



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

October 10, 2021

### An Economy of Generosity

#### WELCOME AND NOTICES

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST PEOPLES (Optional)

For thousands of years the indigenous people have walked in this land, have harvested from its rivers, tress, plants, lakes, seas and land and have never defiled it.

We acknowledge the (.....) People of this place, who have dwelt here and who have cared for the land and its waters.

***We are attentive to their wisdom in managing the waters without destruction, in harvesting from their bounty of life without exploitation, and we live in commitment to the ongoing journey of reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.***

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

(Visuals of cloth, candles, stones, wood, leaves, flowers, earth, water)

"The function of beauty... is to make us aware of a reality which is richer and deeper and more marvellous than anything we can dream or conceive." (Henry N. Wieman)

Let us acknowledge the awesome mystery embodied in every person.


**All Through us God comes to unique and personal expression.**

Let us give thanks

for the abundance of life on this earth.

**All Through it we and all people may be nourished.**

In each moment of this day resides incredible power:  
new life,  
healing,  
opportunity.



May this time together empower us to take some new steps  
so all our living is transforming and the  
yearning of our hearts become reality.

### **SONG**

God the Maker of the heavens

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/609654935/32ef97f43d>

### **CENTERING**

All we have carried through the seasons of our lives  
has brought us here to this place  
we make sacred by our coming together  
and reciting these gathering words: Come, you are welcome here.

### **SILENCE**

*(Centering silence has its roots in the earliest of monastic traditions of the 'desert Fathers (abbas)/Mothers (ammas)' and the Christian mystic tradition... Relaxing into 'quietness' creates the space for deep listening and draws you closer to God)*

Let us now open ourselves to the sacred silence of this place.

*(Silence)*

Breath of God, flowing free,  
flow in and through us,  
to cleanse and bring a new beginning,  
a fresh start,  
right relationships  
and peace. *(Kate McIlhagga/ghs)*

*(Silence)*

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING**

We praise you God, for the Earth that sustains life.  
Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth,  
you open your hand to give all creatures our food in the proper time.  
In your Wisdom you gave a Sabbath for the land to rest.  
But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits.  
Our demand for growth, and an endless cycle of production and consumption  
are exhausting our world.  
The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance,  
the seas acidify, and the storms intensify.  
Humans and animals are forced to flee in search of security.  
We have not allowed the land to observe a Sabbath,  
and the Earth is struggling to renew.  
And so we confess. God of mercy and justice,

You tell us the land must rest, free from the burden of production.



## CONFESSION

We are talking to you now God because you know our feelings and failings. Forgive our shortcomings.

**All And you will save me - even from my own negative thoughts.  
I continue to believe in your Presence  
which is more powerful  
than I can really understand.**

You have planted within us the awareness of a love which is eternal, yet very important and personal. I continue to believe that people are valued by you, even when they fail to do what is right and fall away from you.

**All You let that happen:  
and you are ready to support them  
through their difficulties.**

You are the Eternal God of us all:  
and we dedicate ourselves anew to you.  
Regardless of our feelings of insignificance and inadequacy,  
we are in awe as we find a way to worship you.

**All One thing I can do.  
I can be a carrier of your love  
to people all around me. Help me to display that love to all.**

## ASSURANCE

Hear the good news...

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

And... the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26–27).

**All: Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

## SONG

Creation Sings – Stuart Townsend

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/596315459/4ffa7cc1ae>

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

## READINGS

Jb 23:1-9,16-17    Ps 22:1-15    Heb 4:12-16    Mk 10:17-31

## REFLECTION

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<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/619543518/15a12d9af7>

### PERSONAL SILENCE AND REFLECTION

- If the man was honest with himself, about his love of wealth, how might he reframe his question?
- What would Jesus say to him about discipleship?

### SONG

All Things Bright and Beautiful

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/596329953/71d4c307de>

### AFFIRMATION

Loving One, our Maker, our Friend,  
All **the wonder of your presence  
is a glory filling heaven and earth  
and our own gathered hearts.**

May our lives reveal that same wondrous presence  
with everything we think and say and do

All **as your Spirit transforms us and all things.**

Send us out together

All **to share your love in all this hurting world.** (LLovett-Olson)

**Sharing 'The Peace'**

Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.

May a heart of peace rest with you.

All **And also with you.** (David Galston/q)

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours*

### BLESSING

May God who established the abundance of creation,  
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,  
Who transforms chaos to order,  
Lead us to transform our lives, the Church and Creation,  
To reflect God's glory.

### BLESSING SONG

The Blessing Australia

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/587007764/bb8097d186>

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