praise to our redeeming Lord

**All praise to our redeeming Lord,
who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored,
together seek his face.**

He bids us build each other up;

**and gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope
we hand in hand go on.**

**The gift which he on one bestows
we all delight to prove;
the grace through every vessel flows,
in purest streams of love.**

**Even now we think and speak the same,
and cordially agree;
concentred all, through Jesus' name,
in perfect harmony.**

**We all partake the joy of one,
the common peace we feel,
a peace to sensual minds unknown,
a joy unspeakable.**

**And if our fellowship below
in Jesus be so sweet,
what heights of rapture shall we know
when round his throne we meet.**

Acknowledgement of land

We acknowledge the Kurna people, traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, we pray that in the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to work together for reconciliation and justice in this land.

Prayer of thanksgiving

As we gather together for worship in varied places near and far in these difficult times that we able to worship as Gods family were ever we are.

We praise you for all creatures great and small each little flower that that opens and as we see the Autumn leaves falling preparing us for Winter, we give you thanks.

Lord we know your eyes are open day and night watching over us and your ears are always ready to listen to our prayers. Some come for forgiveness, some come tired and weary and in need of refreshment and recreation, with worries and in need of your guidance, as some struggle with the COVID-19 .

But first Lord, lift us out of our pre-occupation with our needs allow us to see you with the eyes of faith and to hear with understanding what you are saying to us. And make us thankful for all the good we have received from you.

We give thanks that our young people here in South Australia are able to return to school to continue learning, and seeing their friends, we also thank the parents who home schooled and the teachers who prepared and taught the children through video media, thank you.

Bless our Minister Rev Bob and his family as they support and minister to the people of Morialta Uniting Church, we give thanks for the families who are working in remote areas telling others of your love for them.

Thank you for keeping us safe in these difficult times and ordinary times, and in the plans we make for the future, Father help us to live for you

our prayer response---**O Lord hear my prayer (Song TIS 741)**

**O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me. X2**

A prayer of confession / meditation

We are told that we are not alone, you are with us.
You are as close as a prayer, close as our heart.

Yet why do you feel so far away, God?
Teach us to pray!

For those among us who have not prayed this week;
forgive us for not turning to you,
for prioritizing many things, while missing what is essential.
We have failed to find the comfort and wisdom you offered.

For those among us who wanted to pray,
but didn't know how to pray this week:
show us that we can long for you,
even when there are no words.

For those among us who prayed,
but prayed selfishly or for only our own benefit;
enlarge our horizon to see your big picture,
to see the needs of others and not just our own.

For those among us who prayed,
but felt that you were not listening,
or did not answer the way we wanted;
give us patience, and trust in your timing.

For those among us who are not sure you are even there to pray to;
may the prayers of our community
lead us into your presence,
drawing us into your love and deepest care.
Hear the concerns of our hearts in this time of silence;.....

God, teach us to pray as you, in Christ, taught the disciples and the church
to pray –together, saying the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,

**Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is 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**

Reading Psalm 46 & John 17:1-11

Sermon

Our Offering prayer

How shall we respond to the good news in Christ? One way is to hear the affirmations of God in scripture Lamentation 3 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,^[b] God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts through electronic giving, e-give and in other ways as we worship through virtual church –through the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

Prayers for others

O God, we pray this day:
for all who have a song they cannot sing,
for all who have a burden they cannot bear,
for all who live in chains they cannot break,
for all who wander homeless and cannot return,

for those who are sick and for those who tend them,
 for those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain,
 for those who live in hunger
 and for those who will not share their bread,
 for those who are misunderstood,
 and for those who misunderstand,
 for those who are captives
 and for those who are captors,
 for those whose words of love
 are locked within their hearts
 and for those who yearn to hear those words.
 Have mercy upon these, O God.
 Have mercy on us all.
 Lord hear our prayers

Song Tis 473 Community of Christ

**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.**

**Community of Christ,
 look past the Church's door
 and see the refugee, the hungry,
 and the poor.
 Take hands with the oppressed,
 the jobless in your street,
 take towel and water, that you wash
 your neighbour's feet.**

**Community of Christ,
 through whom the word must sound
 cry out for justice and for peace
 the whole world round:
 disarm the powers that war
 and all that can destroy,
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
 into joy.**

**When menace melts away,
 so shall God's will be done,
 the climate of the world be peace
 and Christ its Sun;
 our currency be love
 and kindness our law,
 our food and faith be shared as one
 for evermore.**

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Christ and the world.
 And may God the creator go on creating within us.
 God in Jesus Christ, sit at table in our midst
 And the Spirit surround us all with grace. Amen.