

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Ordinary Time, Year B
South Sydney Uniting Church



The Gathering of the People of God

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 9)

With hearts full of thanks
we proclaim what you have done.
You are our joy, O God.
We sing out our praise.
Darkness has no power in your presence.

Lighting the Christ Candle.

You act on the side of justice.
False ambition is reduced to rubble.
You are the source of justice.
You teach us to judge rightly.
The oppressed know you as their strength.
The faithful know your abiding presence.

SONG

GREETING

The free kindness of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
the love of Abba God,
and the friendship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

*Acknowledgement of Indigenous owners.
Welcome to visitors.*

PENITENTIAL RITE

O God, we come into your presence
in many ways preoccupied with our cares,
and afraid to face our emptiness.
Disclose your wisdom
in the reading of your Holy Word,
and in the proclamation of your gospel.

May our labours be pleasing to you,
and may we be inspired to proclaim the good news
of Jesus our Sovereign.

Silence for personal reflection.

Jesus, Word of God and Saviour of all:
Show us your compassion.

Jesus, Good Shepherd and Lamb of God:
Show us your compassion.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life:
Show us your compassion.

Hear the good news.
God's mercy is plentiful,
and God's grace is abundant ...
Jesus says: "I am now part of you, my way is yours,
you will not get lost" (John 14:6).

Jesus says: "Your sins are forgiven."
Thanks be to God.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

EPISTLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

The Good News and Power of God.
Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God who nourishes hope and life, **hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERING

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to the God of love.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation,
God of the universe,
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.
You said, "Let there be light"; there was light.
Your light shines on in our darkness.

N: For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

E: You have created us to hear your Word,
to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.

W: You sent your Beloved to be for us the way we need to follow
and the truth we need to know.

S: You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for creation and for our calling,

with loving and with joyful hearts as we sing (761):
**Holy, Holy, Holy God, wisdom, strength and hope,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Beloved.

On the night before Jesus died ...

God of the past and present,
we your people remember Jesus your Own.
We give thanks for his compassion and wisdom.
In the Spirit of Christ we give ourselves to you.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:
**Glory to you, O Christ,
your death we show forth,
your resurrection we proclaim,
your coming we await. Amen!**

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, **help us to reconcile and unite.**
Called to love, **give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first,
to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Mother and Father of us all,
may your name be blessed,
may your name be kept safe,**

**and may all things be made new.
May we all be of a new mind.
Give us today the gift of the day,
the gift of time,
of your own good time.
May your kingdom come,
may your rule come,
and hospitality. Let it happen.
May the wind of your coming
sweep over us as over the deep,
and may it lift us up in the palm of your hand.
Release us from our faults.
Release us from our past,
even as we shall release others
from what they have done against us.
Free us from the evil one
and from the meanness of the world's calculations.
For the kingdom is yours,
the time of your rule,
and time is yours. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As we share this bread,
we proclaim our willingness to build a community of love,
to be the holy people that God calls us to be.

LAMB OF GOD

Jesus, Wisdom of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, Word made flesh, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, Liberator of creation, **grant us peace.**

THE PEACE

Pray for peace, look for peace,
speak of peace, act in peace; accept peace.
The peace of the Teacher be always with you.
And also with you.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
in this Eucharist
you have given us a foretaste of your eternal banquet.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Notices.

BLESSING

May the Most High God,
whose voice we have heard in our assembly,
whose face we have seen in Christ Jesus,
and whose Spirit dwells within us and all,
bless you now + ... **Amen.**

SONG

There is nothing “ordinary” about “ORDINARY TIME”.
Ordinary Time is not about common, regular, mundane, or run of the mill.
Ordinary Time comes from the word “ordinal” as in “ordinal numbers”.

Cardinal numbers answer “how many?”
“Ordinal Numbers” tell the rank, they answer “what position?”
Ordinal Numbers are first, second, third, fourth, etc.

There are normally fifty-two weeks in a year.
These are made up of the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter Seasons.
Normally that leaves thirty-four weeks of “Ordinary Time”.
Those weeks start from The Baptism of the Lord up to Lent,
and start again at the Day of Pentecost.

May your Ordinary Time be extraordinary!

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